

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the meeting of Loders Parish Council held via Zoom on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm

### Present:

**Councillors:** Michele Warrington (*Chair*) David Pullan  
Hilary Nadin (*Vice Chair*) Geoff May  
David Last Ros Newberry  
Tony Alford (*Dorset Council*)

**Officer:** Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*) **Public:** 0

**Apologies:** Bryan Hyde, David Cannon

### 7931. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded.

### 7932. Declarations of interest or Grants of dispensation

None.

### 7933. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and sign the same

21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 Minutes - Cllr Warrington to sign when face to face meetings resume.

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded Cllr D Last**

**Resolved**

### 7934. Matters arising for information only

None.

### 7935. Democratic Forum

No members of the public were present so Cllr Warrington updated the Parish Council with the news that Cllr Nadin would be resigning from her position of Councillor at the November meeting. The position of Vice Chair and the areas of responsibility Cllr Nadin currently oversees to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the October meeting.

### 7936. Dorset Council Matters - Report from Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford updated the Parish Council on the latest news and updates from Dorset Council. Cllr Last asked if it would be possible for Councillors to receive a monthly report from Cllr Alford summarising the key information. Cllr Alford advised that he would see if there was similar interest from other Parish Councils.

### 7937. Footpaths and Rights of Way - Report from Cllr David Cannon

Cllr Pullan advised that a resident has been busy keeping New Street Lane clear and that the bigger overhanging branches would be dealt with when Cllr Cannon returns. Cllr Nadin advised that an unofficial no through road sign has appeared on New Street Lane. Cllr Pullan also advised that the second gate on the Jordan Valley has had a new stile installed alongside the gate.

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### 7938. Finances

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

The following payments for September 2020 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
<b>Payments</b>	<b>Voucher No</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mrs J Hughes	1118	Salary/Expenses (August)	560.36
Cllr R Newberry	1119	COVID-19 Travel Expenses	48.60
Wessex Grounds Services	1120	Grounds Maintenance (July)	76.06
Mrs J Hughes	1121	Salary/Expenses (September)	630.71
HMRC	1122	PAYE	16.00
Wessex Grounds Services	1123	Grounds Maintenance (Aug)	76.06

Bank balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 **£25,447.78**

**Proposed Cllr H Nadin**

**Seconded Cllr D Last**

**Resolved**

ii. **Monthly finance reports**

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year to date position (September 2020) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

iii. **Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund Grant**

The Clerk confirmed that the grant has been extended until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 in case any additional COVID-19 expenses are incurred. Clerk to also look into the potential options for donating any unused grant to other COVID related uses. Cllr Nadin confirmed that she would continue in the role of COVID-19 Community Support for the parish and Cllr Newberry confirmed that she would remain as the Parish Council representative.

### 7939. Planning

**a) Reform of the planning system in England consultation - ends 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Cllr Warrington proposed that the response of the Parish Council be delegated to a smaller group of Councillors to bring back to the October meeting for discussion. Agreed that Cllrs Warrington, May, Cannon (as the originally agreed planning group) and Cllr Last (who will replace Cllr Nadin) meet to discuss the planning consultation. Clerk to check regulations regarding physical meetings due to concerns raised over trying to discuss the consultation via a virtual platform. Clerk to also arrange the meeting date.

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

- i. WD/D/19/000805 Planning Appeal - Silvermead, Walditch - no further comments were made by Lodders Parish Council, awaiting outcome of appeal.
- ii. WD/D/20/001800 Oak Cottage, 16-17 Main Street, Lodders - erect buildings (retrospective) - five Councillors voted no objections, one Councillor objected. Clerk to respond - no objections.
- iii. WD/D/20/001382 Trelea, New Road, Uploders - no update.
- iv. WD/D/20/000935 Sunrise Farm, Matravers Farm Access Road, Uploders - no update.
- v. WD/D/20/001067 Riverside Barn, Uploders - no update.
- vi. WD/D/18/002737/38 The Barn House, Main Street, Lodders - application approved.
- vii. WD/D/19/001514 West Combe, Smishops Lane, Lodders - planning development committee meeting withdrawn. Awaiting new date.
- viii. Bridgeacre enforcement report - awaiting bat emergence survey report from Darwin Ecology.

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- ix. Knowle Farm enforcement - no further update on reinstatement of the milk church stand, Cllr Alford agreed to see what he could find out regarding the decision that was taken regarding this matter.
- x. Orchard Bungalow enforcement - Cllr Nadin advised that the Enforcement Officer confirmed that the garage falls within permitted development.

### 7940. Council Property

#### i. Cemetery

- Hedge cutting/laying around cemetery

Clerk to enquire if COVID-19 will restrict the possibility of organising a group to undertake the hedge laying at the cemetery this autumn/winter.

#### ii. Allotments

Cllr Newberry confirmed that the allotment plots are all in good order. Clerk to contact allotment winner to invite him to the next Zoom Parish Council meeting so that the cup can be presented virtually.

