

Loders Parish Council

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

9048. Policies

- i. **To consider and adopt IT and Email Policy**

Proposed Cllr G Taylor

Seconded Cllr G Edwards

Resolved

- ii. **To consider and adopt Risk Assessment template**

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr F Hood

Resolved

9049. 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, Loders, Bridport DT6 3UJ - no update, the application is under officer consideration. The Clerk read out a resident's statement regarding the application. Councillors agreed the matter should be handled between the resident's solicitor and Dorset Council.

P/HOU/2025/07379 & P/LBC/2025/7380 Knowle Farm Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NS - application granted 25th February 2026.

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, Loders DT6 3RY - no update, the application is still under officer consideration.

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

None.

9050. Unitary Authority

- i. **Update from DAPTC**

The DAPTC AGM has been rescheduled to Saturday 30th May.

- ii. **Update from BLAP**

The BLAP Parish Liaison meeting has been rescheduled to Monday 20th April and a representative from Wessex Water will be attending.

- iii. **Loders and Shipton Gorge Community Governance Review**

It was agreed that Loders Parish Council support the draft recommendation for the proposed new boundary. Clerk to respond before 27th March deadline.

9051. Council Property

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

- i. **Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

- ii. **Allotments**

- **Quotes to cut back two trees in the hedge line**

Quote 1 - £620+VAT

Quote 2 - £70+ VAT

Quote 3 - not received

It was agreed to accept Quote 2. Cllr R Newberry to meet contractors onsite to confirm the works.

- Cllr R Newberry will also contact allotment tenant regarding unpaid allotment rent.

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iii. **Playing Field**

- **Well Plot new play equipment update**

The addition of a vertical ladder to the tower structure and the installation of the grass guard tiles will take place on 27th March after which the play area will reopen in time for the Easter holidays.

9052. **Footpaths and Rights of Way**

i. **DMMO T799 - add a Byway Open to All Traffic from Green Lane along un-named track to join the main road, A35**

It was agreed that there was nothing to report on this matter.

Cllr Cannon advised that the flooding on Cherry Lane / New Street Lane has now cleared.

9053. **Roads, Transport and Drains**

i. **20mph survey** - no update.

Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) - Councillors met with Stuart Semple, Senior Ranger at Dorset Council to discuss possible improvements to FP37 which could potentially create a safer route between Loders and Bradpole. Councillors emphasised that this was currently the route the Parish Council had collectively voted to pursue with Dorset Council, not only recently but also a few years ago with a different group of councillors.

Cllr Edwards advised that the surface of Stoney Head Road will be repaired in June. It was also noted that cracks are appearing along Waddon Way.

9054. **Environmental Issues**

i. **Dorset Council monthly climate webinars for town and parish councils**

Cllr Pullan agreed to attend the first climate webinar on 31st March.

Cllr Pullan also advised that the new orchard being planted by Crutchleys will become a public access orchard at the western end of the new woodland.

9055. **Communications:**

i. **Wessex Internet**

Wessex Internet have advised they will hold a meeting at Loders Village Hall in late April.

ii. **Broadband, mobile phone signal and smart meter issues**

Cllr Bryce reported that Shipton Gorge Parish Council confirmed little progress with Atlas Towers installing a mobile phone mast in their parish to improve mobile signal due to planning issues. It was agreed that Loders Parish Council contact Atlas Towers to explore options for improving local mobile signal in the parish.

iii. **Community liaison ideas**

Cllr Bryce suggested that the Parish Council consider possible ideas for community liaison. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to engage with local parish councils.

9056. **Correspondence received**

- Fallen fingerpost on road between Uploders and Askerswell at turning for Collins Nets - Cllr R Newberry to put another request for help in the E&CV.

- Fallen gateway between the allotment and Peascombe Nature Reserve - Clerk to report to Dorset Wildlife Trust.

- Dog fouling bags discarded throughout the parish - Cllr R Newberry to include in E&CV report.

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- Timetable of the Friday 'Bridport D' bus serving Loders and Uploders to be published on website, Facebook and parish noticeboards.

9057. Parish Council Business Plan updates

Include buses.

9058. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Fingerposts, dog fouling, private hedges overhanging pavements, repairs to Stoney Head Road, reminder of Loders & Uploders Friday bus service and Dorset Council budget news.

9059. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 21st April 2026

Annual meeting.

Meeting closed 9.02pm.

Chair: J Bryce

Date: 21st April 2026