

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors:	Julie Bryce (<i>Chair</i>)	Ros Newberry
	David Pullan (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	Gareth Taylor
	David Cannon	Alan Watts
	Gavin Edwards	Neil Eysenck (<i>Dorset Council</i>)

Officer:	Jo Hughes (<i>Clerk</i>)	Public: 4
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Apologies: Flora Hood, Stephen Tilton

Absent: Derrick Newberry

Cllr Bryce welcomed Tim and Julie Kelly, who attended the meeting to receive the Best Kept Allotment 2026 award following the annual inspection undertaken by Councillors in June. Cllr Bryce praised the standard of their allotment and formally presented the trophy in recognition of their achievement.

*** Tim and Julie Kelly left the meeting***

9114. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

9115. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

9116. To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 23rd June and sign the same

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

9117. Democratic Forum

One member of the public attended the meeting to observe.

A second member of the public attended in relation to the following matters:

- Inglewood planning application - Councillors confirmed the application had been considered at the June meeting.
- Wessex Internet concerns - Councillors noted that these issues had been addressed at the recently held public meeting.
- National speed limit on New Road - concern was raised regarding the speed limit along New Road where residents would need to walk to get to the two bus stops on the A35. Councillors confirmed this issue would be discussed later in the meeting and agreed to report back to the resident.

9118. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck provided the following updates:

- Dorset Council Cabinet update - an email briefing was previously circulated to members.
- Budget underspend - Dorset Council has, for the first time, recorded an underspend of £169,000, attributed to constraints on spending across service areas.
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan - the Council's updated Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation was launched today.

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- National landscape funding - DEFRA has awarded £1.7 million in national landscape funding.
- National Scheme of Delegation - changes are expected later this year, introducing stricter parameters governing which applications may be referred to the Planning Committee.

9119. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
A G Down		Burial	5.00
A J Wakely		Burial	250.00
A J Wakely		Burial	20.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank	1641	Service Charges	4.25
J Hughes	1642	Salary & Expenses	907.70
HMRC	1643	PAYE	231.17
D Smith	1644	Grounds Maintenance	175.00
Loders Village Hall	1635	PC Meeting 23/06/26	20.00
Cllr Bryce	1636	Expenses	19.95

Payments authorised for July were **£1,358.07** being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 21st July 2026 **£27,554.26**

Proposed Cllr J Bryce

Seconded Cllr G Edwards

Resolved

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

9120. Planning and Development

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

- P/HOU/2026/03094** Inglewood, New Road, Uploders DT6 4NY – no update, the application is under officer consideration.
- P/FUL/2026/02404** Toms Barn, Uploders, Bridport DT6 4PD - no update, the application is under officer consideration.
- 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.
- 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:

None.

9121. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

- The Clerk reminded Councillors to complete their Register of Interests.
- Cllr Bryce commented that the volume of information being circulated by DAPTC and other channels was becoming increasingly difficult to manage making it challenging for Councillors to keep abreast of all updates and asked for Councillors thoughts on how to address the issue.

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ii. **Update from BLAP**

The Clerk confirmed that the BLAP Parish Liaison meeting took place the previous week with Jonny Hill of National Highways in attendance. The meeting notes will be circulated when received.

9122. **Council Property**

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

i. **Cemetery**

- Quote to raise canopy of the Lime tree - the Clerk confirmed she has circulated a tree report for all tree works to local tree surgeons and is awaiting quotes.

ii. **Allotments**

- Quote for two trees to be cut back - as above.

iii. **Playing Field**

- Quote for Oak tree to be cut back - as above.
- Quote for removal of dead branches on the Ash tree - as above.
- Quote for weeding of the Lime tree - as above.

Cllr Bryce thanked all those who was able to attend the play area 'thank you' event held the previous Friday which marked the completion of the new play equipment project.

9123. **Footpaths and Rights of Way**

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

Cllr Cannon thanked Councillors for agreeing to the purchase of a hedge trimmer to support the cutting back of overgrown vegetation along public rights of way. A hedge trimmer costing £334.59+VAT has been reserved at Fowlers awaiting payment - Clerk to arrange. Agreed that a risk assessment will need to be completed. Clerk and Cllr Cannon to action.