#### iii. Playing Field

- Re-opening of Well Plot Play Area - the play area re-opened on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

- Well Plot Play Area Inspection Report - Cllr Pullan provided an update on the maintenance needs of the play area following the inspection report of 7<sup>th</sup> July: the tyre bridge and the cross bar on the tyre balance are in poor condition and will require replacement within the next 6-12 months. Cllr Pullan also highlighted that the perimeter fence is becoming wobbly and potentially hazardous and needs maintaining with a view to replacing in the future. Despite the inspection report suggesting removal of the fence to create a more open feel, the Parish Council were in favour of the fence remaining to keep dogs out of the play area. Clerk to make enquiries with Ken Hussey regarding potential replacement fence alternatives and associated costs and also for Mr Hussey to take on the remit of maintaining the fence.

- Play Area Working Group - it was agreed that it is not worth spending money patching any of the existing play equipment so as play items become obsolete, they need to be removed from the play area with a view to replacing items sequentially. Cllrs Pullan, Newberry and May to meet Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Well Plot Play Area to discuss the vision of what is wanted for the play area and how the funds will be raised. Cllr Alford agreed to forward any useful information on potential funding avenues.

- Picnic benches at Well Plot - following an email from a resident, Cllr Pullan agreed that the idea of picnic benches at Well Plot is a good idea and has looked into the costs: recycled plastic 4 seater £370, 6 seater £470, timber 4 seater £200, 6 seater £250. Clerk to look into the criteria for the CIL money as a potential for funding the benches. It was also suggested that residents are involved in raising money for the picnic benches; Cllr Newberry to put an item in the E&CV requesting donations from residents. Cllr Pullan confirmed that £120 has already been raised from The Crown quiz team towards picnic benches.

### 7941. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. Waddon Way - Clerk to enquire when site clearance will take place at Waddon Way now that bird nesting has finished.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - no update.
- iii. Fingerposts - Cllr Nadin confirmed that three fingerposts have been renovated during lockdown. Cllr Nadin also confirmed that her husband will continue with renovating the fingerposts after her resignation in November.
- iv. Japanese Knotweed - The Clerk confirmed she is awaiting a date from Dorset Highways for when the Japanese Knotweed will be treated along New Road, Uploders.

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- v. Track at Loders Hall/31a Main Street, Loders - following an email received from a resident regarding the state of the track at Loders Hall/31a Main Street following torrential rain, it was agreed that the Clerk report to Dorset Council the drain opposite Loders Hall which is blocked and therefore results in water running down the track causing erosion. Cllr Warrington also raised another drain issue at the bottom of the track, next to the leat, a manhole cover with a hole. Clerk to also report this drain to Dorset Council. Clerk to also enquire with Dorset Council who is responsible for the upkeep and repair of the track locally known as Vicarage Lane. Clerk to inform resident of Parish Council actions.

### **Proposed Cllr H Nadin**

### **Seconded Cllr D Last**

### **Resolved**

- vi. Yellow Lane safety - a resident has raised concerns of safety at Yellow Lane hill which is steep and narrow and dangerous when wet. The resident has requested that permanent signs be installed at the top and bottom of the hill. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Dorset Council if any accidents have been reported over the last 10 years and for Dorset Council to advise what possible solutions there may be to address the issue.
- vii. New Road verge cutting - a resident has raised concerns over recent verge cutting along New Road, Uploders which has resulted in a steep, dangerous drop that could prove hazardous to pedestrians and vehicles using the road. Clerk to report to Dorset Council.
- viii. Recent flooding - Cllr Warrington commented on the recent flooding at Yonderover following the torrential rain which previously has resulted in Cllr Hyde clearing the drains.
- ix. Cllr Pullan raised the issue of the road outside the Chapel at Uploders which is crumbling away, creating a drop and making the road narrower. Clerk to report to Dorset Council.

### **7942. Unitary Authority**

- i. DAPTC and BLAP update - Cllr Warrington advised that with Cllr Nadin leaving in November, replacement representatives will need to be found and this will therefore be discussed at the meeting in October.
- ii. DAPTC Devolution survey - having previously circulated the survey which Cllr Warrington had provisionally filled in, it was agreed to submit with no further changes. Clerk to submit.
- iii. DAPTC Temperature Check survey - having previously circulated the survey which Cllr Warrington and the Clerk had provisionally filled in, it was agreed to submit with no further changes. Clerk to submit. Clerk to also check with the DAPTC if the Parish Councils proposal for the DAPTC AGM was taken forward.

### **7943. River Asker Improvement Project**

- i. Trail cameras insurance update - agreed that the Clerk make enquiries again with the Parish Council's insurers using the questions raised by the River Asker Riverfly Monitoring Group who own the cameras to see if it is possible with all the questions raised for the trail cameras to be insured under the Parish Council's insurance policy. Clerk to ensure Dorset AONB and the Riverfly Monitoring Group are kept informed and assist with finding a solution to the insurance issue.

### **7944. Climate and Environment Issues**

- i. Climate Emergency Working Group - The draft documents had previously been circulated with a request for any comments to be emailed to Cllr Warrington or the Clerk. Agreed that a meeting needs to be arranged. Cllr May to draw up an agenda and arrange a meeting date.
- ii. Response to Dorset Climate and Biodiversity Strategy - agreed to add as an agenda item for next month.

### **7945. Equality & Diversity Statement**

Clerk to look at the DAPTC training on Equality & Diversity and also template Equality & Diversity statements and report back at the next meeting.

