

1 Minutes for the Luppitt Annual Parish Meeting 13/5/08

LUPPITT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 13th May 2008

Present: Mr Gavin Brake (Chairman of the parish council and chair for the meeting), Mrs Lindsey Dalgety,

Mrs Julia Sparks, Messrs Bernard Clapp, Paul Prettejohn, PC Vickery 4783, and three members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Derek Hooper, Brian Pulman and Andrew Tucker. County Councillor Mr Roger Boote,

District Councillor Mr D Key, PCSO Anning 30012.

1. **Apologies for absence** (as above).
2. **Minutes** of the previous meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st May 2007 were signed as a correct record of that meeting. Agreed.
3. **Chairman of the Parish Councils Annual Report** – Gavin Brake

Parish Council meetings

There have been eleven Parish Council Meetings since the last Annual Parish Meeting held since April 2007.

The parish council meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend. As well as being a statutory consultee for planning and tree preservation issues, the parish council have also made representation on several government, district and county council documents in the past year.

Planning

We have dealt with 23 planning applications in the past year (23 in 2005-6, and 28 in 2006-7). There have been two planning appeals and the planning committee have made several site visits this year.

Donations

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

Footpaths and Bridleways

The parish received £800 P3 footpaths grant from Devon County Council for the coming year and paths are benefiting hugely, we hope this will encourage their

regular use for the enjoyment of all. Cllr Julia Sparks has now taken over the P3 representative position.

There is currently a claim being made by the Ramblers Association under Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for 22 rights of way. Mr Martyn of DCC will attend the Tuesday 1st July 2008 parish council meeting in order to update the parish on their progress in trying to get these added to the definitive map. DCC have till 2009 to check and validate claims, consult with land owners and the parish council and all the updating of maps must be finished by 2026.

Knotweed on the common has been treated first by the commoners, and also now by DCC with glyphosate which will degrade as this is in a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Roads

There has been some good work achieved on parish roads this year, with much more promised in the next few months. There are still many problem areas which need attention, but special thanks has to go to one parishioner who worked with the Highways authority to help resolve an area of flooding, his actions were commendable and highlighted that co-operative working may be the key to resolving local issues which may otherwise not feature in highways inadequate budget.

Play Park

Mr Tottle has continued to care for the maintenance of the Millrise play park and we thank him for his continued good work.

£8649 was granted to the parish for new play equipment through the Awards For All Scheme and new swings and a matting surface was installed.

Parish Plan

£1950 has been granted to the parish for use to produce a parish plan, the steering group have consulted widely with parishioners and a questionnaire has been produced from this to provide further 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. Our thanks to the parish plan committee for all their time and work.

Councillors

I would like to thank all the parish councillors, our District Councillor Mr Key and County Councillor Mr Boote for all their work and support during the past year. We have a strong and committed team who are taking active roles in all areas of concern to the parish.

Finally I would like to thank our Beat Manager Clive Vickery and PCSO Phil Anning for their continued support and attendance in our parish and especially at meetings.

Mr Brake gave his thanks to Mr Hooper who stepped back into the chair for the past eleven months (Mr Hooper had served as chairman prior to Mrs Beckett for many years). Mr Brake thanked Mrs Beckett for her years as chairman and presented her with a rhododendron. As well as being the first woman on the parish council, Mrs Beckett was also the first female chairman since the formation of the council and served on the council for more than 20 years in total.

4. Reports from:

- i. District Councillor – Mr David Key gave apologies for his absence and sent a report that during the past year there have been many planning applications, some more contentious than others. Mr Key was pleased that the parish plan was nearing completion and that footpaths were being cared for so well. There is a continuing battle to gain better quality repairs on roads. Cllr Key added that it was pleasure to represent Luppitt on EDDC and wished everyone the best for all the forthcoming year.
- ii. County Councillor – Mr Roger Boote – none sent.
- iii. Police - PC Vickery 4783 – The annual figures for 2007-8 were as follows:
 - Burglary dwelling 1
 - Burglary other 4
 - Theft other 4
 - Criminal damage 4
 - Assaults 4
 - Public order 1
 - Child protection 3
 - Vulnerable person 1

Eight of the incidents were at the same residential location, which leaves 15 other incidents against last years 9. Mr Brake thanked PC Vickery for the postcoding service and asked if we could continue to promote it – PC Vickery told the meeting it was invaluable to their detection rates that more people use the service, so anyone who as not had their outdoor tools and shed contents marked to get in touch and use the free service.

- iv. Parish Plan – Chairman of the Plan Committee Mrs Lindsey Dalgety – Thanks were given to the team who have helped with the questionnaire and consultation to date. It was stressed that information in the questionnaire was confidential and that there were numbers for contact ad questions in the Packett. The analysis of the questionnaires will be published and a copy given to all parishioners.
- v. Hall Committee – the largest change this year was clarifying of the Walden Bequest fund to ensure it was only ever spent on the hall.

5. Questions from the floor

A parishioner praised the Highways Agency's work on the ditches near her house and the work the mobile library does, and how accommodating they are to bring a variety of books and even special requests. It was suggested that a larger audience may be found if the hall was open when the library comes and if the market and the library coincided it may be beneficial to both. At any length the donation should be increased as it is such a valuable resource. It was also raised that the parish council may be best placed to look into a lease being arranged on the cricket ground in order to enable grants to be sought for its repair.

Mrs Beckett thanked all the parish council and the parish plan committee for their hard work.

Dates for forthcoming meetings –

Parish Council:

8pm Tuesday 3rd June 2008 Luppitt Village Hall

8pm Tuesday 1st July 2008 Luppitt Village Hall