

**Minutes of a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 2 April 2024 at 8 pm**

Present: Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), John Thorne (Vice-Chair), Lindsay Hill, Charles Murray, Andrew Tucker, Colin Brown and Yehudi Levine (EDDC)

In attendance: Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Iain Chubb (DCC) and Martin Summers (received after the meeting)

1.1 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received as above. Cllr Turner welcomed Cllr Hill to her first Parish Council meeting. Cllr Hill has signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor.

1.2 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5 March 2024, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Thorne and seconded by Cllr Turner).

1.3 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Tucker declared an interest in 2.1.1 the planning application at Blackenfields Farm because he carries out work at that location.

2.0 PLANNING

2.1 Applications (for comment, support or objection)

2.1.1 23/1770/AGR – Blackenfields Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4UB – erection of general purpose agricultural building

The Parish Council does not support the planning application in its present form and has submitted comments to EDDC with reference to various planning policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

2.2 Decisions

- **24/0218//VAR – Spurtham Farm, New Road, Upton, EX14 9QD – approval with conditions**
- **23/2229/FUL – Fieldhead, Luppitt, EX14 4RX – approval with conditions**

2.3 REPORTS

2.3.1 Ward Councillor

- EDDC has updated its Public Spaces Protection Orders for dog controls. On-the-spot fines have been increased to £100.
- The special winter car parking charges have now finished.
- The sea wall at Exmouth is to be repaired.

2.3.2 County Councillor

Cllr Chubb had sent a written report which the clerk will forward to Parish Councillors.

- There have been more potholes reported this financial year than 2022/2023.
- While there have been challenges around plant breakdowns and availability relating to gully cleaning, it is anticipated the programme to clean 150,630 gully assets will be completed on time for the current financial year.
- Additional Government funding of £7.5 million is enabling more reactive, short notice and planned works, including minor hand patching and dragon patching on the minor network in Devon.

3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

3.1 Parish Highways programme - update on Items to Report

Cllr Pulman and the clerk had gone round the parish identifying potholes to be reported to Highways. Some of the potholes had been marked by Highways already. The clerk had reported 17 areas that needed attention and these were due to be inspected by Highways imminently.

3.1.1 Neighbourhood Highways Officer

Cllrs Thorne, Pulman and Tucker, together with the clerk, will meet the new Neighbourhood Highways Officer on Tuesday, 9 April, and will show him the problem areas.

3.2 Parish Maintenance

The clerk has established that EDDC own the hedge bordering the field of the play area at Mill Rise. The clerk has reported to EDDC that there is ash dieback within the hedge and was assured that this would be dealt with by Street Scene in due course. The clerk will ask for confirmation of this in writing.

3.2.1 Overhanging Hedges

No action has been taken with the overhanging hedge at The Rough, Dumpdon Lane so the clerk will follow up with Devon Wildlife Trust.

4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

4.1 P3 Forms

The clerk confirmed that the annual survey forms have been completed and submitted to Devon County Council.

5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

5.1 Litter Pick

The clerk has produced a risk assessment for the litter pick which has been passed to the organiser, Roger Hicks. Cllrs Turner and Hill offered to help on the day. All volunteers will be very welcome.

5.2 Housing Needs Survey

The clerk had been contacted by the Housing Enabling Officer at EDDC. It was agreed that Cllr Turner and the clerk should have a meeting with the Housing Enabling Officer to discuss the situation in Luppitt.

5.3 Arrangements for 80th Anniversary of D-Day – Thursday, 6 June 2024

The clerk confirmed that agreement had been given by the Commoners to use the field as before. It was agreed that the evening would be run on similar lines to the successful events that have been held in the past with a barbecue and bar. Cllr Thorne has ordered the fireworks, Cllr Tucker will be responsible for the bonfire and the clerk will organise the food. Volunteers will be needed to run the bar and help out with barbecuing on the night.

5.4 Police and Crime Commissioner Election

Elections will be held on Thursday, 2 May 2024. Identification will be needed when voting.

6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

			£
6.1	Receipts	None	
	Account balances at last statement	P3 balance	1,312.28
	As per bank reconciliation end March	Luppitt Parish Council	9,282.09
6.2	Cheque payment for approval and signing	Jimmy's Fireworks Ltd	540.00
		A R Tucker Ltd (ditches and drainage work)	4,716.00
		A R Tucker Ltd (footpath work)	574.80
		Clerk's remuneration (Jan-Mar)	1,334.10
		Clerk's expenses (Jan-Mar)	95.95
		HMRC PAYE	214.20

6.3 Correspondence

- Correspondence between Lympstone Parish Council and EDDC was noted.
- An email about the Blackdown Hills Parish Network was noted.
- Information about moving to a .gov.uk domain was noted. The clerk will keep the Parish Council informed.
- A Woodland Management Plan for Dumpdon Hill has been received for review and comments.

7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

- Cllr Turner raised the matter of the field at Pennythorne Cross which she feels is verging on urbanisation. No agreement was reached but Cllr Turner will make further enquiries to continue the discussion at the next meeting.
- As Cllrs Turner and Thorne will be away on 7 May, it was agreed to change the date of the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting.

8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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

Friday, 3 May 2024 – Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm

Friday, 3 May 2024 – Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

Tuesday, 4 June 2024 – 8 pm