

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 8.00pm

### Present:

**Councillors:** Michele Warrington (*Chair*)  
Geoff May (*Vice Chair*)  
Julie Bryce  
David Last  
Derrick Newberry  
Ros Newberry  
David Pullan  
Tony Alford (*Dorset Council*)

**Officer:** Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

**Public:** 2

**Apologies:** David Cannon (*Cllr*)

### 8292. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded.

### 8293. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

### 8294. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and sign the same

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded Cllr D Last**

**Resolved**

### 8295. Matters arising for information only

- Cllr Last confirmed that he is happy to keep Roads and Transport as an area of responsibility.
- Clerk to ask Cllr Cannon if he is able to commit to BLAP hybrid meetings.

### 8296. Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk confirmed that following the recent resignation of Cllr Harms, the Parish Council now have two vacancies with the most recent vacancy being open for co-option after 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### 8297. Democratic Forum

None.

### 8298. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford provided the following information and updates:

- The Dorset Council Building Regulations workforce are under increased pressure due to new building regulation rules that came into effect from 15<sup>th</sup> June. Staff are currently reorganising to meet these pressures;
- Dorset Council have built 529 affordable homes in the past year, exceeding the previous year's figure of 301;
- Cabinet considered the Dorset Council Climate Change policy;
- Any issues relating to a hedge, tree or verge can be reported on the Dorset Council website self-service portal. Cllr Alford offered to send link.

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### 8299. Finance

#### i. To authorise receipts and payments due

The following payments for June 2022 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
<b>Payments</b>	<b>Voucher No</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
J Hughes	1332	Salary & Expenses	702.16
HMRC	1333	PAYE/NI	9.00
Cllr R Newberry	1334	Travis Perkins Cemetery Bench Oil	31.40
Chris Knott	1335	Allotment Insurance	133.09
Wessex Ground Services	1336	Grounds Maintenance	100.85
Vision ICT	1337	Website Hosting & Support	225.76
DAPTC	1338	Annual Subscription	224.02
Loders Village Hall	1339	CEEAP Meeting 14.06.22	14.00
Loders Village Hall	1340	June PC Meeting 16.06.22	16.00

Payments authorised were £1,456.28 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 **£30,424.82**

**Proposed Cllr R Newberry**

**Seconded Cllr G May**

**Resolved**

#### v. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (June 2022) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022.

#### vi. Upgrading the Clerk to 'Full Access' on the Parish Council bank account

Due to problems encountered with completing the online bank mandate, Cllrs Warrington, May and the Clerk to meet to progress completion of the bank mandate.

#### vii. Alternative solution for Parish Council purchases currently made by Clerk and reimbursed

Cllr May confirmed he had been in contact with the DAPTC for advice regarding this issue. The DAPTC have advised that the Parish Council obtain a debit card for the Clerk to use and set up an Internal Controls Policy so that the Clerk and Councillors are clear of the approach the council will take when approving payments in different circumstances. Cllr May and Clerk to progress Internal Controls Policy for approval at next Parish Council meeting.

### 8300. Unitary Authority

#### i. Update from DAPTC

- Cllr Warrington advised that Steven Ford was recently appointed to head up the Dorset Council Climate & Ecological Emergency strategy.
- The DAPTC AGM will take place in November. Requests for proposals need to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September so Councillors requested to bring any ideas for proposals to the July Parish Council meeting.

#### ii. Update from BLAP

- Cllr May confirmed that the next BLAP Parish Liaison meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July (hybrid format) which he will attend. Dorset Council Officers will be attending the meeting to provide an update on the progress of broadband network upgrades/roll out in Dorset and the options available to residents to improve their connectivity.

