



## Loders Parish Council

including a summary document of his presentation which culminated in a number of requests of the Parish Council:

- Endorsement and support of Loders Community Energy Project - via regular meetings, supporting the project objectives, assisting in community engagement, helping build the team.
- Loders Parish Council Parish Plans - include renewable energy and climate change considerations in the review of the Loders Parish Plan 2013 and LNP 2016, support to secure future grants for funding, helping to find consensus within the community, support for future planning applications.

Cllr Bryce thanked Mr Toplas for his presentation and confirmed the Parish Council would be discussing the Loders Community Energy Project later in the meeting.

7.35pm Mr Toplas left the meeting.

### 8776. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck provided the following Dorset Council updates:

- Cllr Eysenck has been elected as Vice Chair of the South & West Planning Committee;
- The declaration of a nature emergency has been passed by Dorset Council;
- The Dorset Council Scrutiny Committee are currently undertaking a review of planning enforcement and a review of car parking charges;
- The NPPF housing targets have been increased significantly by central government. This is on Dorset Council's radar as an area of concern.

Cllr Bryce raised a query regarding the building standards checklist for sustainable planning and why it is not compulsory. Cllr Eysenck agreed to follow up.

Cllr Edwards asked if Councillors should wait for changes to the NPPF before undertaking any planning training. Cllr Eysenck advised that the NPPF is constantly changing and at a level that would not affect the required level of understanding Councillors would gain from undertaking the planning training on offer from the DAPTC.

### 8777. Finance

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

The following payments for September 2024 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	1494	Salary & Expenses (August)	811.87
Derek Smith Garden Services	1495	Grounds Maintenance Jul/Aug	170.00
J Hughes	1496	Salary & Expenses (September)	848.83
Ken Hussey	1497	Playground Repairs	77.50
DAPTC	1498	Cllr Training Julie Bryce	35.00
DAPTC	1499	Cllr Training David Pullan	35.00
BDO	1500	External Audit	252.00
Derek Smith Garden Services	1501	Grounds Maintenance Aug/Sept	170.00
Loders Village Hall	1502	PC Meeting 17.09.24	20.00

Payments authorised were £2,420.20 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 **£23,907.25**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr S Tilton**

**Resolved**

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### ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (September 2024) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### iii. Conclusion of External Audit

The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit was complete with no matters arising and the Conclusion of Audit notification had been posted to the Parish Council website and parish noticeboards.

### iv. To agree additional members for the Finance Working Group

Cllr Tilton, Cllr Watts and Cllr Taylor agreed to join the Finance Working Group alongside Cllr Bryce and the Clerk/RFO. Cllr Tilton to also be added as a signatory on the Parish Council bank account.

### v. To set date for Finance Working Group meeting

Clerk to circulate potential dates to members of the FWG for a finance meeting in November ahead of the November Parish Council meeting.

## 8778. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/MPO/2024/03552 56 Highacres, Loders DT6 3UJ - application refused 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.
- ii. P/HOU/2024/03496 Yonderover, Yonderover Railway Bridge, Well Plot, Loders DT6 4NW - application granted 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- iii. P/FUL/2024/02703 Boars Barrow Farm, Access to Boars Barrow Farm Loders DT6 3RX - application granted 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.
- iv. P/CLE/2024/02255 Travellers Rest, Dorchester Road, Bridport Dorset DT6 4PJ - application granted 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- v. P/FUL/2024/01524 Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Loders DT6 3RY - application refused 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- vi. P/FUL/2024/01459 Upton Dairy, Uploders DT6 4PQ - application granted 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- vii. P/FUL/2023/06792 Boars Barrow Farm, Access to Boars Barrow Farm, Loders, DT6 3RX - Dorset Council are looking to support, waiting on legal agreement.

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

- i. Light touch review of the Loders Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) - the first working group meeting took place with Cllr Bryce, Cllr R Newberry and Cllr Tilton each working on updating a section of the plan. Cllr Hood will also be joining the working group. It was noted that the light touch review will need to consider renewables and nature. A draft will be produced and the next meeting of the working group will be arranged. Clerk to see if LNP exists in Word format.

## 8779. Unitary Authority

### i. Update from DAPTC

- Dorset Council Summer Engagement a 'Big Conversation' - Cllr Bryce attended the event held in Bridport over the summer and provided Councillors with a brief overview. Although the engagement activity has now closed, Cllr Eysenck commented that he believes there will be a phase 2.

- Councillor training requests - the Clerk had previously circulated to all details of the upcoming training courses run by the DAPTC. Clerk to book training as requested by Councillors.

- Cllr Bryce advised that she will be unable to attend the DAPTC Western Area meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September which will include information on the DAPTC constitution changes. Cllr Hood agreed to attend. Meeting link to be forwarded to Cllr Hood.

### ii. Update from BLAP

- Cllr Tilton attended the BLAP Steering Group meeting and provided councillors with an update.

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### 8780. Council Property

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

#### i. Cemetery

Nothing to report.

