

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Lodors Parish Council held at Lodors Village Hall on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Julie Bryce (*Chair*)
David Pullan (*Vice Chair*)
David Cannon
Gavin Edwards
Flora Hood
Derrick Newberry
Ros Newberry
Gareth Taylor
Stephen Tilton

Officer: Jo Hughes (*Clerk*)
Public: 3

Apologies: Alan Watts, Neil Eysenck (*Dorset Council*)

9077. To elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026/27 and sign the Acceptance of Office

Chair - Julie Bryce was nominated by David Cannon and seconded by Stephen Tilton. All in favour.

Vice Chair - David Pullan was nominated by Gavin Edwards and seconded by Julie Bryce. All in favour.

9078. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

9079. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

9080. To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 21st April 2026 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr R Newberry **Seconded Cllr D Cannon** **Resolved**

Councillors agreed to move the Democratic Forum up the agenda in order to accommodate the members of the public in attendance.

9081. Democratic Forum

Three members of the public attended the meeting to provide additional information in respect of planning application P/FUL/2026/02404.

*** Three members of the public left the meeting ***

9082. To appoint/reaffirm representatives for 2026/27:

- i. **Trustees of the Lodors Relief of Need** - Jane Edwards (2026-30) and Kim Bowring (2023-27)
- ii. **Village Hall Management Representative** - Alan Watts – Clerk to confirm
- iii. **Playing Field Management** - David Pullan and Gareth Taylor (Flora Hood and Gavin Edwards)
- iv. **Allotments Management** - Ros Newberry
- v. **Finance Working Group** - Julie Bryce, Stephen Tilton, Alan Watts, Gareth Taylor and the Clerk
- vi. **Footpaths Liaison Officer** - David Cannon
- vii. **Cemetery Management** - Derrick Newberry
- viii. **Roads and Transport** - Gavin Edwards
- ix. **Environmental/ River Asker** - David Pullan

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- x. **Emergency Coordinator** - Ros Newberry, Stephen Tilton, Gavin Edwards and the Clerk
- xi. **Parish Ancient Monument Liaison Officer** - Julie Bryce
- xii. **DAPTC Representative** - Julie Bryce and Flora Hood
- xiii. **BLAP Representative** - Stephen Tilton and Gavin Edwards

9083. To reaffirm the Loders Parish Council Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were reviewed by the Finance Working Group in December 2025 and the Clerk advised there have been no updates or changes since. Agreed by all to reaffirm – resolved.

9084. To reaffirm the Loders Parish Council Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations were reviewed by the Finance Working Group in December 2025 and the Clerk advised there have been no updates or changes since. Agreed by all to reaffirm – resolved.

9085. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Councillor Eysenck had circulated an update report prior to the meeting which included Dorset Council Cabinets updates and a final draft proposal from Dorset Council that will be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission as part of their consultation process for the Dorset Electoral Review. Cllr Eysenck highlighted that: *'the current draft proposal by Dorset Council (as one of the formal consultees of the process) makes some adjustments to Eggardon Ward. Not least the draft new name is currently proposed to be Upper Frome and Asker as some parishes move to other wards whilst others join from elsewhere. The most notable change is that Netherbury parish moves to become part of a differently configured Beaminster Ward and some parts of Chalk Valleys Ward move to become part of the new "Upper Frome and Asker" Ward. Obviously, this is very much a work in progress and the initial consultation (being run by the boundary commission) will run to 01-06-26. There will then be a further consultation between 01-09-26 to 09-11-26 to ascertain more in-depth public views on the proposals.'*

Councillors agreed to look at the consultation and submit comments to the Clerk for a corporate response ahead of the consultation closing date on 1st June 2026.

9086. Finance

i. To receive the Internal Auditor report 2025/26

The Parish Council had appointed Sheena Tomkins to carry out the internal audit for 2025/26. The Internal Audit Report was received and circulated to all - no issues raised. Councillors requested that thanks be passed to Sheena for her work on the internal audit.

ii. To confirm any conflicts of interest with BDO LLP

Councillors confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP.

iii. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 having been internally audited

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2025/26 AGAR - Section 1.

Proposed Cllr G Taylor

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

iv. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2025/26 AGAR - Section 2.

Proposed Cllr G Taylor

Seconded Cllr S Tilton

Resolved

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v. To approve the annual insurance premium

The Clerk advised that the 2026/27 insurance renewal was the second year of the 3-year LTA with Zurich Municipal at £569.97 which now included the addition of the new play equipment at Well Plot and the additional defibrillator at the Crown Inn.

Proposed Cllr J Bryce

Seconded Cllr G Taylor

Resolved

vi. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank	1624	Service Charges	4.25
J Hughes	1625	Salary & Expenses	762.59
HMRC	1626	PAYE	231.17
Loders Village Hall	1627	PC Meets 21/04 & 19/05	40.00
D Smith	1628	Tree Works	84.00
D Smith	1629	Grounds Maintenance	175.00
DAPTC	1630	Annual Subscription	264.44
Ken Hussey	1631	Play Area Inspection	52.00
Zurich	1632	Insurance	569.97

Payments authorised for May were **£2,183.42** being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 19th May 2026 **£30,413.23**.

