



## Loders Parish Council

- Russell Goff (Greenspace Manager) and Kevin Humphries (Active Travel Team) have expressed an interest in meeting with Loders Parish Council in the coming months to discuss the parish’s aspirations for improvements to FP37 to create a “safe, non-road route,” as well as to review progress on potential railway proposals and hear local concerns.

### 9065. Finance

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

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank (31.03.26 – Year End)	1617	Service Charges	4.25
Sovereign (31.03.26 – Year End)	1618	Well Plot Final Invoice	14,173.79
J Hughes	1619	Salary & Expenses	763.99
HMRC	1620	PAYE/NI	231.17
D Smith	1621	Cemetery Grass Cutting	166.99
SLCC	1622	Clerks Annual Membership	158.00
BLAP	1623	Annual Subscription	66.49

Payments authorised for April were £1,386.84 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 **£20,482.36**

**Proposed Cllr S Tilton**

**Seconded Cllr J Bryce**

**Resolved**

- ii **To review the monthly finance reports** - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (April 2026) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

### 9066. 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.

**P/HOU/2025/006649** Toms Barn, Uploders, DT6 4PD - application granted 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**P/FUL/2025/05537** Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Loders DT6 3RY - no update.

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

None.

### 9067. Unitary Authority

#### i. Update from DAPTC

DAPTC Statement of Reasonable Expectations (SoRE) – ‘*To consider the draft DAPTC Statement of Reasonable Expectations (SoRE) and determine this council’s response ahead of the DAPTC 2025 AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Councillors are asked to review the proposal through the lens of the wider parish and town council community and its collective relationship with Dorset Council. Councils are also invited to offer any significant feedback or suggested amendments, which DAPTC will gather for a review with Dorset Council in 12-18 months.*’ Councillors agreed to adopt the SoRE.

#### ii. Update from BLAP

The BLAP Parish Liaison meeting was held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, and included a presentation from Wessex Water. The meeting minutes and presentation slides will be circulated in due course.

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

See minute reference 9064.

## 9068. **Council Property**

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

### i. **Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

### ii. **Allotments**

#### - **Cutting back tree in hedge line update**

Cllr R Newberry confirmed that the tree works had been completed and she noted that, should the trees require pollarding, this will need to be reviewed during the autumn/winter.

#### - **Unpaid allotment plot update**

Cllr R Newberry confirmed that the tenant had now made payment for their allotment plot.

### iii. **Playing Field**

#### - **Well Plot new play equipment update**

The play area reopened in time for the Easter holidays and is already being well used by local children. The following snagging and follow up issues were noted:

- Some of the grass-guard tiles have been damaged by the grass-cutting contractors. The Clerk will raise this matter with Sovereign.
- The new play equipment requires cleaning, as mud from the installation has not yet washed off. It was agreed that a working party will be organised to carry out this work.
- It was agreed that fundraising efforts for a new fence for the play area should be initiated.
- The Clerk will review the five-year Sovereign Compliance package provided as part of the play area installation.

Councillor Pullan asked that everyone remain vigilant and monitor the large ash tree in the playing fields for any signs of ash dieback.

## 9069. **Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Cllr Cannon reported that a resident had advised him that New Street Lane was impassable. Cllr Cannon has notified Dorset Council, who are now liaising with Highways to hopefully address the issue.

## 9070. **Roads, Transport and Drains**

- 20mph survey** - Cllr Edwards reported that the 20mph application has progressed to Phase 2, the public consultation stage. No timescales have been provided at this stage due to the high volume of 20mph applications currently being processed.
- Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)** - see minute reference 9064.

Cllr Edwards reported that a resident in Purbeck Close has been asked to cut back their hedge, which is overhanging the pavement and obstructing pedestrian access.

## 9071. **Environmental Issues**

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

Cllr Pullan and Cllr Edwards attended the first climate webinar on 31<sup>st</sup> March, which provided a general overview. Future sessions will focus on more specific climate-related topics

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**9072. Communications:**

**i. Wessex Internet**

The Clerk will follow up with Wessex Internet regarding the possibility of holding a residents' meeting at Loders Village Hall in late April.

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

Cllr Bryce to contact Atlas Towers to explore options for improving local mobile signal in the parish.

**9073. Correspondence received**

None.

**9074. Parish Council Business Plan updates**

None.

**9075. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

Loders and Shipton Gorge parish boundary reversal.

**9076. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Annual Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed 8.54pm.

**Chair:** J Bryce

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026