

**Minutes of a meeting of Luppitt Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
on Tuesday, 7 April 2026 at 8 pm**

- Present:** Cllrs Michele Turner (Chair), Brian Pulman, Andrew Tucker, Susan Tucker, Yehudi Levine (EDDC) and 1 member of the public
- In attendance:** Rosalind Buxton (Parish Clerk)
- Apologies:** Cllrs Martin Summers (Vice-Chair), Charles Murray, Paul Prettejohn, Colin Brown (EDDC) and Cathy Connor (DCC)
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**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, 3 March 2026, were unanimously agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting (proposed by Cllr Pulman and seconded by Cllr Susan Tucker).

**1.3 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Susan Tucker declared an interest in the planning application at Lowmans Farm as it is her farm and Cllr Andrew Tucker because he carries out work there and is family.

**2.0 PLANNING**

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

**2.1.1 26/0359/FUL – Lowmans Farm, Beacon, EX14 4TX – demolition of outbuilding to be replaced with a garage and store**

There was no objection to this planning application.

**2.1.2 Decisions**

**25/2484/FUL and 25/2485/LBC – Pulmans Farm, Beacon, EX14 4TX – approval with conditions**

**2.2 REPORTS**

**2.2.1 Ward Councillor**

Cllr Levine updated the Parish Council on various matters. There was no progress to report on devolution or Local Government reorganisation.

**2.2.2 County Councillor**

Cllr Connor had sent a report which had been circulated.

- Additional £3m agreed to support Devon's road repairs
- Locality fund opens in mid-May
- Flood warden scheme
- Crisis and resilience fund and heating oil support.

**3.0 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

**3.1 Parish Highways programme**

- Cllr Pulman and the clerk will meet to mark potholes for reporting to Devon Highways.
- The road past Hillend has collapsed and is almost impassable. This was confirmed by the parishioner at the meeting.

**3.1.1 Annual Local Authority Road Maintenance (ALARM) Briefing Note**

This is a national report produced independently each year by the Asphalt Industry Alliance and gives a clear snapshot of the condition of the local road network. The clerk will forward to Parish Councillors.

**3.2 Parish Maintenance**

**3.2.1 Parish Maintenance Projects**

- Cllr Tucker had forwarded costings for work to be carried out at Maple Cross, Ringborough Cross and Ford Barn to Shaugh Road. The work has now been completed.

Cllr Tucker was asked to carry out the following work and to provide information to enable the clerk to keep an up-to-date record of the Parish Maintenance budget:

- Put hardcore on the ‘S’ bend from Mount Stephens to Luppitt Cross at a cost of £55.
- Attend to blocked drains at Pound Cottage, Greenlands near the river and the ditch at Adams Leigh.
- Attend to ash dieback at Adams Leigh, low branches opposite the pig field and Greenway Lane.

### 3.2.2 Gully Lane

This item will be carried forward to next month.

### 3.2.3 Trees needing attention

This item will be carried forward to next month.

### 3.2.4 Road Signs

This item will be carried forward to next month.

## 4.0 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

The clerk will complete the annual survey. The footpath fund has now been exhausted.

## 5.0 ENVIRONMENT/COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### 5.1 Memorial Bench

The clerk read out a response from Luppitt Commons Ltd that had been sent regarding the request to erect a memorial bench.

### 5.2 Play Areas – Safety Inspection Reports

The clerk handed the Safety Inspection report on the play area at Mill Rise to Cllr Pulman. The report for the play area at the Village Hall will be forwarded to Cllr Summers.

## 6.0 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

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6.1	<b>Receipts</b>	None	
	<b>Account balance as per bank reconciliation end March</b>	Luppitt Parish Council	£8,119.84
6.2	<b>Payments by online banking, card or cheque for approval and signing</b>	Playsafety Ltd	199.20
		Vision ICT Ltd	175.76
		Clerk’s remuneration (Jan-Mar)	1,554.72
		HMRC – PAYE and NI contributions	121.15
		Clerk’s expenses (Jan-Mar)	111.15
		DALC subscription	208.18
		A R Tucker Ltd	2,568.00
		Luppitt Packet (S137)	175.00

### 6.3 CIL Payment

The clerk had received notification from EDDC that a payment of £60 would be made at the end of April being Community Infrastructure Levy money generated from planning permission 22/1690/FUL.

### 6.4 Casual Vacancy

One application had been received for the Casual Vacancy and it was agreed unanimously to co-opt Eric Clapp onto the Parish Council.

### 6.5 Banking Arrangements

It was agreed to remain with the Co-Operative Bank for the present. The clerk will take the necessary steps to update procedures.

**6.6 Correspondence**

- An email giving details of a Town and Parish forum at EDDC was noted. Cllr Turner and the clerk will attend.
- A letter from TRIP regarding the Friendship Club was noted.

**7.0 CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**

Parish Councillors were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, 5 May. This will be followed by the Parish Council meeting (AGM) at 8 pm.

**8.0 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

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

**Tuesday, 5 May 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting at 7 pm**

**Tuesday, 5 May 2026 – Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm**