Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: David Pullan *(Chair)*, Flora Hood, Ros Newberry, Alan Watts, Neil Eysenck *(Dorset Council*

Officer: Jo Hughes *(Clerk)*

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Apologies: Julie Bryce, David Cannon, Gavin Edwards, Derrick Newberry, Gareth Taylor, Stephen Tilton

9097. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

9098. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

9099. To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 19th May 2026 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr R Newberry Seconded Cllr F Hood Resolved

9100. Democratic Forum

One member of the public attended the meeting to observe only.

9101. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck confirmed that a meeting has now been arranged between members of Loders Parish Council and Dorset Council officers regarding the trailway. He further advised that the purpose of the meeting is for Dorset Council officers to outline the current position and for members of the Parish Council to raise any questions they may have. Cllr Eysenck also advised that the Right of Way Improvement Plan is now scheduled for November.

9102. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		**Detail**	**Amount**
Payments	**Voucher No**	**Detail**	**Amount**
Lloyds Bank	1633	Service Charges	4.25
J Hughes	1634	Salary & Expenses	752.99
HMRC	1635	PAYE	231.37
Chris Knott	1636	Allotment Insurance	156.04
D Smith	1637	Grounds Maintenance	175.00
Parish Online	1638	Gov.uk Website and Email	432.00
Loders Village Hall	1639	PC Meeting 23/06/26	20.00
Lloyds Bank	1640	Service Charges	4.25

Payments authorised for June were **£1,775.90** being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 23rd June 2026 **£28,637.33**

Proposed Cllr F Hood Seconded Cllr R Newberry Resolved

ii To review the monthly finance reports - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (June 2026) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 23rd June 2026.

iii To consider HMRC mileage allowance increase to 55p per mile
From 6th April 2026, HMRC raised the approved rate for cars/vans to 55p per mile. The Clerk recommended that the Parish Council consider increasing the mileage rate from 45p to 55p per mile.
Proposed Cllr A Watts Seconded Cllr F Hood Resolved

9103. Planning and Development

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

i. **P/HOU/2026/03094** Inglewood, New Road, Uploders DT6 4NY - Demolish existing conservatory and extension to rear. Erect replacement rear extension and first floor extension with 2.No dormer windows to North-West elevation. Form elevated walkway from Bedroom 3 to rear garden - comments by 1st July 2026. Councillors had no comments.

ii. **P/FUL/2026/02404** Toms Barn, Uploders, Bridport DT6 4PD - no update, the application is under officer consideration.

iii. **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.

iv. **P/FUL/2025/05537** Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Loders DT6 3RY - no update, the application is under officer consideration.

b) To consider and agree any actions in relation to other planning matters:
The Dorset Council Town and Parish Council Forum - Planning and Building Control scheduled for Tuesday 16th June 2026 was cancelled.

9104. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC
Register of Interests (RoI) Process Update from 29th June 2026 - The Clerk advised that the Register of Interests process is changing. The primary driver for the change is a requirement in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act to remove all councillor home addresses to help mitigate any safety/security concerns. The new process will go live from 29th June and the Clerk confirmed she will circulate the necessary steps Councillors need to take after this date.

ii. Update from BLAP
Nothing to report.

9105. Council Property
To consider and agree any actions in relation to Parish Council property:

i. Cemetery
Following the annual inspection of council property, it was agreed that:
- the Clerk will obtain quotes to raise the canopy of the Lime tree.
- Cllr R Newberry will undertake weeding at the cemetery.

ii. Allotments
Following the annual inspection of council property, it was agreed that:
- Cllr R Newberry will attend to approximately six fence posts that require replacement.
- the Clerk will obtain quotes for two trees to be cut back.

It was also noted during the inspection that the allotment gate is functioning normally and no further action is required.

iii. Playing Field

- **Well Plot Play Area 'thank you' event**

The date of Friday 17th July at 4.30pm was confirmed for the ribbon-cutting photo opportunity and thank-you event to mark the installation of the new play equipment. The Clerk reported that emails have been sent to the larger donating organisations and that village fundraisers and residents will also need to be invited. It was also agreed that drink refreshments would be provided at the event.

Following the annual inspection of council property, it was agreed that:
- the Clerk obtain quotes to cut back the Oak tree in located in the play area.
- the Clerk obtain quotes to remove the dead branches on the Ash tree located by the river.
- the Clerk obtain a quote for weeding of the Lime tree located in the playing fields and protected by deer fencing.

9106. Footpaths and Rights of Way

i. Purchase of a cordless hedge trimmer using RoW reserved funds

Cllr Cannon had circulated three quotes for the purchase of a hedge trimmer to support the cutting back of overgrown vegetation along public rights of way. Following discussion, it was agreed to allocate a budget of up to £350 for the purchase of a reputable brand hedge trimmer, such as a Stihl model, with prices for the HAS range noted as £162 - £314.

Cllr Cannon had also reported the following rights of way issues to Dorset Council:
- New Street Lane muddy patch.
- Fallen trees at BR1.

9107. Roads, Transport and Drains

i. 20mph survey - the Clerk advised that the 20mph public consultation will be commencing from 25th June for three weeks until 17th July and will be publicised on the Council's website and Facebook page.

ii. Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) -
See minute ref. 9101.

Councillors were advised that Cllr Edwards has followed up with Dorset Council regarding the Smishops Lane road closure. Dorset Council has confirmed that they are still progressing the design work. Further slippage has occurred in places along Smishops Lane, but a report on the stability of the slope is expected. Dorset Council will provide additional details to the Parish Council once available.

9108. Environmental Issues

Nothing to report.

9109. Communications:

i. Wessex Internet

Due to installation concerns raised by residents of New Road, Uploders, the Parish Council has requested that Wessex Internet hold a further residents' meeting to address these issues, and a confirmed meeting date is currently awaited.

ii. Broadband, mobile phone signal and smart meter issues

No further update.

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9110. Correspondence received

None.

9111. Parish Council Business Plan updates

None.

9112. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Allotment winner.

9113. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 23rd June 2026

None.

Meeting closed 8.20pm.

Chair: J Bryce **Date:** 21st July 2026