

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.00pm

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Michele Warrington (*Chair*)  
Geoff May (*Vice Chair*)  
Julie Bryce  
David Cannon  
David Last  
Derrick Newberry  
Ros Newberry  
David Pullan

**Officer:** Joanne Hughes (Clerk)

**Public:** 0

**Apologies:** Cllr Anthony Alford

**8685. To receive apologies for absence**

Recorded.

**8686. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation**

None.

**8687. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2024 and sign the same**

Cllr Cannon requested that minute ref. 8677 specify the agreed amount of £30 for refreshments - all agreed, Clerk to amend.

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded Cllr D Last**

**Resolved**

**8688. Matters arising for information only**

None

**8689. Democratic Forum**

None.

**8690. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford**

Cllr Alford had previously circulated his update report which included the following information:

- Dorset Council's Trading Standards team led a multiagency operation in March 2024 responding to intelligence about the sale of illegal vapes, tobacco and cigarettes from premises in Weymouth.
- The UK government has tasked each county in England with preparing a Local Nature Recovery strategy to help support its target of protecting 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030. Dorset Council's efforts have included a series of events attended by 245 people to create a local nature recovery strategy for Dorset.
- In an effort to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Dorset's roads, 2,400 members of the motorcycling community have contributed to the design of new road signs which have been placed at key locations where many motorcyclists have been injured in Dorset.

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### 8691. Finance

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

The following payments for April 2024 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Country Memorials		Headstone C Pearce	110.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1468	Salary & Expenses	863.67
HMRC	1469	PAYE	12.60
SLCC	1470	Clerks Annual Membership	148.00
Wessex Grounds Services	1471	Grounds Maintenance	110.90
DAPTC	1472	Annual Subscription	196.54
Bridport Town Council	1473	BLAP Contribution	63.23
Derek Smith Garden Services	1474	Grounds Maintenance Mar/Apr	170.00
Loders Village Hall	1475	Parish Council Meeting 16.04.24	20.00

Payments authorised were £1,584.94 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 16 April 2024 **£23,068.76**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr D Newberry**

**Resolved**

#### ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (April 2024) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Wording for the Parish Council website to explain the 2024/25 precept increase was also agreed - Clerk to upload to website.

#### iii. Lloyds Bank signature amendment process

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Bryce has now been added to the Parish Council bank account. With Cllr Warrington and Cllr May who are both signatories on the account stepping down from the Parish Council following the May 2024 elections, Cllr Pullan agreed to be added as a bank signatory - Clerk to action.

#### iv. Clerk's laptop

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's current laptop and printer (both 7 years old) are now in need of replacement. With surplus funds totalling £1,973.94 from 2023/24, it was agreed for the Clerk to proceed with obtaining quotes for replacement IT equipment.

**Proposed Cllr G May**

**Seconded Cllr R Newberry**

**Resolved**

### 8692. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/FUL/2024/01459 Upton Dairy, Uploders DT6 4PQ - Change of use of agricultural building (former covered silage clamp) to B8 storage and commercial use - Councillors raised the following concerns - insufficient information about the additional volume and nature of traffic that may be generated. Loders Neighbourhood Plan Policy B1 states that employment developments such as this will only be supported when it is clearly demonstrated that they would be unlikely to lead to substantially increased vehicle activity. All the roads through the village are single track country roads which are becoming increasingly fragile through a combination of wet weather causing roadside banks to collapse and increased volumes of traffic.

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- ii. P/PABA2/2024/01378 Perwen Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders Dorset DT6 4PQ - Erection of polytunnel - no objections but if permission is granted, it is suggested that such permission be temporary so that in the event of the poly tunnel falling into disrepair, it can be removed. Concerns were also raised about the potential increase in traffic from the commercial operation.
- iii. P/FUL/2024/01411 Land at Locks Lane, Uploders DT6 4PG - Erection of general purpose agricultural barn for storage of hay and farm machinery and creation of hardstanding - application withdrawn 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- iv. P/HOU/2024/00826 31A and 31B Loders, Bridport DT6 3SE - Raise height of chimney - application granted 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.
- v. P/TRC/2024/00516 The Retreat, Smishops Lane Junction To Yonderover Railway Bridge, Loders DT6 3SB - T1 & T2 Lawson Cypress - Fell - no objections by Dorset Council.
- vi. P/FUL/2023/06792 Boars Barrow Farm, Access to Boars Barrow Farm, Loders, DT6 3RX - no update
- vii. TPO/2023/0085 New Tree Preservation Order at The Mill, Loders DT6 3RX - no update

### **b) To consider and agree any actions in relation to other planning matters:**

- i. Resident concerns regarding the build site located at the Barn adjacent to Orchard Bungalow, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PD - Cllr May reported that he has been in contact with the Enforcement Officer and has provided details and photos and is awaiting a response.

