

Loders Parish Council

8713. To reaffirm the Loders Parish Council Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were reviewed by the Finance Working Group in November 2023 and the Clerk advised there have been no updates or changes since. Agreed by all to reaffirm.

Proposed Cllr R Newberry

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

8714. To reaffirm the Loders Parish Council Financial Regulations

The Clerk advised that NALC have issued updated Model Financial Regulations dated May 2024 which require time to go through and adapt for Loders Parish Council so advised Councillors that this would be carried over to the June meeting.

8715. Democratic Forum

Cllr Cannon advised that a member of the public was unable to attend the meeting but would like the Council to consider 20mph for Loders Parish. Councillors agreed to add as an agenda item for the June meeting.

8716. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck attended his first Loders Parish Council meeting having been elected to Dorset Council Eggardon Ward in the May 2024 elections and gave Councillors a brief background about himself before inviting questions from Councillors. Cllr Bryce asked if the new Dorset Council Councillors would continue with proposed plans and processes started by the previous Council. Cllr Eysenck advised that he would seek to find out. Cllr Bryce also asked if Cllr Eysenck would provide the Parish Council with a Dorset Council monthly roundup report as his predecessor had - Cllr Eysenck agreed that this was a good idea. Cllr D Newberry raised a query regarding new planning rules coming into force to make it easier to convert redundant farm buildings - Cllr Eysenck confirmed that he would investigate.

8717. Finance

i. To receive the Internal Auditor report 2023/24

The Parish Council had once again appointed Sheena Tomkins to carry out the internal audit for 2023/24. Internal Audit Report received and circulated to all - no issues raised.

ii. To confirm any conflicts of interest with BDO LLP

Councillors confirmed that there were no conflicts of interests with BDO LLP.

iii. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 having been internally audited

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2023/24 AGAR - Section 1.

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

iv. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2023/24

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2023/24 AGAR - Section 2.

Proposed Cllr R Newberry

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

v. To approve the annual insurance premium

The Clerk advised that the 2024/25 insurance renewal was the final year of the 3-year LTA with Zurich Municipal at £535.85 which now included the addition of the new Well Plot Jubilee shelter.

Proposed Cllr D Cannon

Seconded Cllr D Newberry

Resolved

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vi. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Dorset Council		Precept	8,000.00
HMRC		VAT Refund	466.89
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1476	Salary & Expenses	871.74
HMRC	1477	PAYE	12.80
Derek Smith Garden Services	1478	Grounds Maintenance Apr/May	170.00
Cllr David Pullan	1479	Swift Boxes (CEEAP)	88.00
Zurich	1480	Annual Insurance Premium	535.85
Upoders Chapel	1481	Parish Council Meeting 21.05.24	20.00

Payments authorised were £1,698.39 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 21st April 2024 **£29,837.26**

Proposed Cllr J Bryce

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

vii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (May 2024) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 21st May 2024.

The clerk also advised Councillors that due to a complication with adding Cllr Pullan to the Parish Council bank account and with just Cllr R Newberry remaining as a mandate signatory, the Parish Council would need to pass a member resolution to enable the one remaining signatory to sign a new mandate variation form to add Cllr Pullan to the bank account. All agreed and Cllr Eysenck signed the required paperwork as an independent witness.

Proposed Cllr Cannon

Seconded Cllr N Newberry

Resolved

8718. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/CLE/2024/02255 Travellers Rest, Dorchester Road, Bridport Dorset DT6 4PJ - Certificate of Lawfulness to continue use of the land to site uncovered storage for a maximum of 12 caravans - Councillors were unable to comment as there was no evidence supplied to support the application. It was also noted that the property is now within the parish of Shipton Gorge.
- ii. P/FUL/2024/01524 Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Loders DT6 3RY - Construction of new farmhouse for an essential rural workers accommodation - As a result of pecuniary interests from Cllr R Newberry and Cllr D Newberry resulting in the Council becoming inquorate, Councillors were unable to comment on this application.
- iii. P/HOU/2024/02101 Field Cottage, Uploders Road, Uploders Dorset DT6 4PG - Alteration & single storey side extension, plus addition of rear rooflights and porch - no objections.
- iv. 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 - no update.
- v. P/PABA2/2024/01378 Perwen Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders Dorset DT6 4PQ - Erection of polytunnel - prior approval granted 18th April 2024.
- 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 - TPO granted.

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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 - the Clerk advised that no update had been received from the Enforcement Office but it was also noted that some works had resumed on site and that the property is now on the market. Councillors agreed to take no further action at this point. Clerk to advise resident who raised initial concerns.

