

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Julie Bryce (*Chair*)
David Pullan (*Vice Chair*)
David Cannon
Gavin Edwards
Derrick Newberry

Ros Newberry
Gareth Taylor
Stephen Tilton
Alan Watts

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*) **Public:** None

Apologies: Flora Hood, Neil Eysenck (*Dorset Council*)

8807. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

8808. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8809. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2024 and sign the same

Cllr Cannon requested that minute 8792 Paragraph one be amended to read *‘that the Parish Council consider 20mph speed limits parish wide.’*

Proposed Cllr G Edwards Seconded Cllr G Taylor Resolved

8810. Democratic Forum

None.

8811. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

The Clerk advised that Cllr Eysenck had contacted Dorset Council Democratic Services regarding the request for a new Community Governance Review for those residents moved into Shipton Gorge from 1st April 2024 but as the information was received just prior to the meeting, it was agreed to add as an agenda item for the January meeting.

8812. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Plot 1a		Allotment Rent	20.00
Plot 9		Allotment Rent	30.00
Plot 8		Allotment Rent	30.00
Plot 5		Allotment Rent	30.00
Plot 3a		Allotment Rent	20.00
Plot 6		Allotment Rent	30.00
Plot 3b		Allotment Rent	20.00
Plot 2a		Allotment Rent	20.00
Plot 4a		Allotment Rent	20.00

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Plot 1b		Allotment Rent	20.00
Plot 2b		Allotment Rent	20.00
Loders PCC		Defibrillator Donation	100.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
ICO	1506	Data Protection Fee	35.00
J Hughes	1507	Salary & Expenses (November)	1,072.56
HMRC	1508	PAYE/NI	28.15
DAPTC	1509	New Councillor Training x 2	80.00
DAPTC	1510	NPPF Potential Changes Training	30.00
Ken Hussey	1511	Playground Inspection Q3	52.00
Loders Village Hall	1512	Meetings x 3	52.00

Payments authorised were £1,349.71 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 19th November 2024 **£29,818.60**

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr G Edwards

Resolved

- ii. To review the monthly finance reports the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (November 2024) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 19th November 2024.
- iii. To note NJC Pay Award 2024/25 and back dated pay to 1st April 2024 - pay award noted by Councillors and back pay implemented in Clerk's November salary.
- iv. Report from FWG meeting 4th November 2024 - the report of the FWG which included the budget and precept for 2025/26 was previously circulated to all Councillors along with supporting documents. Proposals and actions resulting from the FWG meeting to be progressed by the Clerk. Councillors discussed the precept proposal for 2025/26 and acknowledged that in order to cover budgeted expenditure for the coming year, the precept would need to be set at £18,000.

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr G Edwards

Resolved

8813. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/LBC/2024/05830 16/17 Oak Cottage, Main Street, Lodors DT6 3SA - under officer consideration.

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

- i. Light touch review of the Lodors Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) - the LNP Working Group met with Officers from Dorset Council (a Lead Officer for Neighbourhood Plans and a Senior Planning Policy Officer) to discuss queries based around what would be considered minor modifications to the plan or material considerations that would require a referendum. Cllr Bryce confirmed that the aim of carrying out a light-touch review of the LNP was to protect the village from development because it was believed the plan was out of date. The Dorset Council Officers advised that Paragraph 14 of the NPPF is not applicable as Dorset Council now have a 5-year housing supply. The Officers also advised that in order to carry out a light-touch review of the LNP, any changes to the plan could only be non-material changes i.e. typos, facts and figures, factual updates. Any physical changes would be classed as a material change. After discussion, Councillors agreed to progress undertaking a light-touch review of the LNP. Clerk to advise the groups that had contacted the Parish Council about the review (WATAG, Cllr Cannon - Transport Group, Wildlife Group and Renewables Group) that the Parish Council would be undertaking a light-touch review only with no material modifications to the plan. A full review of the plan would commence in 2026 to coincide with the current plan expiring in 2027.

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr A Watts

Resolved

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8814. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

- DAPTC AGM 23rd November - Questions for Leader and Deputy Leader of Dorset Council Councillors had no questions to raise. Clerk to register Cllr Bryce's attendance at the AGM.
- DAPTC Proposed Subscriptions 2025/26

Councillors noted the 30% increase in the DAPTC subscriptions for 2025/26 which will see the subscription for Loders Parish Council increase from £196.54 to £255.50 and agreed that membership of the DAPTC is essential for the advice and support received.

ii. Update from BLAP

Cllr Tilton provided Councillors with a brief update of the minutes from the last Parish Liaison held on 3rd October. The Clerk confirmed that the next Parish Liaison meeting will take place on 10th December.

8815. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Cllr D Newberry advised that there are no issues to raise at the cemetery but commented that clearance work has been carried out in the field next to the cemetery which is owned by the Dorset Wildlife Trust. Cllr Pullan confirmed that the Wildlife Group are working in the field with the full cooperation of Dorset Wildlife Trust to reinstate the orchard. Cllr R Newberry raised concerns over additional cars parking in the cemetery carpark (over the old badger set) to access the orchard. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

- Memorial inspections - the Clerk advised that it is necessary for the Council to carry out a safety audit of the memorials at the cemetery and this is being progressed by the Clerk.

ii. Allotments

- Allotment holders request for deer fencing (including quotes) - the Parish Council had received a request from the allotment tenants for funding in the 2025/26 budget for deer fencing to protect the allotment crops from deer which is becoming an increasing problem. Two quotes had been received: £2,725+VAT and £2,480+VAT. Councillors agreed for Cllr R Newberry to speak with the allotment tenants to see if they could assist with the costs or alternative options.

iii. Playing Field

- Cllr Pullan advised that two palings from the play area fence require replacement - Clerk to contact resident who has assisted with replacing the palings in the past. Cllr Pullan also advised that the Wildlife Group have agreed to trim the Well Plot hedge.