#### ii. Allotments

Cllr Newberry confirmed the final person on the allotment waiting list has agreed to take on plot 4B (top half) which Cllr R Newberry has agreed will be free of charge of 2024/25 due to the current unkempt state of the plot. The Clerk and Cllr Newberry will look to reinstate the boundary path between plot 4B and plot 7.

#### iii. Playing Field

Cllr Pullan confirmed that the swing chains and tyre have been repaired/installed. Agreed for Clerk to contact resident to accept offer of help with fundraising for new play equipment.

#### iv. Wellplot Noticeboard Refurbishment

The Clerk had previously circulated to all a quote of £218.42 for the rubber pinboard material required to refurbish the noticeboard at Wellplot. All agreed to proceed with a shared order for the material with the Village Hall Management Committee.

**Proposed Cllr G Edwards**

**Seconded Cllr F Hood**

**Resolved**

### 8781. Footpaths and Rights of Way

- BR1 overgrown - Cllr Cannon cleared.

- FP25 New Road fingerpost overgrown - Cllr Cannon cleared.

- FP38 unpassable - Cllr Cannon cleared.

- Barr Lane - Cllr Cannon confirmed that the drain issue remains unresolved and he is awaiting an update having chased up with Dorset Council. Cllr Eysenck requested that the information regarding Barr Lane be forwarded to him to enable him to look into.

### 8782. Roads, Transport and Drains

Cllr Edwards advised that he met with Stuart Smith the Dorset Council Community Highways Officer in August to discuss the various road issues in the parish:

i. **Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Yellow Lane update** - Waddon Way is currently under review but the project is expensive and Dorset Council finance is limited.

ii. **Gribb Farm** - no further update.

iii. **Knowl Lane Erosion** - Cllr Edwards advised that Dorset Council state this is a landowner responsibility. Cllr Cannon advised that this issue is similar to the Barr Lane issue. Cllr Eysenck agreed to look into this issue alongside Barr Lane.

iv. **Leak at C68** - Cllr Edwards confirmed that the works required to divert the spring water on the C68 are complete but he will continue to monitor the water run-off on the road from the adjoining fields.

v. **Speed limit query for Highacres** - the Clerk advised that having contacted Dorset Council to request submitting an application for 30mph for Highacres, the request has now been forwarded from the Community Highways Team Leader to the Dorset Council head of road safety for comments.

vi. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)** - update from working group - Cllr Bryce, Cllr Pullan and Cllr Edwards undertook a walk of the village in late August with the objective of identifying any problems/dangerous spots on the road route through Loders and onto Bradpole and to suggest solutions to enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Cannon put forward a request from the Loders Transport Group (LTG) that a sign be placed on all roads entering the parish specifying 20mph awareness of cyclists. The report of the working group had previously been circulated to all and it was agreed that the group will now contact Dorset Council to see what is feasible, what can be done and what is Dorset Council's position regarding trailways/cycle routes.

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### 8783. River Asker

Cllr Pullan advised that a water vole survey funded by National Landscapes will be taking place over the next 6-8 months.

### 8784. Loders Arms Defibrillator

Cllr R Newberry advised that no funds towards a replacement defibrillator cabinet had been received despite a request being placed in the E&CV. Agreed that Cllr R Newberry contact the Fete Committee to see if any funding is available.

### 8785. Communications:

#### i. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre

Clerk to contact AllPoints Fibre for an update on works in Loders and Uploders.

#### ii. To consider developing a Communication Protocol to define the roles and responsibilities within the Parish Council regarding communication and provide guidelines

Agreed that the Clerk produce a draft document for circulation to all for consideration at the October meeting.

### 8786. Correspondence received

i. **Future of Uploders Chapel** - open meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at Uploders Chapel  
Cllr Bryce confirmed that she would be attending the meeting. Councillors to email the Clerk if they had any suggestions for future use of the building.

ii. **Loders Strip Lynchets Local Heritage List Status update** - correspondence had been received from Dorset Council advising that they intend to include the Strip Lynchets (Knowl Hill, Loders Hill, Waddon Hill, Bell Hill, Hillway and Locks Hill) on the new Local Heritage List. Cllr R Newberry noted that the Strip Lynchets need to be added to the LNP. Cllr R Newberry also advised that photos of the Lynchets are available from Chuck Willmott - Clerk to follow up.

iii. **Loders Community Energy Project** - following the earlier presentation by Mr Toplas and further discussion amongst Councillors, it was felt that the Loders Community Energy Project is very ambitious with multiple strands. Councillors therefore agreed that the most appropriate way forward would be for the Loders Community Energy Project to liaise with Dorset Council via the Dorset Council Ward Councillor Neil Eysenck who agreed to be the liaison point between the Loders Community Energy Project and Dorset Council. Councillors confirmed they would be interested in the outcome of those discussions. Clerk to advise Mr Toplas.

### 8787. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Councillor co-option and resident offer to fundraise for new play equipment.

### 8788. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

None.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

**Chairman:** J Bryce

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024