

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 7.30pm (Following the Annual Inspection of Council Property)

Present:

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

Ros Newberry
Stephen Tilton
Alan Watts

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

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Apologies: David Cannon, Derrick Newberry, Flora Hood, Gareth Taylor, Neil Eysenck (*Dorset Council*)

8916. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

8917. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8918. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2025 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr G Edwards **Seconded Cllr S Tilton** **Resolved**

8919. Democratic Forum

None.

8920. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck had provided the following update:

- Cllr Eysenck met with Dorset Council Leader Nick Ireland and raised the issue of Highways as a wider issue. If the Parish Council agree, Cllr Eysenck will speak to Cllr Jon Andrews the Cabinet Member for Place Services including Highways and ask him to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the situation directly regarding the landslips. Councillors felt that a site visit with Cllr Andrews would be more useful. Clerk to advise Cllr Eysenck.
- Cllr Eysenck confirmed that he continues to push the residents CGR questions to be addressed but the lead Dorset Council officer is currently away on holiday (2+weeks) so not available. Cllr Eysenck has also approached the portfolio holder for electoral boundary issues and raised the Loders CGR question but Cllr Eysenck's understanding is that a wider Dorset ward boundary review is underway and the portfolio holder's opinion is that no discussions regarding parish boundary changes can occur whilst the wider review is happening. Cllr Eysenck has requested a meeting to better understand this but he has also made clear to the portfolio holder that the CGR resident's stance is that such an approach is not supported by the law re CGR's.
- The introduction of a booking system for Dorset Council Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) is to be brought in later this year. Essentially the key benefit is that this measure will enable Dorset Council to charge non-Dorset residents for their use of Dorset HRC's and so it will hopefully reduce the amount of non-Dorset waste that ends up having to be dealt with by Dorset Council. This has potentially significant cost savings for Dorset council tax payers. Councillors commented that they object to the proposed changes as it will reduce availability for residents to dispose of their waste and increase fly-tipping. Clerk to advise Cllr Eysenck of these comments.

Proposed Cllr A Watts **Seconded Cllr J Bryce** **Resolved**

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8921. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
HMRC		PAYE Refund (Credit on Account)	25.40
Loders Local History Group		Well Plot Donation	300.00
Crowdfunder		Well Plot Fundraiser	3,159.72
Country Memorials		Skeat	35.00
Scarecrow Teas & Coffees		Well Plot Fundraiser	1,039.00
Eggardon & Colmers View		Well Plot Donation	100.00
Mangopay (Crowdfunder Palmers Brewery)		Well Plot Fundraiser	2,000.00
Crowdfunder		Well Plot Fundraiser	38.36
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank	1551	Service Charge	24.83
Zurich	1552	Annual Insurance (3 Year LTA)	554.93
J Hughes	1553	Salary & Expenses	791.30
HMRC	1554	PAYE/NI	143.81
Cllr R Newberry	1555	Well Plot Benches Paint	14.99
Chris Knott	1556	Allotment Insurance	156.04
D Smith	1557	Cemetery Grass Cutting	166.99
DAPTC	1558	5gb Mailbox Extension Final Year	45.00
Parish Online	1559	New .gov.uk Website and Email	312.00
Loders Village Hall	1560	PC Meeting 17.06.25	20.00

Payments authorised were £2,229.89 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 17th June 2025 **£40,583.05**

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr A Watts

Resolved

vii To review the monthly finance reports - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (June 2025) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 17th June 2025.

8922. Parish Council Business Plan

Cllr Bryce advised that there was no further update on the Business Plan as a meeting needs to be arranged which is likely to take place in September.

8923. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/VOL/2025/02058 Perwen Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PQ - no update.
- ii. P/HOU/2025/00078 2 Shatcombe, Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NR - application refused 13.06.25.

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

- i. Loders Neighbourhood Plan light touch review - update
The Clerk confirmed that the updated light touch review of the Loders Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to Dorset Council who have advised that they will start the process to formally make the modified Loders Neighbourhood Plan and will be in touch shortly.

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8924. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

Nothing to report as the June DAPTC Western Area meeting was cancelled but has been rescheduled for 3rd July which Cllr Hood has agreed to attend.

ii. Update from BLAP

Cllr Tilton confirmed that he attended the BLAP Members' Meeting on 5th June the minutes of which will be circulated in due course and the BLAP Members' Assembly is taking place on 11th September which Cllr Tilton is unable to attend. The speaker at the assembly will be Dorset Council Leader Nick Ireland.

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

See minute reference 8920.