- Well Plot tree inspection - the Clerk advised that she is in the process of obtaining quotes to carry out an inspection of the trees at Well Plot playing fields. One quote received to date, a further two quotes required.

- Play area improvement project update - Cllr Pullan advised that the project has received the following funding pledges to date:

£2,500 - anonymous donation

£1,000 - Loders PCC

A Crowdfunding page is also being set up to be considered for a donation from Palmers Community Fund and members of the public and the Rotary Club of Bridport and Bridport Round Table will be considering donations at their next meetings. The play area improvement project target figure is £25,000. Councillors discussed the possibility of some of the remaining CIL funds being used for the project - to be discussed at the January meeting.

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iv. **Wellplot Noticeboard Refurbishment**

The Clerk confirmed that the materials for refurbishment of the Wellplot noticeboard have been ordered by the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Bryce will be attending the Village Hall Management Committee meeting later this month and will raise the refurbishment of the Well Plot noticeboard. Regarding future Village Hall representation, Cllr Watts agreed to take on this role.

8816. **Footpaths and Rights of Way**

- Cllr Cannon advised that the bridge over the River Asker (FP7) was repaired by Dorset Council within a matter of days of it being reported.
- Cllr Cannon advised that he has looked at the issue at Barr Lane next to New House Farm. The drain has been jetted but the drain sits higher than the rut so is still causing issues. Cllr Cannon will follow up with the Flood Officer at Dorset Council.
- Cllr Cannon commented that someone has cleared the bridleway at Smishops.

8817. **Roads, Transport and Drains**

- i. **Waddon Way** - no update.
- ii. **Smishops Lane** - no update.
- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) - update from working group** - Cllr Edwards provided Councillors with an update on his investigations into 20mph and advised Councillors that as there is the possibility the Liberal Democrats may be looking to simplify the 20mph process, there is no need to rush and that the Parish Council wait until January before progressing work to gauge community support for 20mph in the parish. Cllr Edwards advised that he will suggest proposals for garnering public opinion at the January meeting.

Following the discussions on 20mph and the safe route, Cllr Bryce raised the issue of recent communications received regarding the debate round 20mph, the safe route and LNP light touch review. It was agreed that Cllr Bryce and Cllr Pullan would meet with the Loders Transport Group to update the group on 20mph and to discuss communications - Clerk to arrange.

8818. **River Asker**

Cllr Pullan reported that the riverfly monitoring group are analysing results and the vole survey is progressing.

8819. **Loders Arms Defibrillator**

Cllr R Newberry advised that 50% of the funds required for the defibrillator cabinet have now been reached thanks to donations from the following organisations:

£100 Loders PCC

£100 (approximately) Loders Arms bar collection

£135.39 CIL funds

Agreed for the Clerk to progress a Crowdfunder application for the Palmers Community Fund in the hope of being awarded the remaining 50%.

8820. **Communications:**

i. **Broadband - AllPoints Fibre**

No update.

ii. **To consider developing a Communications Protocol**

In addition to the Councils Standing Orders, Code of Conduct Policy and Social Media and Email Policy, it was agreed that the SLCC Communications Protocol template previously circulated was adequate for governing how Councillors communicate generally although the Clerk and Cllr Bryce

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will look at incorporating guidelines within the protocol to establish clear guidance for the interactions between Members (Councillors) and Officers (the Clerk). For consideration at the January meeting.

iii. **To consider quote received for Parish Council and Councillors to move to .gov.uk email addresses**

The Clerk had previously circulated a paper to Councillors detailing the background to the Council and Councillors moving to .gov.uk emails and quotes to achieve this. The Clerk also advised that the DAPTC have confirmed that they will no longer support the daptc.gov.uk email addresses from the end of this financial year so the Clerk will require a new email account from April 2025.

Councillors requested that the Clerk investigate how easy the process is for Councillors to move across to .gov.uk emails and report back to the January meeting.

8821. Correspondence received

- i. **Cllr Cannon - LNP light touch review & C&EE submission - received 20.10.24** - addressed under agenda item 8813 bi.
- ii. **Loders Transport Group - 20mph speed limit 21.10.24** - addressed under agenda item 8817iii.
- iii. **WATAG Chair - LNP light touch review - received 29.10.24** - addressed under agenda item 8813 bi.
- iv. **Cllr Cannon - Enquiry about correspondence being made available publicly - received 19.11.24** - the Clerk advised that Parish Council correspondence is confidential between Councillors and is not made publicly available.

8822. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

LNP light touch review.

8823. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 21st January 2025

Gribb Farm (CGR) and proposals for a public consultation re. 20mph.

Meeting closed 9.05pm.

Chairman: J Bryce

Date: 21st January 2025