8719. Unitary Authority

- i. Community Governance Review: Shipton Gorge/Loders boundary changes - Councillors updated Cllr Eysenck on the CGR outcome for Loders Parish. With another 14 months before residents can launch a CGR petition, it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- ii. Update from DAPTC - the DAPTC have advised that following the elections they have cleared their database of Councillors receiving the DAPTC E-News so all remaining and new Councillors will need to sign up using the email link circulated.
- ii. Update from BLAP - no Councillor representative at the moment, Clerk to let BLAP know.

8720. Council Property

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

- i. **Cemetery**
 - Cllr D Newberry reported that all is okay at the cemetery but need to keep a check on some of the headstones - all stable at the moment.
- ii. **Allotments**
 - Cllr R Newberry advised that both plot 4A and 4B require work. Agreed for Clerk to write to tenants to advise that plots need to be worked and the annual inspection will be taking place in June.
- iii **Playing Field**
 - The Clerk advised that some suggested play equipment ideas had been received which could be investigated. Cllr Pullan advised that one of the tyres on the trim trail is in poor condition and has been taped off. Clerk to contact Ken Hussey. Cllr Pullan also advised that the Ash trees at the playing fields need to be monitored for Ash Dieback. Agreed that this would be checked at the Council's June inspection and for all Councillors to keep monitoring.

8721. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- New Street Lane is very muddy at the moment due to excessive rainfall.
- Bar Lane rock fall - Cllr Cannon advised that this has been cleared.

8722. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Yellow Lane update - Councillors updated Cllr Eysenck on the road issues surrounding the Parish. A resident has also raised a concern regarding the deregulation of Smishops Lane. Cllr Eysenck agreed to speak with Dorset Council Highways for an update.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - no further update.
- iii. Knowl Lane Erosion - no further update, Clerk to follow up.
- iv. Village flooding emergency contact poster - Council representatives confirmed, Clerk to update.
- v. Leak at C68 and Well Plot - the Clerk confirmed that the leak at Well Plot was reported to Magna and has now been resolved. Dorset Council Highways have advised that the leak in the road cannot be addressed until the water table drops but traffic warning signs are in place.
- vi. Bar Lane rockfall - see minute reference 8721.

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- vii. Speed limit query for Highacres - the Clerk advised that a resident was querying why Highacres is not included with 30mph. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to request that the 30mph signs on Smishops Lane be moved to include Highacres.

- 8723. River Asker - to consider request for Loders Parish Council support for fish pass as Loders Weir**
All agreed to support.

Proposed Cllr Pullan

Seconded Cllr Cannon

Resolved

- 8724. Climate and Environment Issues**

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

- Natural Assets (Wildlife & Conservation Group) Update

- No update.

- Transport Update

- Cllr Cannon advised that there is lots of enthusiasm for the trailway but also some powerful resistance. Work is progressing: June - leaflets and public walk, July - public meeting and survey. The results of the survey will be reported back to the Parish Council in September.

- Renewables Update

- Response to letter from Mr Toplas (Renewables Group) requesting Parish Council endorsement for his renewables project in the village. Councillors were uncertain about the nature of this request but all agreed to reply by repeating the original community support given to.. 'Exploring the feasibility of village-based renewable energy installation....'

It was agreed to remove CEEAP as an agenda item and add as updates arise.

Proposed Cllr R Newberry

Seconded Cllr Bryce

Resolved

- 8725. Village Hall Report**

Cllr Bryce advised that there was nothing to report except a query regarding the fencing which is being put back up. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda and add as updates arise.

- 8726. Loders Arms Defibrillator**

The Clerk confirmed that Palmers will provide the power supply required for a heated cabinet for the defibrillator. All agreed that the Clerk submit an application for funding to Palmers for help towards the cost of a new cabinet.

Proposed Cllr Cannon

Seconded Cllr Pullan

Resolved

- 8727. Communications:**

- i. **Broadband - to consider AllPoints Fibre offer to meet with Loders Parish Council or a representative of the Council**

Meeting not necessary, agreed for Clerk to request an update on progress for Loders.

- 8728. Correspondence received**

- Email from resident requesting consideration of 20mph for the Parish - agenda item for June meeting.

- Email from resident interested in joining the Council - Clerk to invite resident to June meeting for co-option. Councillors to encourage other interested residents to consider joining the Parish Council.

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8729. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

New Council, new Ward Councillor and to encourage residents interested in joining the Parish Council to come along and sit in on a meeting.

8730. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 18th June 2024.

20mph, annual inspection of council property.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm.

Chairman: J Bryce

Date: 18th June 2024