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 (May 2026) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 19th May 2026.

9087. Planning and Development

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

- i. **P/FUL/2026/02404 Toms Barn, Uploders, Bridport DT6 4PD** - Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden land and erect single storey outbuilding and associated access - Councillors agreed to comment to support a small, low-level, unobtrusive outbuilding in keeping with local character, provided it does not obstruct open views from the road (Green Space C7, LNP) with reference for it to be located close to the eastern boundary to minimise visual impact. Councillors noted that the land described as agricultural has not been used for agriculture for many years and, due to its small size and inclusion within the residential curtilage, is unlikely to be used agriculturally.
- ii. **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. Cllr Bryce and Cllr Pullan reported to Councillors that they had attended a meeting with Magna and Magna's solicitors regarding the application. During the meeting, Cllr Bryce advised that the matter was a legal issue that must be addressed with Dorset Council rather than the Parish Council.
- iii. **P/FUL/2025/05537** Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Loders DT6 3RY - no update, the application is under officer consideration.

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

- i. Dorset Council Town and Parish Council Forum - Planning and Building Control: Tuesday 16th June 2026 - Cllr Hood advised that she may be available to attend the afternoon online session.

9088. Unitary Authority

- i. **Dorset Council Community Conversations briefing session** - Cllr Bryce and the Clerk attended the recent Dorset Council Community Conversations briefing sessions, and Cllr Bryce provided Councillors with a short update.
- ii. **Dorset Council Community Emergency Response Plans (CERPs) Survey** - Cllr R Newberry agreed to complete the survey on behalf of the Council.
- iii. **Update from DAPTC**
DAPTC Parish Networking Events - The Clerk advised Councillors of these new in person sessions which aim to provide wide-ranging updates for the sector and an opportunity to network and discuss issues with other parish councils. Clerks and Councillor are all encouraged to attend.
- iv. **Update from BLAP**
The latest fortnightly BLAP Bulletin had been circulated to all and the next BLAP Members' meeting which is open to all BLAP members will take place on Thursday 4th June at 2.15pm.

9089. Council Property

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

- i. **Cemetery**
Nothing to report.
- ii. **Allotments**
Cllr R. Newberry reported that, following concerns raised by tenants regarding difficulty opening the allotment gate, she inspected the gate and found it to be functioning normally. It was agreed that the gate will be reviewed again during the June walkabout.
- iii. **Playing Field**
 - **Well Plot new play equipment update including 'thank you' board**
 - Sovereign will attend the site in June to inspect the grass-guard tiles and address any remaining snagging issues.
 - A provisional date of Friday 17th July at 4.30pm was agreed for a photo opportunity and thank-you event to mark the installation of the new play equipment.
 - The wording of the first draft of the 'thank you' board was agreed as acceptable, and it was further agreed that an image should be added.
 - **Play area inspections**
 - The play area inspection report from Ken Hussey was noted. It was agreed that notice will be given to Ken, as Sovereign will provide twice-yearly full play area inspections for the next five years under the purchase agreement for the new equipment.
 - Councillor Pullan reminded everyone to continue monitoring the large Ash tree in the playing fields for any signs of ash dieback. The tree will also be checked during the June walkabout.

9090. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon reported that he had walked New Street Lane following the report that it was impassable and despite lots of rain, noted that there was little mud and a couple of puddles.

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9091. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. **20mph survey** - Cllr Edwards reported that the 20mph application is progressing to public consultation stage which is expected to take place in June/July. Dorset Council has advised the parish council to ensure the consultation is given visibility. When the consultation information is available, Cllr Edwards recommended publicising it on the website, Facebook and Loders Life and also suggested that the Loders Transport Group give it their support.
- ii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) -**
The Parish Council is continuing to seek a suitable date for a meeting with officers at Dorset Council.

Cllr Cannon reported that the gaps previously observed along Waddon Way now appear to have been resolved.

9092. Environmental Issues

Nothing to report.

9093. Communications:

- i. **Wessex Internet**
Wessex Internet is holding a residents' meeting at the Crown Inn, Uploders on Thursday 21st May, 5.45pm - 7pm.
- ii. **Broadband, mobile phone signal and smart meter issues**
Cllr Bryce reported that she has contacted Atlas Towers regarding options for improving local mobile signal in the parish and the query is currently sitting with their technical team.

9094. Correspondence received

None.

9095. Parish Council Business Plan updates

None.

9096. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Well Plot play area 'thank you' event in July (date to be confirmed).

9097. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Annual Parish Council walkabout – meet at the Cemetery at 6.30pm on Tuesday 23rd June.

Meeting closed 8.57pm.

Chair: C Pullan

Date: 23rd June 2026