

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodders Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.00pm

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Julie Bryce (*Chair*)  
David Pullan (*Vice Chair*)  
David Cannon  
Gavin Edwards  
Flora Hood  
Derrick Newberry  
Ros Newberry  
Gareth Taylor  
Alan Watts  
Neil Eysenck (*Dorset Council*)

**Officer:** Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)      **Public:** 4

**Apologies:** Stephen Tilton

**8789. To receive apologies for absence**

Noted.

**8790. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation**

None.

**8791. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and sign the same**

8779 ii Update from BLAP amended to read '*Cllr Tilton attended the BLAP Steering Group meeting and provided councillors with an update.*'

**Proposed Cllr R Newberry**

**Seconded Cllr G Taylor**

**Resolved**

**8792. Democratic Forum**

- Two members of the Lodders Transport Group (LTG) attended the meeting to request that the Parish Council consider 20mph speed parish wide. Cllr Bryce confirmed that safe travel routes for the parish would be discussed later in the meeting.
- A member of the public attended the meeting to remind Councillors that from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025, those residents that were moved into Shipton Gorge following the Community Governance Review can request a new Community Governance Review. The resident requested that the Parish Council contact Dorset Council for the necessary paperwork. Cllr Eysenck agreed to speak with Democratic Services.
- A resident attended the meeting to raise two issues:
  - 1) Smart meters are not supported in parts of the parish due to network connectivity issues so residents are missing out on cheaper deals and energy savings related to renewables payback. The resident requested that the Parish Council lobby Dorset Council on this issue.
  - 2) 20mph speed limits in the parish are not supported by everyone, 30mph should be properly policed and proportional speed limits introduced.

Cllr Bryce thanked the residents for their comments which would be followed up. Two members of the public left the meeting and two remained for the duration of the meeting.

**8793. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck**

- Cllr Eysenck confirmed he will be speaking with Joe Allen of Dorset Council regarding 20mph and the Council's 20mph policy.

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- Stuart Smith, Highways Officer has spoken with an engineer regarding Waddon Lane, Cllr Eysenck will now follow up with the engineer for an update.
- Stuart Smith has a meeting with Andy Probets, Flooding Officer to determine next steps regarding Barr Lane.
- Stuart Smith has advised that Knowl Lane is not a Dorset Council responsibility. Cllr Eysenck advised that he was not happy with this response and would press further.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that he has been contacted by residents regarding recent flooding at Matravers and Stuart Smith and Andy Probets are now dealing with.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that Jon Andrews the Dorset Council Cabinet Member for Place Services will be looking at reviewing how Dorset Council approaches highways issues which Cllr Eysenck hopes will see an improvement in how Dorset Council do things to keep highways open and prevent homes from flooding.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that he received an email from Atlas Tower Group regarding areas within Eggardon Ward with poor mobile signal but surprisingly Loders and Uploders did not appear on the list - Cllr Eysenck will advise them to update their list to include the parish.
- Dorset Council Cabinet Members have each provided an update of their work since taking up post in May 2024. Cllr Eysenck advised that this was an interesting read - Clerk to circulate link.

### 8794. Finance

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

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1503	Salary & Expenses (October)	874.94
Derek Smith Garden Services	1504	Grounds Maintenance Sept/Oct	204.00
Uploders Chapel	1506	Pc Meeting 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	20.00

Payments authorised were £1,098.84 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 **£30,808.31**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr F Hood**

**Resolved**

#### ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (October 2024) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### 8795. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/FUL/2023/06792 Boars Barrow Farm, Access to Boars Barrow Farm, Loders, DT6 3RX - application granted 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- ii. P/LBC/2024/05830 16/17 Oak Cottage, Main Street, Loders DT6 3SA - Partial repair and reinstatement of thatched roof and supporting structure - no objections.

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

- i. Light touch review of the Loders Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) - no further update but a second meeting of the working group has been arranged.

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### 8796. Unitary Authority

#### i. Update from DAPTC

- DAPTC Western Area Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September - Cllr Hood attended the meeting and provided a brief overview which included updates from councils on their climate initiatives and Dorset Councils £10 million overspend for the first four months of the year.

- DAPTC AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> November - DAPTC motion to change from a constituted body to that of a company limited by guarantee for consideration by member councils.

The Clerk had previously circulated a paper providing further information on the motion. All agreed to support and Cllr Bryce agreed to attend the AGM on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr D Cannon**

**Resolved**

#### ii. Update from BLAP

- BLAP Parish Liaison Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Cllr Tilton was unable to attend the meeting but the Clerk advised that the minutes would be circulated when received. Cllr Bryce congratulated the Clerk for taking on the role of BLAP Administrative Officer.

- BLAP Parish Council Funding Request 2025/26 - a report had been circulated to all confirming that a 6% figure has been applied to the BLAP funding request for 2025/26 resulting in a £1.79 increase for Loders Parish Council on the previous year to £65.02. Councillors agreed to continue to support the funding request.

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr G Edwards**

**Resolved**

### 8797. Council Property

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

#### i. Cemetery

Nothing to report.

