

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

Present: Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), Charles Murray, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker, Iain Chubb (DCC) and one member of the public

In attendance: Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs John Thorne, Lindsay Hill, Martin Summers, Colin Brown and Yehudi Levine (EDDC)

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, 4 June 2024, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Tucker).

1.3 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Tucker declared an interest in item 2.1.2, the planning application at Millrise, because he carries out work there.

1.3.1 Register of Interests

Parish Councillors present confirmed that they had reviewed their register of interest forms and confirmed that there had been no changes. The clerk will check with Parish Councillors who were not present at the meeting.

2.0 PLANNING

2.1 Applications (for comment, support or objection)

2.1.1 24/1094/FUL – Valley Heights, Luppitt, Ex14 4SU – replacement of car port with single storey extension

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

2.1.2 24/0857/FUL – Land at Millrise, Luppitt – general purpose agricultural building

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would support this application but would expect the surrounding dilapidated buildings to be removed.

The meeting was then suspended to allow the member of public to speak.

2.1.3 Enforcement Order at Higher Wick

The parishioner advised that he has been informed that the wording of the original Enforcement Order and subsequent case put to the planning inspectorate has several weaknesses and that EDDC will not be proceeding with the case. The Parish Council was unaware of this development and the clerk will speak to EDDC to obtain clarification.

The meeting then resumed.

2.1.4 Urbanisation (for discussion)

The clerk had contacted Angela King at EDDC who had no examples to share. It was agreed that this would be discussed when all Parish Councillors are present.

2.2 Decisions

There were no decisions.

2.3 REPORTS

2.3.1 Ward Councillor(s)

No reports were received as Cllrs Levine and Brown are restricted in the comments they can make before the General Election on 4 July.

2.3.2 County Councillor

Cllr Chubb advised that a new Leader has been appointed at Devon County Council. James McInnes has replaced John Hart who has been Leader for 15 years and is now Chair.

3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- Subsidence at Hillend has been repaired.
- A large area has been repaired at Jack’s House.
- Cllr Tucker reported that repairs have been carried out at Coombeshead.

It was agreed that the clerk should write to the Neighbourhood Highway Officer to pass on positive comments on the work that has been carried out.

3.2 Parish Maintenance

Clerk to report severe road deterioration towards Mathayes from Hartridge on the right-hand side.

3.2.1 The clerk had received an email from a parishioner regarding trees near Ford Bridge needing attention. After discussion, the clerk was asked to forward the email to the Chair of Luppitt Commoners.

3.2.2 Overhanging Hedges – Devon Wildlife Trust

The Parish Council has arranged for the overhanging hedges at Dumpdon to be cut. Cllr Turner signed a letter advising Devon Wildlife Trust of this and enclosing Cllr Tucker’s invoice.

3.2.3 Drainage Project for School Lane

This item will be deferred to allow Parish Councillors to consider and decide on a plan.

4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Nothing to report.

5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

5.1 D-Day Anniversary Event

It was agreed that this had been a successful event and had been well attended. The clerk will finalise figures and circulate to all Parish Councillors. An amount of £28.05 was collected on the night for the Royal British Legion. It was agreed to make up this amount to £50.00, proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Turner.

6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

			£
6.1	Receipts	Proceeds from D-Day event	997.00
	Account balances at last statement	P3 balance	833.28
	As per bank reconciliation end June	Luppitt Parish Council	7,905.74
6.2	Online payments for approval and signing	Bridge Insurance Brokers Ltd (millennium bench)	358.00
		Devon Communities Together subscription	50.00
		Clerk’s remuneration (April-June)	1,509.70
		PAYE	38.60
		Clerk’s expenses (April-June)	100.79
		M R Turner (D-Day expenses)	348.17
		R Buxton (D-Day expenses)	424.15
		Otter Brewery (D-Day event)	158.95

6.3 Renewal of Insurance for millennium bench

The value of the millennium bench has increased to £7,425 (including VAT) and the insurance premium for 5 years is £358.00. It was agreed to renew the insurance which is provided by Stoneguard.

6.4 Updated version of Financial Regulations for approval

The clerk has reviewed the Model Financial Regulations 2024 issued by NALC. The present system used for online payments needs to be strengthened. The clerk will follow up with the Co-Operative Bank.

6.5 Parish Council gov.uk domain

The clerk is attending a series of webinars being held to explain more fully the process involved in adopting a gov.uk domain. The clerk will continue to keep the Parish Council informed.

6.6 Correspondence

- An email had been received from EDDC regarding a series of meetings to be held where issues and concerns over site allocations in the new Local Plan can be aired. It was agreed to ask the Ward members, Cllrs Brown and Levine, to keep the Parish Council informed of developments.
- The clerk had received an email from the chairman of the newly formed Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group of Plymtree Parish Council seeking any guidance we might be able to give. Cllr Turner undertook to speak to Roger Hicks.

7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

There were no items.

8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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

Tuesday, 6 August 2024

Tuesday, 3 September 2024