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- Cllr Eysenck advised that following a meeting with Ed Morello MP and three Dorset Council officers, he has received confirmation from the lead officer on the LTP4, Owen Clerk that the current LTP4 consultation is just that, a consultation and the Maiden Newton to Bridport Railway mentioned within the Implementation Plan is not a done deal but a loose concept that is consulting on the principle rather than the specifics of the route. The final LTP4 will go to Cabinet next year which is anticipated to be in late spring/early summer. Cllr Eysenck also advised that Dorset Council will be going out to the parish councils to explain how the Railway might look, the pros and cons and to listen to people’s views. Cllr Eysenck has requested that Dorset Council officers provide him with six monthly updates.

### 8978. Finance

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

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Dorset Council		Precept	9000.00
Plot 4B		Allotment Rent	20.00
A J Wakely		Burial	240.00
Dorset Council		Well Plot Play Area Grant	10000.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank	1578	Service Charge	5.56
Dorset Council	1579	3 x 20mph Speed Surveys	834.00
Dorset Council	1580	Replacement Village Sign	132.57
Lloyds Bank	1581	Service Charge	5.48
J Hughes	1582	Salary & Expenses	896.80
HMRC	1583	PAYE/NI	152.51
D Smith	1584	Cemetery Grass Cutting	166.99
Sovereign	1585	Well Plot Play Equipment 30% Deposit	14173.80
Loders Village Hall	1586	PC Meetings x 4	45.00

Payments authorised were £16,412.71 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 **£54,881.53**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr S Tilton**

**Resolved**

- ii **To review the monthly finance reports** - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (October 2025) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.
- iii **To agree date for Clerk’s appraisal**  
Date to be agreed between Cllr Bryce, Cllr Pullan and the Clerk for January 2026.
- iv **To agree date for Finance Working Group (FWG) meeting**  
Date to be agreed between Cllr Bryce, Cllr Tilton, Cllr Watts, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk for January 2026.

### 8979. Parish Council Business Plan

The working group meeting took place at the end of September following which Cllr Taylor has produced a revised Business Plan which the Clerk will circulate to all for comment.

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### 8980. Planning and Development

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

P/FUL/2025/05537 Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Loders DT6 3RY - erect agricultural worker's dwelling (temporary) - extension granted, comments by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025. Cllr R Newberry left the room. Councillors agreed to support the application on the basis that Loders Parish Council support local family farms in succession planning and allowing time to expand to achieve financial sustainability, whilst providing enough labour to ensure animal welfare.

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

None.

### 8981. Unitary Authority

#### i. Update from DAPTC

- DAPTC A Fresh Start Council Survey - Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 - Councillors agreed the corporate response to the survey for the Clerk to submit.
- DAPTC A Fresh Start Conference 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Clerk to ask Cllr Taylor if he is available to attend.

#### ii. Update from BLAP

Cllr Tilton advised that the latest BLAP Bulletin had been circulated and the Clerk confirmed that the BLAP Parish Liaison meeting minutes will be circulated shortly.

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

See minute reference 8977.

### 8982. Council Property

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

#### i. Cemetery

The Clerk confirmed that a burial of ashes had taken place.

#### i. Allotments

##### - Deer Proof Fencing - portable system update

Cllr R Newberry confirmed that an allotment holder has emailed the Clerk with details of the portable deer proof fencing system but advised that it does have its drawbacks - it is light and flimsy and the netting doesn't allow bees etc. through to eat the bugs on the crops.

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

The Clerk advised that two quotes have been received for the hedge cutting works but a request has also been received from the Loders Parish Wildlife Group to lay the hedge. Councillors agreed in principle to the Loders Parish Wildlife Group laying the hedge, subject to the necessary instruction/supervision and insurance requirements being in place which the Clerk will check. It was also agreed that it may still be necessary to undertake cutting back of the larger trees after the hedge has been laid.

#### ii. Playing Field

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

The Clerk confirmed that the order for the new play equipment has been placed with an expected lead time of 12 weeks before installation. Councillors agreed to a poster being displayed on the parish noticeboards to update residents. It was also agreed that the Clerk write to the resident involved in raising the funds for the project and also the Shelter Group volunteers to advise on the

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Council's decision to use Sovereign to remove the old play equipment rather than village volunteers due to the extra work now involved.

### 8983. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon reported that after the recent heavy rain, he was pleased to see that there was no mud all the way along New Street Lane.

### 8984. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. **Waddon Way, Smishops Lane & Gribb Farm** - Cllr Edwards advised that works on Gribb Farm are underway although issues with broken equipment have resulted in a two-week extension to the road closure being submitted which could impact works starting on Smishops Lane which are due to start early November although the two projects may now run alongside each other.
- ii. **20mph survey** - no update.
- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)** - Cllr Edwards advised that he has written to Cllr Jon Andrews at Dorset Council regarding the safe route from Loders to Bradpole (W13/37) to request that a Dorset Council officer meet with Parish Council representatives to discuss the project. A response from Cllr Andrews has not yet been received.

Cllr Edwards also advised that he has chased Stuart Smith requesting an update on the road surface of the old A35 from its junction with the current A35 to its junction with Knowl Lane which Stuart had agreed in August 2024 needed to be planed and patched. A response from Stuart Smith has not yet been received.

### 8985. River Asker

Cllr Pullan advised that the Dorset Wildlife Trust and Natural England have carried out an electro-fishing survey in the River Asker at Well Plot to compare with their results from two years ago.

### 8986. Communications:

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

Cllr Bryce provided Cllr Eysenck with details of various communication issues in the parish including poor mobile phone signal and provider outages resulting in mobile phones, the internet and Digital Voice not working. The most recent outage was on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Eysenck agreed to take these issues to Ed Morello MP.

### 8987. Correspondence received

- Correspondence received from Loders Village Hall Management Committee (LVHMC) regarding EV charging in the parish which the LVHMC feel should be a village project for the Parish Council rather than one for the LVHMC. Cllr Bryce explained that the Parish Council have previously looked at EV charging and suggested the two pub carparks as potential locations but this would be for Palmers Brewery to take forward. The Parish Council have also previously suggested the village hall as a potential location. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council have explored all possible options for EV charging but currently there are no suitable sites available so the Parish Council are unable to take this forward any further.

- Cllr Bryce referred to an email Cllr Cannon had sent to the Clerk and herself regarding the Parish Council's recent response to the LTP4 consultation in terms of Dorset Council's 'lack of consultation' with Cllr Cannon commenting that Loders Parish Council have been consulted. Cllr Bryce commented that Dorset Council's consultations dated 2021 and 2023/24 had previously been discussed in meetings and were not relevant to the response being made by Loders Parish Council regarding the LTP4 consultation.

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**8988. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

Well Plot Play Area new equipment.

**8989. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Emergency plan posters.

Meeting closed 9.38pm.

**Chair:** J Bryce

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025