

Loders Parish Council

The resident expressed their appreciation to the Parish Council for its support throughout this process, and Cllr Bryce, in turn, thanked the resident for their considerable efforts in helping to achieve this outcome.

*** The resident left the meeting ***

9029. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

None.

9030. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

The following payments for February 2026 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
HMRC		VAT Refund	6,250.50
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Sovereign	1604	Play Equipment Interim Payment	18,898.39
J Hughes	1605	Salary & Expenses	819.46
HMRC	1606	PAYE/NI	152.51
D Smith	1607	Cemetery Grass Cutting	166.99
Bridport CAB	1608	Donation	50.00
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	1609	Donation	50.00
Loders Village Hall	1610	PC Meetings 17.02.26	20.00

Payments authorised were £20,157.35 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 17th February 2026 **£38,059.42.**

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr D Pullan

Resolved

- ii **To review the monthly finance reports** - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (February 2026) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 17th February 2026.

9031. Planning and Development

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

P/MPO/2026/00503 Nos. 44,46,48,50,52,54 & 56 High Acres, Lodders, Bridport DT6 3UJ Modify Section 52 Agreement dated 20/11/1989 to include carve-out for shared ownership unitholders who have staircased to 100% and include mortgagee exclusion clause for Magna's lenders - comments by 27th February 2026. Councillors objected to the application commenting that affordable properties should remain in shared ownership.

P/HOU/2025/07379 & P/LBC/2025/7380 Knowle Farm Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NS - no update, the application is still under officer consideration.

P/HOU/2025/006649 Toms Barn, Uploders, DT6 4PD - no update, the application is still under officer consideration.

P/FUL/2025/05537 Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Lodders DT6 3RY - no update, the application is still under officer consideration.

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

The Clerk advised that she had circulated the slides from the Dorset Council Town & Parish Council Planning & Building Control Forum held on 3rd February.

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9032. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

The Clerk advised that the DAPTC held a Clerks Forum on 6th February which she had been unable to attend but the slides are available on the members section of the DAPTC website. The DAPTC AGM which will take place on 14th March.

ii. Update from BLAP

- a) The Clerk advised that the next BLAP Parish Liaison meeting scheduled for 26th February has been postponed but the BLAP Members meeting will take place on Thursday 5th March at 2.15pm.

iii. Loders and Shipton Gorge Community Governance Review

See minute reference 9028.

9033. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

The Clerk advised that due to the closure of Smishops Lane, the Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) have requested temporary access to Peascombe Nature Reserve from the cemetery carpark via the bund to enable a contractor to carry out on-site work requiring a small digger. Agreed that Cllr Bryce speak to the Loders Wildlife Group and request that they liaise with DWT.

The Clerk also advised that a quote for £1,750 + VAT had been received from the current grass cutting contractor for the cemetery and allotment perimeter for 2026/27. Having obtained quotes the previous year which were in excess of this quote, it was agreed to remain with the current contractor.

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

i. Allotments

- Quotes to cut back two trees in the hedge line

The Clerk advised that she is awaiting three quotes to cut back the two large trees in the newly laid hedge line.

ii. Playing Field

- Well Plot new play equipment update

The Clerk reported that the new play equipment has now been installed. However, due to recent poor weather and the resulting muddy ground conditions, the installation of the grass-guard tiles has been delayed. The Clerk confirmed that she has received detailed information from Sovereign regarding the installation process for the grass tiles, along with a proposed installation date to be confirmed with Sovereign.

With respect to the tower configuration, Sovereign has suggested the potential addition of a vertical climbing wall at the rear of the tower (adjacent to the fireman's pole) to allow children to access the slides without passing through the tunnel. The Clerk will liaise with the fundraising resident and Sovereign to further consider this suggestion.

Regarding the acknowledgement board, it was agreed that a board recognising all contributors, including relevant logos, should be affixed to the play area fence rather than installed as a free-standing structure. The Clerk will take this forward.

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9034. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon advised of the following Rights of Way issues:

- The update from Dorset Council on the reported 'wonky' bridge along Cherry Lane is that it is showing as 'project work.'
- The poor/dangerous condition of Barr Lane was reported to the Parish Council via Facebook which Cllr Cannon confirmed he has reported to the Rights of Way team at Dorset Council.

9035. Roads, Transport and Drains

- 20mph survey** - Cllr Edwards advised that all Phase 4 20mph applications which includes Loders have been delayed to March.
- Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)** - Site meeting taking place at FP37 with Stuart Semple, Senior Ranger at Dorset Council.

Cllr Edwards advised that he has reported the collapsing retaining wall between Watercleaves and Perwen Farm on the south side of the road to Dorset Council Highways.

9036. Environmental Issues

Nothing to report.

9037. Communications:

i **Broadband, mobile phone signal and smart meter issues**

Cllr Bryce confirmed that she will be speaking with Shipton Gorge Parish Council regarding their contact with Atlas Towers in the next week.

9038. Correspondence received

None.

9039. Parish Council Business Plan updates

None.

9040. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Delay to 20mph application.

9041. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 17th March 2026

Community liaison ideas.

Meeting closed 8.33pm.

Chair: J Bryce

Date: 17th March 2026