#### ii. Allotments

Cllr Newberry advised that plot 4B (top half) is much improved after the new tenant took the plot on in September. Plot 7 is looking very unkempt and requires work - Clerk to write to tenant.

#### iii. Playing Field

Cllr Pullan confirmed that the resident who has offered to raise funds to improve the play equipment is getting ideas together. Cllr Pullan offered to put two members of the public present at the meeting and interested in helping with the project in touch with the resident.

#### iv. Wellplot Noticeboard Refurbishment

The Clerk advised that progress of the refurbishment of the Wellplot noticeboard is waiting on the Village Hall Management Committee to confirm their noticeboard requirements before an order for the pinboard material can be placed.

### 8798. Footpaths and Rights of Way

- Cllr Cannon confirmed that he will trim the overgrown right of way at the side of Uploders Chapel this week.

- Cllr Cannon had received a query from a resident regarding a right of way (FP9) through Wellplot properties which he referred to Dorset Council who have advised that it is recorded by the definitive map team as being a drafting error of the footpath and is on the list of paths that require modification.

- Cllr Bryce advised that bridge over the River Asker (FP7) is rotten and requires attention - Cllr Cannon to report to Dorset Council.

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### 8799. Roads, Transport and Drains

#### i. **Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Yellow Lane update**

- Waddon Way update provided under minute reference 8793. Smishops Lane is still closed despite vehicles using the road and Cllr Cannon advised that there is fly tipped waste along the lane next to the derelict buildings. Cllr Edwards confirmed he will contact Dorset Council.

#### ii. **Gribb Farm** - as there has been no progress on the road at Gribb Farm, Cllr Edwards proposed that it be removed from the agenda until there is an update.

**Proposed Cllr G Edwards**

**Seconded Cllr F Hood**

**Resolved**

#### iii. **Knowl Lane erosion** - update provided under minute reference 8793.

#### iv. **Speed limit query for Highacres** - Dorset Council have responded to advise that the Parish Council would need to fund a speed survey to enable Dorset Council to obtain data relating to speeds and flows through the village which would be used to see if it meets Dorset Council's criteria for speed limit changes. If it met the criteria, it would then go through the Traffic Regulation Order process which the Parish Council would be required to contribute to the funding of any speed limit changes. Based on this information, Councillors agreed to discontinue attempts for a 30mph speed limit for Highacres and to consider within the 20mph work that the Parish Council is considering under the Safe Travel Routes work. Clerk to advise resident.

#### v. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) - update from working group** - a second meeting of the working group had taken place and Cllr Bryce reminded everyone that the remit of the working group is to explore a safe travel route through Loders to Bradpole particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Edwards advised that he had received a response from Stuart Semple, the Senior Ranger at Dorset Council regarding Dorset Council's position on trailways/cycle routes who confirmed that the creation of a trailway or similar off-road routes would fit many of the objectives of the Dorset Council Local Transport Plan but there is no appetite for compulsory purchase and such a project would require the overwhelming support of the community and even then, there is no funding to implement. After further discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Edwards would now contact Dorset Council (Joe Allen) to investigate the process for 20mph.

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr D Pullan**

**Resolved**

The condition of Stoney Head Road was also raised. Cllr Edwards confirmed that he had produced a report which he would send to Stuart Semple.

### 8800. River Asker

No update.

### 8801. Loders Arms Defibrillator

Cllr R Newberry advised that she has not had an opportunity to contact the Fete Committee to see if any funding is available towards the defibrillator cabinet. Cllr Hood agreed to progress.

### 8802. Uploders Chapel Update

Cllr Pullan confirmed that Uploders Chapel will no longer be used as a chapel due to declining congregation numbers but the Methodists are very supportive of the chapel being used as a community hub. The Post Office will continue to run with volunteers.

### 8803. Communications:

#### i. **Broadband - AllPoints Fibre**

AllPoints Fibre have advised that they expect the first premises in Uploders to be declared ready for service mid-October. Councillors confirmed that some properties have now gone live.

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

The Clerk had circulated a draft Communications Protocol based on the SLCC Model Template which is used by many small parish councils. After discussion and further clarification of the need for the document to be an internal communications protocol, it was agreed that Councillors read the model template and submit suggestions to the Clerk for consideration at the November meeting.

### **8804. Correspondence received**

- i. **Invitation to Dorset National Landscape Annual Forum, Bridport Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Cllr Bryce, Cllr R Newberry and Cllr Pullan to attend - Clerk to book spaces.

- ii. **Loders Community Energy Project Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October Update**

Cllr Edwards and Cllr Eysenck attended the workshop. Tim Crabtree of Wessex Community Assets gave a presentation on insulating houses. It was also confirmed that the grant application for £40,000 was unsuccessful and as a result the Loders CEP project will be scaling back its remit. Cllr Eysenck advised that he met with David Toplas following the workshop to hear more and confirmed that he is best placed to liaise with Mr Toplas and be the conduit to Dorset Council.

### **8805. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

None.

### **8806. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

None.

Meeting closed 8.53pm.

**Chairman:** J Bryce

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024