### **8693. Unitary Authority**

- i. Community Governance Review: Shipton Gorge/Loders boundary changes - no further update. Cllr Warrington advised that as 9 months have passed, it is another 15 months before the residents CGR petition can be launched.
- ii. Update from DAPTC - the DAPTC constitution changes were noted.
- ii. Update from BLAP - next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April but Cllr May will not be attending and a new representative will be needed from May.
- iii. 2024 Elections Update - Loders Parish Council have returned an uncontested election with five Councillors nominated. All existing Councillors will stand down on 7<sup>th</sup> May and the newly elected Councillors will take their seats from 7<sup>th</sup> May with the first meeting of the new council taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Going forward, co-option of new Councillors will be necessary.

### **8694. Council Property**

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

- i. **Cemetery**
  - Cllr D Newberry reported that the Lime tree looks good following the recent tree works and the new grass cutting contract has commenced with two cuts completed. It was noted that some of the graves are becoming unsafe although they are stable at the moment - confirmed that the Clerk will be completing a Cemetery course later in the year.
- ii. **Allotments**
  - Cllr R Newberry advised that the tenant of Plot 4B is currently unable to work the plot due to a broken arm.
- iii. **Playing Field**
  - Play area redevelopment - Cllr May confirmed that he has no update.
  - Overhead powerlines work - Cllr Pullan advised that he met with a National Grid tree surveyor at the playing fields and authorised the trimming works of trees close to the electricity wires.

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### 8695. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- Bar Lane rock fall - Highways have not responded so Cllr Cannon will follow up.
- Church Lane - collapsed gabion in the river has been reported to Dorset Council.

### 8696. Roads, Transport and Drains

- Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Yellow Lane update - the Clerk advised that Dorset Council Highways have arranged a meeting for 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - no further update.
- Knowl Lane Erosion - Dorset Council customer services forwarded to Dorset Council Highways on 19<sup>th</sup> March, job reference 1247976 - no further update.
- Village flooding emergency contact poster - requires updating, Clerk to progress.
- Leak at C68 and Well Plot - the Clerk confirmed that both issues have been reported to Dorset Council Highways who have replied that the leak in the road is a spring due to the high water table and will be addressed when the weather improves. The issue in Well Plot is on an unadopted road and needs to be reported to Magna - Clerk to action.
- Bar Lane rockfall - see minute reference 8695.
- Crack in New Road - the Clerk confirmed that this has been reported to Dorset Council Highways who have referred the issue to an engineer for assessment.
- Clerk to report blocked drain on Smishops Lane and Yellow Lane T junction.

### 8697. River Asker

Cllr May advised that the latest update on the River Asker was given in the 2023/24 annual report.

### 8698. Climate and Environment Issues

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

- **Making it Happen CEEAP** - concern was raised regarding the recent activities of the new leader of the Renewables group which did not accord with the agreed autonomous status of the groups agreed at the 19<sup>th</sup> March Parish Council meeting. Clerk to forward the Parish Council's position as detailed in minute reference 8677 and to advise the group leader that all communications with individual Councillors must come via the Clerk.

- **Natural Assets Update**

- Next meeting taking place on Sunday.
- Swift boxes being put up.

- **Transport Update**

- Work is progressing on the information leaflet for residents re. non-road route.

- **Renewables Update**

- Groups article has gone in the E&CV.
- Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April.
- Two grant applications made.
- Draft document being compiled re. retrofitting and moving away from oil.

### 8699. Village Hall Report

Cllr Bryce advised that there was nothing to report.

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### **8700. Archiving of parish records**

The Clerk advised that little progress had been made over the last four months but would now be carried over to 2024/25.

### **8701. Loders Arms Defibrillator**

The Clerk confirmed that the pub landlords have confirmed they would be happy to assist with routine checks on the defibrillator if it is reinstalled but a response is still awaited from Palmers regarding the installation queries raised.

### **8702. Communications:**

- i. Loders Parish Council website - separate pages for CEEAP Working Groups - Transport, Natural Assets and Renewables - agreed to put on hold for the foreseeable future until the groups are settled.
- ii. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre - no further update

### **8703. Correspondence received**

None.

### **8704. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

New Councillors and Councillors standing down.

### **8705. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**

Annual Parish Council meeting.

Following the last agenda item, Cllr Warrington took the opportunity to present Cllr May and Cllr Last with thank you cards and vouchers to thank them for their contribution and time as Councillors on Loders Parish Council. Cllr R Newberry followed this by thanking Cllr Warrington for her huge contribution to Loders Parish Council spanning some 33 years of which 22 years have been the role of Chair. Cllr R Newberry confirmed that a presentation evening for Cllr Warrington was being arranged for a date in May.

Meeting closed 9.38 pm.

**Chairman:** J Bryce

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024