8925. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

Following the annual inspection of council property, Cllr R Newberry and Cllr G Edwards agreed to carry out weeding of the graves.

ii. Allotments

Following the annual inspection of council property, Councillors agreed the following:

- Clerk to contact Dorset Wildlife Trust to enquire about cutting back of the vegetation from Peascombe Nature Reserve that is encroaching the allotment perimeter path.
- Following a request by an allotment tenant for the trees on the opposite side of the allotments (Budden's Woods) to be cut back, Councillors agreed that the trees do not need cutting back at this time. They were last cut back by the landowner in 2019.
- It was noted that Cllr R Newberry and the Clerk had marked out the correct boundary between plots 4a and 4b and the tenants have agreed that the boundary path will be instated in the autumn when the ground is clear of crops.

iii. Playing Field

Following the annual inspection of council property, Councillors agreed the following:

- Due to the cost of removal quoted at around £1,200, Clerk to see if there are any volunteers who could remove and dispose of the remaining equipment (tyre and chain beam and balance beam).
- Working group consisting of Cllr Bryce, Cllr Pullan, Cllr R Newberry and the Clerk to meet with the resident raising funds for the replacement play equipment to discuss the quotes received.
- Two fence palings are rotten and require replacement. Clerk to contact local resident to see if they can once again assist with the fence repairs.
- Clerk to look into replacement Loders Parish Council information sign at the entrance to Well Plot playing fields.

8926. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

8927. Roads, Transport and Drains

i. Waddon Way, Smishops Lane & Gribb Farm - See minute reference 8920.

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- ii. **20mph survey** - Cllr Edwards advised that he is waiting on the speed surveys to be carried out by Dorset Council which should be either this month or July.
- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)**
- The Clerk had received an email from a resident suggesting that there may be a possible footpath from Loders Court to Yellow Lane hidden under the undergrowth. The Safe Travel Route Working Group confirmed that when they were looking at possible safe travel routes from Loders to Bradpole, they had looked at the hidden cobbles but in its current state felt that is not a viable option at the moment as it is narrow and drops down from the road. Clerk to advise resident.
 - Cllr Bryce confirmed that the Safe Travel Route Working Group had met and are awaiting the outcome of 20mph and had noted that Bradpole are also applying for 20mph. It was commented that if both Loders and Bradpole are successful, the road between Bradpole and Loders could be considered suitable for a 30mph speed limit.
 - Cllr Bryce advised that Dorset Council carried out an Active Travel Survey in December '23-January '24 which Loders Parish Council had not responded to as a corporate body as there was no meeting in December. There is concern that Dorset Council have formed the opinion Loders Parish Council are supportive of a Trailway in the parish due to responses given by individuals. The clerk has emailed Dorset Council Principal Transport Planner to reiterate and clarify Loders Parish Council neutral stance due to the divisive nature of the project. Cllr Bryce confirmed that there will be a further public consultation on the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) this summer commencing 18th August and Councillors will need to give some thought to this ahead of July's meeting.

Cllr Edwards advised that he has cleared the drains from Yonderover to New Street Lane and has cut back and cleared the vegetation on the 'No Through' sign at New Street Lane. The vegetation overgrowing the Loders road sign and 30mph sign has also been cut back and cleared. Cllr Edwards also confirmed that a resident has cleared the drain on Yonderover corner which was hidden by the hedge and bank and blocked causing water to flow down the road. Clerk to pass on the Parish Council's thanks.

8928. River Asker

No update.

8929. The Crown, Uploders Defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator at the Crown, Uploders has temporarily been deregistered from The Circuit as the pub currently has no tenants to act as guardian. The Clerk recommended that the Parish Council as a corporate body take over the role of guardian to ensure continuity of guardianship going forward. Agreed that the Clerk register the defibrillator with The Circuit. The Clerk also advised that a resident of Uploders has offered to carry out the monthly checks of the defibrillator which was also agreed. Clerk to liaise with the resident and also update Palmers Brewery.

Proposed Cllr G Edwards

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

8930. Communications:

i. **Broadband - AllPoints Fibre**

Cllr Bryce confirmed that she will speak to Cllr Eysenck and provide him with background information in relation to poor mobile signal and smart meters.

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

The Clerk confirmed that the new parish council website has been built and will now be checked over and any missing content added. The.gov.uk email addresses are also ready and the Clerk will

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forward these to Councillors. The Clerk will also confirm and finalise details for hosting and maintaining the old website domain.

8931. Correspondence received

- Suitable date to be found for working group meeting with Eggardon CIC.
- Email from resident re. Possible path between Loders Court and Yellow Lane - see minute reference 8927 iii.
- Email from resident re. Yonderover water and Smishops Lane update - Cllr Edwards confirmed that he has spoken with the resident.

8932. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

National Lottery Community Fund success and LTP4 consultation.

8933. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 15th July 2025

Councillor conflicts of interest and LTP4 consultation.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.

Chairman: J Bryce

Date: 15th July 2025