

**Minutes of a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 5 October 2021 at 8 pm**

Present: Cllrs Michele Turner (Vice-Chair), Beth Hooper, Paul Prettejohn, Christine Ryder, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, David Key (EDDC) and Iain Chubb (DCC)
In attendance: Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs John Thorne, Brian Pulman and Colin Brown (EDDC)

1.1 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received as above. Cllr Turner took the Chair in Cllr Thorne's absence and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7 September 2021, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Ryder and seconded by Cllr Turner).

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 21/1922/FUL – 10 Millrise, Luppitt, EX14 4UA – off road parking in the front gardens of properties 9 & 10 Millrise

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

2.1.2 Field north of Millrise (Cllr Key)

Cllr Key has visited the site and confirmed that the foundations are for a barn, not a house. Cllr Tucker queried whether the planning approval which was granted in 2012 had expired. Cllr Key said that the installation of the cattle grid within 3 years of planning approval being granted meant that work had started on site and the planning approval was still valid.

2.1.3 Noise disturbance at Higher Wick

The clerk read out an email that had been sent to Cllr Thorne by someone who has walked regularly on Dumpdon Hill. The writer had been disturbed by the noise of metal works coming from a farm at Higher Wick. The matter was discussed and Cllr Key confirmed that the Enforcement Officer will visit the premises to assess the situation. Cllr Tucker pointed out that there would be less traffic now than there would have been when it was a working farm. Cllr Key will keep the Parish Council informed.

2.2 Decisions

20/2058/MFUL – Otter Falls, New Road, Upottery, EX14 4QD – Development of holiday units

Approval with conditions.

2.3 Neighbourhood Plan (website)

Cllr Turner advised that she is meeting Roger Hicks and is bringing the Neighbourhood Plan website up to date with the latest information. Reference was made to an email from Angela King outlining progress of the Local Plan and its relationship with made and emerging Neighbourhood Plans.

3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

Item Reported	Action/Reference	Comments/Progress
Ringborough Cross to Coombeshead – 4 or 5 potholes and subsidence both sides of the road	W211451338	Comment from Highways that repair has been undertaken. Clerk will 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	Cllr Thorne to take photos before reporting again	

Item Reported	Action/Reference	Comments/Progress
Large pothole mid-way on the left-hand side between Overday and Gully Lane opposite barley field	W211451339	Comment from Highways that repair has been undertaken. Clerk will report again.
At triangle by Hartridge on edge of top road at Beacon – 2 potholes	W211451344	Completed
From Riggles to Jack's House – 1 pothole	W211451340	Completed
Barn Cross to Pit Hill – 3 potholes and lots of deterioration for 200 yds	W211451342	Completed

3.1.1 RTA Temporary Restriction

Notice received that the road past Lowmans Farm, Beacon, will be closed on Friday, 17 December 2021, for location and clearing of a blockage.

3.1.2 Road at Stonehayes

Cllr Tucker pointed out that the good work carried out to repair the road by Stonehayes has been undermined because the ditch is too shallow and water still runs over the road. Cllr Chubb undertook to follow up and report back to the Parish Council.

3.2 Parish Maintenance

Cllr Tucker is working on the quote to repair potholes in the parish identified by Cllrs Pulman and Thorne.

3.3 Sandbag requirements

Cllr Tucker has a sufficient supply of sandbags.

4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 Footpath Wardens' Reports

Nothing to report.

4.2 Work on Footpath 14

Cllr Tucker and Gavin Brake had a successful meeting with Ros Davies, Parish Paths Liaison Officer at Devon County Council and Richard Spurway, DCC Footpath Warden, to discuss a possible diversion to avoid the boggy area on this footpath.

5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

5.1 Playground initiative

Cllr Summers reported that the working group has made substantial progress, not only in gathering information about equipment but also fundraising ideas and events planned. The parishioner leading the project has been in touch with the clerk who in turn has provided information as requested. A Crowdfunding page has been set up and it is hoped to raise £3,000 by the end of October. This sum will enable the group to be eligible to apply for grants from EDDC and DCC. Cllr Chubb has agreed to donate £1,000 from the Locality budget and it is hoped that a grant application to the National Lottery Fund will also be successful. The Parish Council recognises that the parishioner organising the project has worked extremely hard. The Parish Council will continue to support the project where it can.

5.2 Village Hall Representative

Cllr Summers has agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee. The clerk has written to the secretary of the Management Committee to confirm.

5.3 Green Ambassador

Cllr Turner has approached the parishioner concerned and is waiting to hear the parishioner's decision.

5.4 Airfield Visit

This item was postponed to the November meeting. Cllr Prettejohn gave Cllr Turner a contact number.

5.5 Notice Board at Beacon

Cllr Pulman was not at the meeting so could not report on progress. This item will be discussed at the November meeting.

6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

			£
6.1	Receipts	Precept	6,000.00
	Account balances at 30 September 2021	P3 balance	1,448.28
		Luppitt Parish Council	12,616.66
6.2	Cheque payment for approval and signing	Clerk's remuneration (July-Sept)	1,548.30
		Clerk's expenses	116.43
		Neighbourhood Plan website	42.00

6.3 Correspondence

An email from Devon Communities publicising forthcoming events was noted. The clerk will book Cllr Tucker on the webinar on the Importance of Hedges and Cllr Turner on the one concerning Dark Skies. The clerk will establish if these webinars are only available for Parish Councillors to attend.

6.4 Half-yearly figures

The clerk had not received the September bank statement but, once this is received, will complete the figures and present them at the November meeting.

7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- The clerk will book Cllr Turner on a Chairman's course run by DALC to be held via Zoom on 22 November.
- The clerk has been advised by Cllr Pulman that a risk assessment and safety inspection have been carried out at the play area at Millrise with no problems arising. The clerk has not received a safety certificate so will follow up.
- Cllr Tucker raised the matter of water running into the gardens at Millrise. The clerk was asked to follow up but since the meeting Cllr Tucker has confirmed that the matter has been resolved.

8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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

Tuesday, 2 November 2021

Tuesday, 7 December 2021