# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 7.10pm

**Present:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Councillors:** | Julie Bryce *(Chair)* | Ros Newberry |
| | David Pullan *(Vice Chair)* | Gareth Taylor |
| | David Cannon | Stephen Tilton |
| | Gavin Edwards | Alan Watts |
| **Officer:** | Jo Hughes *(Clerk)* | **Public:** 2 |
| **Apologies:** | Flora Hood, Neil Eysenck *(Dorset Council)* | |

**9131. To receive apologies for absence**
Noted.

**9132. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation**
None.

**9133. To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 15th September and sign the same**
**Proposed Cllr G Edwards** **Seconded Cllr R Newberry** **Resolved**

**9134. Democratic Forum**
A member of the Loders Transport Group advised that they attended the Bridport Town Council Environment & Social Wellbeing Committee meeting on 9th September and believe they were misquoted in the minutes. They intend to contact Bridport Town Council to request a correction.

**9135. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck**
None.

**9136. Finance**

**i. To authorise receipts and payments due**
The following payments for October 2026 were approved in line with internal controls:

| **Receipts** | | **Detail** | **Amount** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dorset Council | | Precept | 9,500.00 |
| Allotment Plot 4B | | Annual Rent | 20.00 |
| **Payments** | **Voucher No** | **Detail** | **Amount** |
| Lloyds Bank | 1657 | Service Charges | 4.25 |
| J Hughes | 1658 | Salary & Expenses | 783.29 |
| HMRC | 1659 | PAYE | 241.14 |
| D Smith | 1660 | Grounds Maintenance | 175.00 |
| Loders Village Hall | 1661 | PC Meeting 20/10/26 | 20.00 |

Payments authorised for October were **£1,223.68** being the total of the individual payments shown above.
Bank balance as at 20th October 2026 **£32,724.45.**
**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 (October 2026) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 20th October 2026.

**iii To agree date for Clerk's appraisal** - Clerk to circulate dates to Cllr Bryce and Cllr Pullan.

**iv To agree date for Finance Working Group meeting** - Cllr Bryce, Cllr Tilton, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Watts agreed Friday 6th November. Clerk to book Village Hall.

**9137. Planning and Development**

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

i. **P/LBC/2026/05677** 23 Main Street, Loders DT6 3SA - Internal alterations to include the installation of first floor en-suite and wardrobe partition alterations - support.

ii. **P/HOU/2026/04211** Bridge Acre Road to Uploders, Uploders DT6 4PF - Construction of a low-impact timber boardwalk through the garden, providing access to a semi-circular deck - comments closed 06.11.26, Loders Parish Council were not notified of this application - Clerk to make Dorset Council aware.

iii. **P/HOU/2026/03855** Church Farm House, Main Street, Loders DT6 3SA - Re-roofing Roman Tiles exiting studio roof with Clado Standing Seam - application granted 28th September 2026.

iv. **P/HOU/2026/03094** Inglewood, New Road, Uploders DT6 4NY - application refused 3rd August 2026. Appeal in progress.

v. **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.

**b) To consider and agree any actions in relation to other planning matters:**
None.

**9138. Unitary Authority**

**i. Update from DAPTC**
The Clerk and Cllr Bryce will be attending the DAPTC Autumn Conference on Thursday 22nd October.

**ii. Update from BLAP**
Cllr Tilton reported that the BLAP Members' Assembly minutes had been circulated. He also attended the Parish Liaison meeting on 6th October, at which Ed Morello MP provided updates on hospitality and broadband concerns and emphasised the importance of flood resilience planning, including the use of Dorset Council road closure signage where required.

**iii. Dorset Council - Community Conversations events (Area 2)**
Cllr Pullan attended the first session held on 7th October and reported that although attendance was low, it provided a useful opportunity for councils and other organisations to raise ideas and concerns with Dorset Council. The next session is 3rd November which Cllr Bryce and Cllr Pullan will attend.

**iv. Dorset Council Local Plan: Scoping Consultation 2026**
After discussion, Councillors agreed to complete the consultation individually before the 26th October deadline.

**9139. Council Property**

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

**i. Cemetery**

- Tree works update including allotments and playing field

The Clerk confirmed that the extent of the material to be removed was consistent with the alternative quotation received. The Clerk will progress the works with the chosen contractor.