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### 8301. Planning and Development

#### To consider any planning applications, appeals or enforcements in circulation:

- i. P/HOU/2022/01210 and P/LBC/2022/01211 Christmas Cottage, Uploders, DT6 4NS - no update.
- ii. P/HOU/2021/04942 The Barn House, Loders DT6 3SA - amended plans - the Planning Officer has advised that the application is to go through a scheme of delegation referral with a recommendation of approval. Cllr Alford confirmed that he has met with the planning officer and has a copy of their report which he will forward to the Clerk for circulation. The PC's reasons for objection to this application were reiterated by councillors. Concerns were raised that the PC had not been notified of the applicants' most recent amendment to the Plans. Cllr Alford offered to raise this with the planning department.
- iii. P/HOU/2021/04943 The Barn House, Loders DT6 3SA - permission granted 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- iv. Local Heritage List - the Clerk advised that following the Parish Council's submission, an update on progress has not yet been received.
- v. Dorset Council Planning Update for Town and Parish Councils - Cllr Warrington attended the session on 27<sup>th</sup> May and provided a brief summary of what the session covered. The Clerk confirmed that the presentation slides have been circulated to all.
- vi. Planning Topics Requests from Dorset Council, Matthew Piles - Corporate Director Economic Growth and Infrastructure - Cllr Warrington proposed that following the Dorset Council Planning Update session, the Parish Council responds to Cllr Piles request as follows:
  - all the written responses raised in the "Capturing your thoughts" session from the 27 May to be collated - the issues raised clearly identified and grouped around common themes/concerns.
  - the finished document circulated to all participants.All agreed. Clerk to submit request.

### 8302. Council Property

#### To consider and agree any actions in relation the Parish Council property:

##### i. Cemetery

- Cemetery bench location - following the cemetery inspection, a location for the new bench was agreed subject to checking the cemetery plan. Clerk to check the plan and advise Cllr R Newberry who will inform the contractor where the concrete base needs to be laid. During the inspection, the issue of weeds growing in the graves was raised. Cllr R Newberry offered to undertake the weeding.

##### ii. Allotments

- Following the allotment inspection, the Clerk will calculate the results for the Best Allotment Award and confirm with Cllr Newberry. Cllr Newberry to notify the winner and obtain the trophy from last year's winner and invite this year's winner to the July meeting.

- The allotment boundaries were checked at the annual inspection where it was evident that the boundary between plots 4 and 7 needs to be re-established. It was agreed to wait until either plot becomes vacant so that the works can be undertaken with minimal disruption to tenants.

- Clerk to write to all allotment tenants regarding the wire fence which is being pushed out by water butts, compost bins etc.

- Cllr R Newberry to speak to the allotment holder's representative to see if help can be provided by the other allotment tenants on a plot that has become unkempt.

##### iii Playing Field

- Play Area Working Group - swing quotes - the Clerk had previously circulated to all the three quotes received to replace the toddler swings. Cllr Pullan proposed that the Parish Council proceed with accepting the quote totalling £4,134.54 + VAT that was based on a site visit and included the

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removal and disposal of the existing swings and supply and installation of the new swings. All agreed.

**Proposed Cllr D Pullam**

**Seconded Cllr R Newberry**

**Resolved**

Clerk to enquire with the supplier of the swings if the welfare and security costs are required.

Following the inspection of the play area, Cllr Pullan advised that he would take the toddler swings out of use due to the deteriorating legs.

- Oak tree quotes - the Clerk confirmed that she is waiting for the supplier to provide an updated quote to supply and plant an Oak tree in the Autumn.

- Well Plot Shelter Group - following a site visit with members of the Shelter Group to look at potential locations for the shelter, Cllr Pullan made the following proposals:

1) In principle, the Parish Council are in support of the Well Plot shelter idea.

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded Cllr D Last**

**Resolved**

2) Site A was the preferred location for the shelter subject to the Tree Officer confirming the suitability of this location (impact on tree roots). Clerk to make enquires with Tree Officer.

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded Cllr M Warrington**

**Resolved**

3) The Shelter Group will manage the project and will produce a planned proposal and the Parish Council will facilitate the project.

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded Cllr J Bryce**

**Resolved**

Cllr Alford suggested that the Shelter Group may wish to set themselves in a more formal arrangement as a constituted group to enable the group to make applications for funding.

