

LUPPITT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 1st May 2007

Present: Cllr Joan Beckett (chairman), Parish Cllrs Derek Hooper (Vice Chairman), Lindsey Dalgety, Tony Selway, David Street, Brian Pulman, Bernard Clapp, Andrew Tucker,
PCSO Anning 30012 and six members of the public.

Apologies: District Councillor Mr D Key and County Councillor Mr Roger Boote

1. **To accept apologies for absence (as above)**
2. **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 25th April, 2006 to be signed as a correct record of that meeting. AGREED (Mrs Fry asked to be named for the minutes when she asked questions and requested an update on the possible windturbine application. It was confirmed that no application had been received as yet. There was some discussion around the services offered by the District Council, the lack of information given by the district councillors about themselves prior to the election, notice of election given and use of precepts. It was requested the clerk write to the district council and express dissatisfaction that parishioners are expected to vote for ward members without any campaign literature being circulated by candidates.
3. **Chairman of the Parish Councils Annual Report**

There have been twelve Parish Council Meetings since April 2006.

The Parish Council has dealt with 28 planning applications in the past year (up from 23 in 2005-6). There has been one planning appeal; the changes to a garage block to form a holiday let at Otter Falls – the outcome of which has not yet been decided. There have been several site visits this year.

Donations were given to the following organisations during the year;

Honiton and District ring and Ride £50.00
East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00
Honiton Tourist Information Centre £40.00
Honiton Library Advice and Information centre £45.00
The Packet £100.00

The parish received no additional P3 footpaths grant from Devon County Council this year. The Parish council wishes to thank Mr David Street for all his hard work as P3 Co-ordinator over the past year.

Roads continue to be a source of irritation, some work has been done, some well, some not so well. Unfortunately money for road repairs continues to be in short supply and looks like getting even shorter before long. The Parish Council does its best to keep our lanes in good condition in reporting matters for attention and will keep up this work. Call from public direct to Highways can assist repairs, especially in emergencies. Mr Mervyn Gardiner has done a good job as lengthsman and the parish Council thank him.

The parish received a grant of £8649 for new play equipment through the 'Awards For All' Scheme and new swings and a matting surface are now installed. Mr Chris Tottle continues to care for the maintenance of the Millrise playpark and we thank him for his continued good work.

£1950 has been granted to the parish for use to produce a parish plan, the Steering Group have met and work is underway to start consultation. A questionnaire will be produced from this and there will be opportunity for all parishioners to have their say. It is hoped that this plan will be finished by the end of the year. It will then be submitted to EDDC for adoption as supplementary planning guidance.

Luppitt Parish Council thank PC Vickery and PCSO Anning for their continued support and especially for library visits which are so valuable to the parish. They report to the Parish Council when necessary, but we are pleased that very few crimes have been committed during the past year.

Luppitt Parish Council thank our District Councillor David Key, County Councillor Roger Boote for their continued help and support to the parish.

Mrs Beckett thanked the clerk for her hard work and her fellow councillors for their help and support during the last year.

The meeting was reminded that there is one space remaining on the parish council after the uncontested election and that it was their intention to invite applications to co-opt an extra member at the June Meeting

4. **Reports from:**

- i. District Councillor – Cllr Key asked that in his absence that the parish council be congratulated on the way it has run during the past year and what they have achieved.
- ii. County Councillor – None given
- iii. Police – PCSO Phil Anning reported that crime figures reduced from 13 in 2005/6 to 9 in 2006/7, which is a tiny proportion of the total crimes for Honiton area. They broke down as follows: a burglary to an insecure

dwelling, four thefts (a credit card fraud, a mobile phone, a garden ornament and a handbag), criminal damage to a garden fence, an assault (to a police officer) and a child protection incident. Neighbourhood watch is very short of co-ordinators still in the Parish and PCSO Anning appealed for more people to come forward.

5. Questions from the floor

A gentleman asked that a fingerpost sign was requested for Luppitt Cross and also signs for the Village. Wooden signs were suggested, it was suggested that that would be a good question to raised in the parish plan questionnaire.

Mrs Fry asked who would take over the P3 now Mr Street was retiring from his post. This will be decided at the next meeting. She also proposed thanks on behalf of the parishioners for Mrs Beckett's 20 or more years service to the parish as a parish councillor and Chairman.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Dates for forthcoming meetings –

Tuesday 8th May 2007, 2007 8pm - Village Hall
Wednesday 6th June, 2007 8pm - Village Hall