

LUPPITT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2015 AT 9.00 PM IN LUPPITT VILLAGE HALL

Present: John Thorne (Chairman), David Barlow, Roger Hicks, Derek Hooper,
Tom Nancarrow, Paul Prettejohn, Rosalind Buxton (Clerk)

Apologies: Gavin Brake, Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker, Amian Fry

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received as above.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Derek Hooper proposed that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26 February 2015, be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by David Barlow – all in favour.</p>	
<p>3. New Committee Members</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that Roger Hicks and Amian Fry should become members of the Steering Group with immediate effect.</p> <p>Rosalind had sent Mrs Fry some background information on the Neighbourhood Plan and Luppitt's progress to date. Mrs Fry felt that there was good representation on the Steering Group but would have preferred an earlier meeting – either 7.00 pm or perhaps on a Saturday morning. The suggestion was discussed. It was felt that a Saturday morning would not be convenient for most of the group but an earlier start at a future meeting may be considered.</p>	
<p>4. The way forward</p> <p>John Thorne introduced Roger Hicks who has offered to take the lead on progressing Luppitt's Neighbourhood Plan. John, Gavin Brake, David Barlow, Andrew Tucker and Rosalind had had a preliminary meeting with Roger at Gavin's home to explain the situation. Roger has had a meeting with Claire Rodway and Tim Spurway at EDDC followed by a meeting with Rosalind when she went through the progress with him thus far. He has also studied the Stockland Neighbourhood Plan to familiarise himself further.</p> <p>An email from Membury Steering Group was discussed. From Membury's public consultations, villagers have consistently said that they do not want development (less than one new property per year) limited to the main village but also allowed in the hamlets. The latest draft of the Local Plan lists the whole of Membury parish as being unsustainable and so they have found themselves at odds with this version of the Plan. Membury had asked whether other parishes had found themselves in this situation and, if so, how they had dealt with it. Roger did not think that Luppitt had a settlement boundary but was going to double-check and investigate further.</p> <p>Hopefully, the situation should become clearer once EDDC's Local Plan is approved by the Inspector.</p>	

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<p>It was proposed by David Barlow, seconded by Paul Prettejohn and agreed unanimously and without hesitation that Roger Hicks' offer to progress the Neighbourhood Plan should be accepted. John said that everyone was very grateful for Roger's help in the project and thanked him for his input.</p>	
<p>5. Form small working groups 6. Next steps</p> <p>Roger did not feel it was necessary at this stage to form small working groups but this may be helpful in the future. He intends to start work on the initial policies and is meeting up with Gavin towards the end of this month for his input.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.</p>	