

**Minutes of a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 6 August 2024 at 8 pm**

Present: Cllrs Brian Pulman, Lindsay Hill, Charles Murray, Martin Summers, Andrew Tucker, Yehudi Levine (EDDC)

In attendance: Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Michele Turner, John Thorne, Paul Prettejohn, Colin Brown and Iain Chubb

1.1 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received as above. Cllr Pulman took the chair in the absence of Cllrs Turner and Thorne.

1.2 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2 July 2024, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Murray and seconded by Cllr Tucker).

1.3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest. All Councillors have now confirmed that they do not have any alterations to their Register of Interest forms.

2.0 PLANNING

2.1 Applications (for comment, support or objection)

2.1.1 24/1249/LBC – Barbers Farm, Beacon, Luppitt, EX14 4TX – replace existing conservatory with green oak framed structure on rear elevation; remove west buttress on south elevation; remove window and wall in living room to create new opening between new conservatory and living room with the addition of steps within depth of wall and construct walls to create new WC in old kitchen

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application.

2.1.2 Enforcement Order at Higher Wick

The Enforcement Notice has been quashed as EDDC's wording had not been correctly drafted and was ambiguous. Costs have been awarded to the appellants, J Y Hooper & Sons. The Parish Council feels that EDDC's failure to correctly draft the wording brings the enforcement process into disrepute and, as a result, will be following up with EDDC for further clarification.

2.2 Decisions

24/1094/FUL – Valley Heights, Luppitt, EX14 4SU – replacement of car port – approval with conditions
24/0857/FUL – Land at Millrise, Luppitt – general purpose agricultural building – approval with conditions

2.3 REPORTS

2.3.1 Ward Councillor

Cllr Levine explained that, with the Government's aim to build 1.5 million houses over the next 5 years, EDDC's allocation (target) has been increased by one-third. Cllr Levine reported back on the Local Plan Member Working Party held by EDDC and advised that there is no impact on Luppitt. To meet the Government's target, planning rules will have to be relaxed.

2.3.2 County Councillor

There was no report.

3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- The clerk will report the road deterioration from Hartridge to Mathayes using the What3Words app for location.
- Along Greenway Lane near Yard Farm entrance, ridge needs to be checked..

3.2 Parish Maintenance

Cllr Tucker was asked to clear the vegetation between Hillend and Sharcombe.

3.2.1 Trees at Ford Bridge

The clerk had received some helpful information from the Chair of the Luppitt Commoners. Cllr Tucker undertook to look on behalf of the Parish Council to see what can be done.

3.2.2 Overhanging Hedges at Dumpdon

Cllr Tucker has carried out the work. The clerk has forwarded Cllr Tucker's invoice to the Devon Wildlife Trust for payment.

4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Nothing to report.

5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

5.1 D-Day Figures

After expenses, the Barbecue held on 6 June for the D-Day event made a profit of £261.73. This amount counted towards the cost of the fireworks (£450.00). It was agreed that it had been another successful event.

5.2 VE Day 2025

The 80th anniversary of VE Day will take place on 8 May 2025.

6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

6.1	Receipts	Purchase of goods by Hub Pub after the D-Day event	£ 196.21
		VAT repayment	1,180.01
	Account balances at last statement	P3 balance	833.28
	As per bank reconciliation end July	Luppitt Parish Council	7,473.92
6.2	Payments by online banking and cheque for approval	Luppitt Village Hall	30.00
		Royal British Legion	50.00

6.3 Quarterly Check – internal financial controls

Cllr Murray has checked the cash book and reconciliation for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 and confirmed that all is correct.

6.4 Correspondence

An email giving details of a campaign on the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal was noted.

7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

In answer to a question from Cllr Pulman, Cllr Hill confirmed that the ash tree at Millrise has not been dealt with. The clerk will follow up.

8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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

Tuesday, 3 September 2024

Tuesday, 1 October 2024