

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodders Parish Council held at Lodders Village Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 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:** 1

**Apologies:** Stephen Tilton

### 8934. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

### 8935. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

Councillors were reminded that they need to ensure that their Register of Interests (ROI) is current and up to date and that it is their sole responsibility as only they truthfully know the extent of any interests they hold. Councillors were advised to check the DAPTC [website](#) for information and guidance which also provides a detailed video guide for Councillors.

### 8936. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and sign the same

**Proposed Cllr R Newberry                      Seconded Cllr G Edwards                      Resolved**

### 8937. Democratic Forum

Following the annual inspection of the allotments in June, Cllr Bryce congratulated Peter Marshall on winning the Best Kept Allotment Award 2025 and presented him with the trophy.

### 8938. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck provided the following update:

- The introduction of the booking system across all Dorset Council Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) has been revised following extensive public feedback. The council will now introduce the booking system at four sites: Dorchester, Wimborne, Shaftesbury, and Sherborne with the remaining six sites operating as normal although Cllr Eysenck did confirm that the infrastructure is being installed at all sites.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that he has pushed for a meeting with Dorset Council officers regarding the old railway line in Lodders to try and get answers to what is going on. The meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Cllr Watts requested that Lodders Parish Council receive a written update of the outcome of the meeting for the Lodders Transport Plan consultation.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that investigations are still ongoing with Dorset Council's procurement processes.
- Cllr Eysenck confirmed that he will be meeting with Ian Newport, Dorset Council Community Highways Manager to discuss the various highways issues in Lodders and the relating communications issues and he will also arrange for Cllr Jon Andrews to attend a site meeting.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that Nick Ireland has been in communication with the CGR residents and the CGR petition has now been delivered to Dorset Council. Dorset Council have confirmed that the

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petitioned CGR will run alongside a Dorset wide boundary commission review and should be completed within 12 months.

### 8939. Finance

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

The following payments for July 2025 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
National Lottery Community Fund		Well Plot Fundraiser	15,000.00
Bridport Rotary Club		Well Plot Donation	250.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank	1561	Service Charge	4.25
J Hughes	1562	Salary & Expenses	789.50
HMRC	1563	PAYE/NI	143.81
D Smith	1564	Cemetery Grass Cutting	166.99
Ken Hussey	1565	Playground Inspection Q2	52.00
Loders Village Hall	1566	PC Meeting 15.07.25	20.00

Payments authorised were £1,176.55 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 **£54,656.50**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr D Newberry**

**Resolved**

- vii **To review the monthly finance reports** - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (July 2025) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### 8940. Parish Council Business Plan

Nothing to report.

### 8941. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/VOL/2025/02636 Perwen Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PQ - no update.
- ii. P/VOC/2025/03762 Metz Farm Cottage, Higher Street, Bridport DT6 3HZ - Erection of 2 no dwellings and alterations to existing dwelling (variation of conditions 1 and 6 of planning permission WD/D/18/000809 revising the siting of plot 1) - Councillors noted the change.

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

- i. Loders Neighbourhood Plan light touch review - update  
The Clerk had received the following update on 24<sup>th</sup> June from the Planning Policy Officer at Dorset Council dealing with the light touch review of the Loders Neighbourhood Plan *“Just to update you regarding the Loders Neighbourhood Plan Minor Modifications Review. We are considering whether it can be dealt with by either a Delegated Officer decision or an Executive Decision by Cllr Shane Bartlett, rather than it going to Dorset Council Cabinet. The latter would be a more prolonged process, so we are hoping for one of the former two.”* Councillors agreed for the Clerk to request a further update.

#### **Dorset Local Plan Parish and Town Council Event**

Cllr Bryce and Cllr Cannon attended the Dorset Council Dorset Local Plan Parish and Town Council Engagement event on 14<sup>th</sup> July and provided a brief overview of the event. It was noted that

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councils are being encouraged to engage with their ward member and to advertise the consultation locally so that residents are aware of the opportunities Dorset Council are considering. Slides of the event will be circulated when received.

### 8942. Unitary Authority

#### i. Update from DAPTC

Cllr Hood attended the Western Area DAPTC meeting which introduced 'A Fresh Start' which focuses on the potential for towns and parishes to play an expanded role, and the need for a more effective working relationship between town and parish councils and Dorset Council. Cllr Hood advised that there are around 25 large councils and 125 small councils in Dorset and yet only 16 councils were represented at the meeting illustrating that there needs to be more input from town and parish councils.

#### ii. Update from BLAP

The Clerk confirmed that the next BLAP Parish Liaison meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> July and will be attended by Cllr Ryan Hope, Dorset Council Portfolio Holder for Culture, Communities and Customer Services to discuss Dorset Council's emerging ideas or plans for area forums, place-based working and better engagement with communities. The BLAP Member's Assembly will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September with guest speaker Nick Ireland, the Leader of Dorset Council. Cllr Tilton has advised that he is unable to attend either meeting so if any Councillor can attend in his place, please let the Clerk know.

#### iii. Residents moved into Shipton Gorge request for a new Community Governance Review - update

See minute reference 8938.

### 8943. Council Property

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

#### i. Cemetery

Nothing to report.

#### ii. Allotments

##### - Deer Proof Fencing

Councillors further discussed the problem of deer at the allotments and the request from tenants for deer proof fencing. Cllr R Newberry advised that the current fencing does the job of keeping rabbits and badgers out but the quotes received to install deer fencing were around £3,000. It was noted that one allotment tenant had already installed his own deer proof portable caging. Cllr R Newberry agreed to speak with the tenant to find out more information about the portable system as a possible alternative solution.

