

**Minutes of a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday, 7 October 2025 at 8 pm**

Present: Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), Martin Summers (Vice-Chair), Charles Murray, Paul Prettejohn, Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker

In attendance: Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Lindsay Hill, Susan Tucker, Colin Brown and Yehudi Levine (EDDC), Cathy Connor (DCC)

1.1 Receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received as above. Cllr Andrew Tucker advised that he would probably be leaving before the end of the meeting.

1.2 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 2 September 2025, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Murray).

1.3 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2.0 PLANNING

2.1 Applications (for comment, support or objection)

There were no applications

2.2 Decisions

25/1354/FUL – Shapcombe Farm, Combe Raleigh, EX14 4UJ – general purpose agricultural building
– approval with conditions

2.3 Blackdown Hills new Management Plan and review of Design Guide

- The Planning Officer at Blackdown Hills National Landscape has asked to use the photo on the front cover of our Neighbourhood Plan in their new Management Plan. The photo was taken by a parishioner, Trevor Bevan.
- The Blackdown Hills Design Guide, which was first published in March 2012, is being reviewed.
- The Government is considering weakening planning protection in National Landscapes and an open letter has been sent to the Prime Minister, drafted and signed by the National Landscapes Association and others.

2.4 REPORTS

2.4.1 Ward Councillor

Cllr Levine had sent a report:

- The planned new development in East Devon, Marcombe near Exeter Airport, has been included in the core programme of the Government's New Town Taskforce. Plans have been discussed in the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Nothing to report on the Local Government reorganisation.

2.4.2 County Councillor

Cllr Connor had sent a report:

- Options being considered on the Local Government reorganisation are outlined.
- Devon County Councillors endorse the principle of a smartphone ban in schools.
- Funds are still remaining in the Locality budget.

3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

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

- The clerk had reported inadequate signage around the road deterioration at Butkins. Highways did not accept this but did make some alterations by repositioning cones, cutting back vegetation and placing additional tape for improved visibility.
- The clerk will report potholes at Jack's House.

3.2 Parish Maintenance

Nothing to report at present.

4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**4.1 Pedestrian Gate**

The clerk has heard nothing in response to her request for a pedestrian gate so will follow up.

5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES**5.1 Honiton Town Council meeting – English Devolution White Paper**

A meeting is being held at The Beehive on Wednesday, 15 October, at 7 pm. Cllrs Turner, Summers and the clerk will attend.

5.2 Neighbourhood Plan Website

The Neighbourhood Plan website has come up for renewal. Cllr Turner proposed that it should now be allowed to lapse. Cllr Turner and the clerk will liaise to ensure that all relevant Neighbourhood Plan documents are on the Parish Council website. Cllr Andrew Tucker seconded the proposal with all in favour.

5.3 Children's Christmas Party

It was agreed to donate £175 towards the costs of the children's Christmas party.

5.4 Parish Council representative for Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Summers agreed to continue as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee.

6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

			£
6.1	Receipts	EDDC – precept	7,000.00
	Account balances at last statement	P3 balance	450.88
	As per bank reconciliation end September	Luppitt Parish Council	13,104.61
6.2	Payments by online banking, card or cheque for approval and signing	Clerk's remuneration (July-September)	1,554.72
		HMRC – PAYE	65.60
		Employer NI contribution	55.55
		Clerk's expenses	104.00

6.3 Parish Scheme of Allowances

After discussion, it was agreed that the clerk would request further information from EDDC.

6.4 Banking Arrangements

It was agreed that the clerk should research other banks with a view to moving the Parish Council account.

6.5 Councillor Email Addresses

The clerk will set up Cllr Summers' .gov.uk email address.

6.6 Correspondence

- The clerk has put up notices on the Village Hall notice board giving information about autumn Covid and Flu vaccination availability at Greendale and outreach clinics.
- Information from Hospiscare was noted.

7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Cllr Turner will be unavailable for the November meeting and Cllr Summers agreed to chair the meeting in her absence.

8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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

Tuesday, 4 November 2025

Tuesday, 2 December 2025