

**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held on Tuesday, 4 August 2020 at 8 pm  
(A virtual meeting was held to comply with Government restrictions on attending meetings that are currently in place in response to the Coronavirus emergency)**

**Present:** Cllrs John Thorne (Chairman), Tom Nancarrow (Vice-Chairman), Beth Hooper, Brian Pulman, Christine Ryder, Andrew Tucker, David Key and Colin Brown (EDDC), and Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs Paul Prettejohn, Michele Turner and Iain Chubb (EDDC and DCC)

**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, 7 July 2020, were unanimously agreed and signed\* as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Tucker and seconded by Cllr Ryder) with the following amendment to the wording of Minute 3.2.2 – delete the words ‘There is an issue where grating by The Mill blocks up’ and replace with ‘The resident of The Mill diverts water from The Mill easement back onto the road’.

**1.3 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2.0 PLANNING**

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

No applications received.

**2.2 Decisions**

**20/1063/FUL – Snooks Farm, Luppitt, EX14 4SB – erection of solar panels array**

There was a discussion about the planning approval that has been given. The Parish Council had commented originally that it would support any decision taken by the AONB, but the AONB had not been consulted because the officer’s report stated that Luppitt was not in an AONB designated area. The clerk will write to EDDC Planning to express concern about the inaccuracies contained within the report. Cllr Ryder proposed that the clerk should contact the AONB planning officer and find out what comments the AONB would have made had they been consulted. This would help with any future planning applications for solar panels. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Pulman with all in agreement.

**2.3 Neighbourhood Plan**

Roger Hicks is continuing to work on amendments to the draft plan. Roger has suggested testing the draft plan against theoretical planning applications. Cllr Ryder will liaise with Roger and Cllr Turner.

**2.4 Housing Needs Survey**

The clerk will respond to Janice Alexander’s email to say that the Parish Council has no immediate plans to carry out a housing needs survey.

**3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

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

LOCATION	REFERENCE	COMMENT/PROGRESS
Loose kerbstones at Millrise		Cllr Key will continue to follow up as work is unsatisfactory.
Several potholes at the lower part of School Lane towards Ringborough Cross	W201329841	Discussed with and reported to Neighbourhood Highways Officer.
Potholes between Higher Wick and Fortfield houses	W201322757	Repair still awaited.
Ringborough Cross to Coombeshead – potholes and subsidence	W201322761	With contractor for repair. Discussed and reported to Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

Maple Cross to Pound Farm – severe edge of road deterioration both sides	W201329842	Discussed with and reported to Neighbourhood Highways Officer.
Up towards Pound from Maple Cross by bungalow on right-hand side – road has subsided – urgent	W201333782	Neighbourhood Highways Officer has cleared the culvert and has asked for Structures to check the road structure.
Pothole between bridge on New Road and the two cottages	D203538009	Passed to contractor for repair. Work due to start early August.
Pothole near Little Shelvin		Clerk to report although it was felt it would not meet the repair criteria

### 3.2 Parish Maintenance

#### 3.2.1 Tree Maintenance –

- **Ash bush by The Linhay** – Cllr Thorne has spoken to the landowner.
- **Dead ash tree in the hedge of Chescroft field** – nothing to report.
- **Dead ash tree in the hedge near the play area at Millrise** – nothing to report.

#### 3.2.2 The Mill

Cllrs Thorne, Tucker and Pulman will speak to the resident before the next meeting.

### 4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

#### 4.1 The following problems have been reported to Ros Davies for action:

- Footpath 10 opposite the Church gate – new bracket and waymarker sign needed.
- Footpath 26 – new post and waymarker needed at start of footpath 26 just below Snooks Farm. A new post and waymarker are also needed about 200m up from Snooks as the path meets the road, pointing up the hill over Hartridge.
- Footpath 24 to Rawridge – a new 3" stake is required for the handrail on the small footbridge.

#### 4.2 Footpaths 60, 61 and 62

Correspondence forwarded by a resident was noted.

### 5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

#### 5.1 Luppitt Packet

Cllr Thorne had replied to the letter from the editors and the treasurer of the Luppitt Packet.

#### 5.2 Defibrillator

Cllr Tucker has spoken to the residents at Lowmans Farm about checking the defibrillator.

#### 5.3 Ringing out for Peace – 15 August

The clerk will forward the information to Cllrs Thorne and Pulman.

### 6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The clerk updated the figures as follows:

6.1	Receipts	None	£
	Account balances at 04.08.20	P3 balance	1,558.28
		Neighbourhood Plan Grant (balance)	310.38
		Luppitt Parish Council	6,878.52
6.2	Cheque payment for approval and signing	No payments	

**6.3 Internal Audit**

The internal auditor has not charged for carrying out the audit and it was agreed to purchase two bottles of wine as a token of appreciation (proposed by Cllr Ryder, seconded by Cllr Pulman).

**6.4 Quarterly check – internal financial control**

The clerk will arrange to take the papers to Cllr Ryder for checking.

**6.5 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

A resident had complained to Cllr Thorne and the clerk about loud music being played at unsociable hours in a field near Pennythorne Cross. Cllr Ryder had also had experience of this. Although it is annoying, the Parish Council has no jurisdiction over this sort of activity and the only steps to take are for residents to report any incidents to the relevant authorities. The Parish Council will monitor any domestication of this field in the future.

**8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

**Dates for next virtual meetings to be held at 8 pm:**

**Tuesday, 1 September 2020**

**Tuesday, 6 October 2020**

<p><b>*Minutes will be signed when Parish Council meetings resume.</b></p>
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