

**Minutes of a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday, 6 July 2021 at 8 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs John Thorne (Chair), Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Beth Hooper, Brian Pulman, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Iain Chubb (DCC and EDDC) and one member of the public

**In attendance:** Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs Paul Prettejohn, Christine Ryder, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC)

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**1.1 Receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received as above.

**1.2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 1 June 2021, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Pulman).

**1.3 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2.0 PLANNING**

**2.1 Applications (for comment, support or objection)**

**2.1.1 21/1360/FUL – Corner Cottage, Luppitt, EX14 4UE – demolition of single garage; two-storey extension to rear of property and new car port; new windows for the whole property**

Cllrs Thorne, Pulman, Summers and the clerk had attended a site visit at the property and the following comments were submitted to Planning East:

*‘Luppitt Parish Council has no objection to this planning application provided that the applicant undertakes to retain the trees to the north-east of the development. An important part of Luppitt’s emerging Neighbourhood Plan is to protect the rural landscape and distant views. Removal of these trees would increase visibility by exposing the development.’*

**2.1.2 Odle Cottage, Upottery, EX14 9QE – change of use of agricultural land to ancillary accommodation in connection with the Hartridge Buddhist Monastery comprising the provision of three meditation huts**

Following a request from the monastery, Cllrs Thorne, Pulman, Turner, Ryder and the clerk had attended a site visit in December 2020 before plans had been submitted. Luppitt Parish Council has no objection to the planning application on the basis that the meditation huts will be for monastic use only. The Parish Council approves the change of use of agricultural land to ancillary accommodation only on the site area marked in red.

The meeting was closed to allow a member of the public to speak.

**2.1.3 Caravans and shepherd huts at Higher Moorlands**

Cllr Thorne had received a letter from two parishioners drawing attention to the shepherd huts and caravans located on the property. The owner from Higher Moorlands attended the meeting to explain the position.

The owner assured the meeting that no-one is living in the caravans and they are for storage only. The Parish Council had supported the planning application for an extension to the house on the understanding that the shepherd huts would be removed when work was completed. Work has not yet begun on the extension and the owner and her partner are intending to carry out the work over the next year. The shepherd huts are only temporary until the work is completed.

It emerged during the discussion that the owner and her family are living in the shepherd huts and the house has been rented out to people who are intending to live with the owner and her family in the house

when work is completed. Cllr Thorne pointed out that this arrangement was contrary to the letter of the planning approval.

The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation and review again in six months' time when the Parish Council would expect the arrangements to be regularised. Cllr Key was not at the meeting but had asked the clerk to keep him informed.

The owner then left and the meeting resumed.

**2.1.4 Field at Pennythorne Cross**

A parishioner had spoken to the clerk about domestication of a field at Pennythorne Cross. No action to be taken but the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

**2.2 Decisions**

**21/360/FUL – Corner Cottage, Luppitt, EX14 4UE**

Approved

**2.3 Neighbourhood Plan**

Comments from parishioners and statutory bodies have been collated and the Parish Council will meet on Thursday, 8 July, to agree final amendments to the draft Plan.

**2.4 Garages at Millrise**

Cllr Key advised the clerk that he had spoken to the owner of the garages who has confirmed that the garages have now been let.

**3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

**3.1 Parish Highways programme - update on Items to Report as follows:**

Item Reported	Action/Reference	Comments/Progress
Loose kerbstones at Millrise	Cllr Key dealing with	Clerk to contact Cllr Key to say that the kerbstones appear to have been put into place but have not been fixed firmly.
Ringborough Cross to Coombeshead – 4 or 5 potholes and subsidence both sides of the road	W211416708	No work carried out. Clerk to report again.
Ford Bridge to Shaugh – on the left-hand side of the second bend coming from Ford Bridge, one side of the road has sunk	Photos to be taken before reporting again	Cllr Thorne to take photos.
Large pothole mid-way on the left-hand side between Overday and Gully Lane	W211416703	No work carried out. Clerk to report again.

**3.1.1 Road Traffic Notifications**

- Start date Monday, 20 September – from Dolish Farmhouse to Barnfield Farm, provide new water supply.
- Start date Monday, 27 September – Beacon Cross to Ford Bridge and outside Halsdon House to outside The Robins, locate and clear blockage.

**3.2 Parish Maintenance**

Cllrs Pulman and Thorne have gone round the parish and made a note of potholes that don't meet minimum requirements for repair by Highways, and other road issues. Cllr Pulman handed the list to the clerk. Cllr Tucker will provide a quote for the work and the clerk will look into funding options.

Cllr Chubb advised that the Neighbourhood Highways Officer, Phil Morgan, has been promoted. The Parish Council has had a good relationship with the NHO and will be sorry to see him move on.

**4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

**4.1 Wardens’ reports**

Nothing to report.

**4.2 Planning Inspectorate – Footpaths 60, 61 and 62**

The Definitive Map Modification Orders relating to these footpaths have again been submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An inspector will be appointed to determine the Orders.

**4.3 Work on Footpath 14**

Now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing, the clerk will arrange a meeting between Cllr Tucker, the landowners and Ros Davies, Parish Paths Liaison Officer at Devon County Council, to discuss a possible diversion to avoid the boggy area on this footpath.

**5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**5.1 Access to Broadband in the Village Hall**

There was a general discussion about the merits of Broadband being available in the Village Hall. This would obviously be a decision for the Village Hall Management Committee but the Parish Council thought the provision of Broadband would be an asset. The clerk will speak to Cllr Ryder to raise at the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

**5.2 The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2-5 June 2022 – lighting the beacons**

The Parish Council agreed to take part in the beacon lighting event on 2 June 2022. The clerk will liaise with the Entertainments Committee to see what plans they may have for the weekend of platinum jubilee celebrations and also what plans they may have for bonfire night which falls on a Friday this year.

**5.3 Update on playground initiative**

Cllr Ryder and the clerk have provided information to the parishioner who is organising this initiative which the Parish Council supports. Cllr Thorne has spoken to the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Summers is interested in the project and has undertaken to liaise with the parishioner. It is understood that the parishioner will put the case forward for improved playground facilities at the next Village Hall Management Committee.

**5.4 Defibrillator Training**

The clerk has heard from two parishioners who would like to take part in defibrillator training. Cllrs Thorne, Turner, Pulman and Summers are also interested. The clerk will follow up.

**6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The following payments were authorised at the meeting. The clerk updated the figures as follows:

<b>6.1</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	None	£
	<b>Account balances at last statement</b>	P3 balance	1,448.28
	<b>As per bank reconciliation end June</b>	Luppitt Parish Council	8,528.87
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Cheque payment for approval and signing</b>	Devon Communities Together	50.00
		Clerk’s remuneration (April-June)	1,548.30
		Clerk’s expenses (April-June)	132.91

**6.3 Government call for evidence on remote meetings survey**

The legislation permitting remote meetings ended on 6 May 2021. The clerk completed a Government survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

**6.4 Correspondence**

None

**7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

- There is a dead tree in the Newhouse hedge between Blackenfields Lane and Corner Cottage which is considered to be dangerous. Cllr Thorne will write to the landowner to ask for it to be removed.
- Following further comments from parishioners, Cllr Thorne was told by the owner that the shepherd hut at Higher Wick is used for sleeping in only and is within the curtilage of the property.

**8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

**Dates for next meetings to be held in Luppitt Village Hall at 8 pm:**

**Tuesday, 3 August 2021**

**Tuesday, 7 September 2021**

**Tuesday, 5 October 2021**

**Tuesday, 2 November 2021**

**Tuesday, 7 December 2021**