### iv. Notice Boards

Replacement noticeboards - having received a quote for self-healing rubber to refurbish the noticeboards at Loders School and Home Farm totalling approximately £300 plus additional costs of approximately £200, it was agreed to proceed with the refurbishment of these two noticeboards. Clerk to progress with the two residents who have agreed to progress the refurbishment work of these two boards.

Cllr Alford left the meeting at 9.30pm.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 9.30pm.

### 8303. Footpaths and Rights of Way

- RoW Report - Cllr Cannon's RoW report had previously been circulated to all. Cllr Cannon had also passed on his thanks to Cllr D Newberry for dramatically improving the RoW from Church Farm to Hole House Farm.

- Dog Fouling Signage - agreed to carry over to July meeting.

- Section 53, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Application for Definitive Map Modification Order T703 - agreed to carry over to July meeting.

### 8304. Roads, Transport and Drains

- Waddon Way - no update.

- Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - no update.

- Speed limit through Loders - the Clerk confirmed that the PCSO had responded to advise that it may be worth speaking to residents to gauge how they feel. The Parish Council could also look to set up a speed monitoring device to record all traffic 24/7 to obtain vehicle speeds. Cllr Bryce agreed to look into the Twenty is Plenty campaign.

- Trailway project - Clerk to invite the Trailway Officer from Dorset Council to the next Parish Council meeting to provide an update on the Trailway project.

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- Community Railway project - it was agreed that as an information leaflet detailing the Community Railway project had already been circulated and the project was still in the very early stages, a meeting with the Community Railway project team was not deemed appropriate at this time.
- Cllr Pullan advised that the access path to the eastbound bus stop on the A35 needs cutting back, Clerk to report to Dorset Council Highways.

### **8305. River Asker Improvement Project**

Cllr May advised that he would chase up Ian Rees of Dorset AONB for the results of the Casterbridge Fisheries survey that was undertaken in relation to possible improvements to fish passage along the Asker in Loders.

### **8306. Climate and Environment Issues**

To consider and agree any actions in relation to the Loders Parish Council Climate & Ecological Emergency:

- Natural Assets - Cllr May confirmed that he is arranging a meeting with the CEEAP working group and Ian Rees and Jill Hearing of Dorset AONB regarding a 'Community Tree Project'. The meeting date of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10am at Loders Village Hall is still to be confirmed. Cllr May also advised that Ian Rees and Nick Gray of Dorset Wildlife Trust would be arranging a series of presentations on biodiversity.
- Transport update - no update.
- Renewable's update - Cllr May confirmed that he would chase up Derek Moss of Low Carbon Dorset regarding a community presentation event. Cllr Bryce advised that she had recently heard about infrared heating and would make further enquiries.
- Making it Happen update - no update.
- CEEAP working group meeting - the CEEAP working group met on 14<sup>th</sup> June, the Clerk will circulate the minutes to the group once complete.
- CEEAP articles for submission to Eggardon & Colmers View - agreed to carry over to July meeting.
- NALC presentation 'Fighting Climate Change' - agreed to carry over to July meeting.

### **8307. Communications**

Broadband - no further update although an update will be provided by Dorset Council at the next BLAP meeting that Cllr May is attending.

### **8308. Training & Development** - agreed to carry over to July meeting.

### **8309. Platinum Jubilee**

The Well Plot Shelter Group have confirmed that they would like the installation of the shelter to mark The Queens Platinum Jubilee year.

### **8310. To review correspondence received**

- Regarding a resident complaint received regarding the recent resurfacing of Purbeck Close, Clerk to report to Dorset Council Highways.
- Clerk to notify the Fete Committee regarding the dates of the roadworks along the Bradpole to Loders road.

### **8311. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

Two Councillor vacancies, best kept allotment and removal of toddler swings.

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### 8312. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Items carried over as detailed in the minutes.

Meeting closed at 10.40pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_