Cllr Cannon also reported that Russell Goff at Dorset Council has confirmed that improvements will be carried out to the muddy patch along New Street Lane.

9124. **Roads, Transport and Drains**

- i. **Smishops Lane closure** - Cllr Edwards confirmed that the latest update from Dorset Council is that they are still considering design ideas before committing to anything but will consult with the Parish Council when details are available.
- ii. **Raikes to Malories blocked drain** - Cllr Edwards advised that the drain is located outside Warrick Cottage but is obscured by the overgrown hedge but having checked the drain and due to the dry weather, there is currently no issue so he will monitor. Cllr Edwards did advise that he has reported two other drains located along New Street Lane. Cllr Edwards and Cllr Newberry agreed to speak to householders whose hedges are causing issues and need cutting back.
- iii. **20mph application update** - Cllr Edwards advised that the 20mph public consultation has now closed. Once the analysis has been finalised, Dorset Council will provide a further update. Cllr Edwards advised that he has spoken with the road safety team about amending the speed limit of the C68 running between Loders and Bradpole but has been advised to wait for the 20mph scheme if approved to be in first. Further to the member of public's comments during the Democratic Forum about the speed limit along New Road, it was agreed for Cllr Edwards to respond to him.

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iv. Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) - update following meeting with Dorset Council

- The agreed main points/actions arising from the meeting between Loders Parish Council and Dorset Council had been circulated to all Councillors.
- Cllr Eysenck reminded Councillors that Dorset Council wish to maintain open communication with the Parish Council. It was agreed at the meeting that, at this stage, any further discussions should take place solely between the Parish Council and Dorset Council to avoid confusion.
- Cllr Edwards informed members that he has recently joined the Dorset Local Access Forum (DLAF) and is attending meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. He confirmed that DLAF provides advice to decision-making bodies, including local authorities, on improving public access for outdoor recreation and sustainable travel across Dorset. It was noted that the Loders - Bradpole safe route/trailway featured on the agenda of the latest DLAF meeting.
- Following further discussion, Councillors agreed to arrange a meeting with the Loders Transport Group to hear and note their views on potential railway routes prior to any future meetings with Dorset Council. The Clerk will arrange this meeting for early September.
- Cllr Edwards advised that the Dorset Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation is now live. The Parish Council will consider a collective response at the September meeting, while Councillors may also submit individual responses as members of the public. The consultation closes on 12th October 2026. The Clerk will publicise via the noticeboards, website and Facebook.

9125. Environmental Issues

The West Dorset Wilding's beaver reintroduction survey for the Brit Catchment was noted. Councillors agreed that the information should be published on the Parish Council website, Facebook page and on Loders Life.

9126. Communications:

i. Wessex Internet

Following installation concerns raised by residents of New Road, Uploders, Wessex Internet held a further residents' meeting. It was confirmed that installation and connection will now proceed via the road rather than through the rear gardens of properties as previously proposed. Cllr Bryce also confirmed that Matravers will be included in the installation.

ii. Broadband, mobile phone signal and smart meter issues

No response received from Atlas Towers.

iii. Loders Parish Council website – Loders Local History Group content on website

The Clerk advised that the Loders Local History Group content does not appear to have transferred successfully to the new website. The Clerk will undertake an initial review to assess the extent of work required to resolve the issue.

9127. Correspondence received

Item 6 - a resident reported that access to the playing field gate is being obstructed by a vehicle regularly parking in front of it, preventing the grass-cutting contractor from entering. Cllr Newberry agreed to speak with the vehicle owner. Councillors further agreed that it is unlikely Magna would consider converting the grassed area into additional parking, given that the garage area already provides parking provision.

Item 16 - the email and briefing note received from the Loders Transport Group on 2nd July 2026 were acknowledged by Councillors.

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9128. Parish Council Business Plan updates

None.

9129. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

West Dorset Wilding beaver survey and the Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation.

9130. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 15th September 2026

None.

Meeting closed 8.57pm.

Chair: J Bryce

Date: 15th September 2026