##### - Peascombe Nature Reserve/Allotments boundary overgrown hedge

The Clerk advised that Dorset Wildlife Trust have checked land registry documents and confirmed that the western boundary of the nature reserve is not their responsibility to maintain. Councillors requested that the Clerk obtain quotes for the cutting back of the western boundary.

#### iii. Playing Field

- Cllr Pullan advised that the quarterly inspection report from Ken Hussey had been received and all play equipment was deemed low risk.
- Cllr Pullan advised that a resident had suggested a net behind the football goal to catch stray footballs from going into the hedge which is full of brambles and nettles. After

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discussion, it was felt that maintenance of the nets would become an issue with the nets becoming dilapidated and grown in. Clerk to advise resident.

### - **Well Plot play area project update including quotes received for replacement equipment**

The working group had met with the resident raising funds for the replacement play equipment to discuss the three quotes received and after discussion, one quote was discounted leaving two quotes for a wooden tower style structure:

Quote 1: £19,597.35 (excluding VAT) - subject to site visit

Quote 2: £23,842.23 (excluding VAT) - quote based on site visit and survey

After discussion, Councillors agreed in principle to Quote 2 (7 Councillors in favour of Quote 2 and 2 Councillors in favour of Quote 1). Clerk to progress Quote 2 with resident.

The Clerk also confirmed that the Well Plot Play Area Project funds now total £37,137.08 having successfully achieved £15,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund and £10,000 from the Dorset Council Small Capital Grant Fund in addition to £12,137.08 raised from fundraising donations and grants. With funds exceeding expectations, the working party advised that there was the potential for an additional piece of play equipment and ideas and quotes are currently being investigated.

### - **Use of BBQ's**

Following an enquiry to use BBQ's at Well Plot, Councillors agreed to support Dorset Council's campaign to ban BBQ's and campfires which includes a 'no BBQ's or campfires' sign on land the Parish Council owns. Clerk to notify Dorset Council that Loders Parish Council support the campaign and to update signage at Well Plot.

## **8944. Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Cllr Cannon advised that he replaced the missing waymarkers on the fingerpost located on New Road. Cllr Cannon also advised that in his role as the Rights of Way Officer for the parish, he had been contacted by the Faming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) regarding a proposal for the installation of a path for walkers on Crutchley's land. Cllr Cannon advised that Crutchley's are seeking the approval of the RoW Officer and Loders Parish Council for the path proposal which will be submitted for National Landscape approval at the end of July. After hearing the full details of the proposal from Cllr Cannon, Councillors voted in favour of the proposal.

A Councillor raised concern about litter and a fallen tree on BR1 Church Farm. Cllr Cannon confirmed he would investigate.

## **8945. Roads, Transport and Drains**

- i. **Waddon Way, Smishops Lane & Gribb Farm** - Nothing to update although Cllr Edwards did advise that he has noticed spray markings on Stoney Head Road so is hopeful this is an indication that the road surface will be repaired soon.
- ii. **20mph survey** - Cllr Edwards advised that the speed surveys are in place and once complete, he will complete the 20mph application form and forward to Cllr Eysenck for approval and submission to Dorset Council.
- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)** - No further update as dependent on the outcome of 20mph.
- iv. **Dorset Council Local Transport Plan (LTP4) Summer Consultation** - Cllr Bryce advised that the consultation starts on 18<sup>th</sup> August and will run for 8 weeks. It was agreed that Councillors would discuss the consultation at the September Parish Council meeting and then arrange for a working group to compose the Parish Council's corporate response for submission by the 13<sup>th</sup> October deadline.

## **8946. River Asker**

No update.

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### 8947. The Crown, Uploders Defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator at the Crown, Uploders has been registered with The Circuit under the guardianship of Lodders Parish Council and Palmers Brewery have been informed. The Clerk also confirmed that a resident of Uploders has agreed to carry out the monthly checks of the defibrillator. It was noted that £175 was received by the Clerk from the Crown defibrillator fund for replacement defibrillator pads. As the child pads have expired, it was agreed that replacement pads be purchased costing £120+VAT with the remaining funds ringfenced for future pads.

### 8948. Communications:

#### i. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre

Nothing to report.

#### ii. Move to .gov.uk email addresses

The Clerk confirmed that all Councillors have received their .gov.uk email login details and these will need to be used going forward for all Parish Council business. Regarding the future hosting and maintaining of the old website domain, Councillors agreed for the Clerk to transfer the domain from tu cows.com to Hoover at the annual cost of \$15.99 (approximately £12) compared to the quote received from Parish Online of £25 per year.

### 8949. Correspondence received

- Clerk to circulate the Lodders Parish Council email to Chris Peck re. the trailway to Councillors.
- Clerk to circulate the Lodders Residents Group letter re. the trailway to Councillors.

### 8950. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Include details of current/upcoming surveys/consultations:

- Dorset National Landscapes Survey. Event in Bucky Doo Square on 30<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am-2.30pm. The survey is open until 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- Dorset Local Plan Consultation commences 18<sup>th</sup> August.
- Dorset Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) Consultation commences 18<sup>th</sup> August.

### 8951. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

None.

Meeting closed 9.18pm.

Chair: J Bryce

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025