**ii. Allotments**

The Clerk confirmed that the allotment invoices are ready to be issued. Councillor R Newberry requested that a deeper grass cut be undertaken at the lower end of the allotments during the contractors' next scheduled grass-cutting visit.

**iii. Playing Field**

- Sovereign play inspection report

The inspection report found that all play equipment was assessed as low risk. However, it highlighted strimmer damage to the timber supports of the cradle-seat swings. Clerk to notify the grass-cutting contractors and request that extra care is taken when carrying out grass cutting around the equipment.

- Resident request to purchase a piece of play equipment or bench for play area

The Clerk advised that the resident would be happy to purchase either a bench or picnic bench for the play area. Councillors agreed that an additional picnic bench would be a welcome addition. Clerk to liaise with resident regarding the purchase and a memorial plaque if the resident would like to include one.

**9140. Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Cllr Cannon reported the following RoW updates:

- BR1 overgrown bridleway running parallel to Main Street - Cllr Cannon has cleared.
- FP7 Cherry Lane fallen fingerpost - Cllr Cannon has reported to Dorset Council.
- Chapel Lane overgrown - Cllr Cannon has cleared.

**9141. Roads, Transport and Drains**

**i. Smishops Lane closure** - Cllr Edwards reported that an update had been received from Dorset Council's Principal Project Engineer. A number of potential design solutions had been explored; however, none had yet provided a definitive resolution. A tree stump that had been a cause for concern has now fallen, and it is hoped that this has reduced the risk of larger material falling onto the site. As a result, Dorset Council is considering clearing the area and reopening it in a similar manner to Waddon Way.

**ii. 20mph application update** - Cllr Edwards reported that Dorset Council had approved the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the proposed 20mph speed limit scheme in Loders. The scheme will now progress to the delivery planning stage, with implementation currently scheduled as part of Dorset Council's Phase 4 county-wide programme in Spring 2027. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Edwards and Eysenck for their work on the 20mph speed limit project.

Cllr Edwards reported that the wall reconstruction works at Locks Hill are nearing completion and that the overgrown hedge in Purbeck Close, which had been obstructing the pavement, has been cut back.

iii. **Route options resident drop-in session** - Councillors agreed that two drop-in sessions should take place at Loders Village Hall on a week day evening and a weekend day confirmed as: Tuesday 24th November 5pm - 7pm and Saturday 28th November 2pm - 4pm - Clerk to book venue. Councillors agreed that the sessions will enable residents to drop in between the scheduled times to look at maps detailing the various routes that have been suggested for the Trailway and Safe Route. To ensure the sessions remain as open and impartial as possible, it was also agreed that no groups will be presenting and the route maps will be displayed without labels or identifying information so that they are not linked to any particular group. The aim of the sessions is to give residents an opportunity to view the information available, share their thoughts and their own suggestions, and provide feedback to the Parish Council.

iv. **Clerk's report: Loders Transport Group presentation to Bridport Town Council's Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee on 9th September 2026 - clarification of information presented – to consider recommendation** - Councillors considered a report regarding a presentation made by the Loders Transport Group to Bridport Town Council which may have given the impression that the Loders Transport Group is associated with Loders Parish Council. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Bridport Town Council to clarify the Parish Council's position in relation to the Loders Transport Group and various route proposals.

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce Seconded Cllr D Pullan Resolved**

**Cllr D Cannon and Cllr R Newberry voted against the motion.**

**9142. Environmental Issues**

The Clerk had circulated the report and results of the Dorset Council/DAPTC community Emergency Response Plan (CERP) survey which has taken place earlier in the year. Councillors were asked to read the report ahead of discussion at the November meeting.

**9143. Communications:**

i. **Wessex Internet**

No update.

ii. **Loders Parish Council website - Loders Local History Group content on website**

The Clerk confirmed that she will need to speak to the Loders Local History Group to understand what content has not transferred across to the new website.

**9144. Correspondence received**

i. **National Emergency Briefing**

The Council had received correspondence from a resident regarding screening of the National Emergency Briefing film. It was noted that local climate action groups were considering progressing the proposal independently.

ii. **Parish Roads - encroaching hedges, trees and vegetation**

The Council had received correspondence from a resident concerning vegetation encroachment on roadside verges, hedges and overhanging trees within the parish, which was reported as affecting road width, visibility and safety for road users. The Clerk had advised the resident to report specific issues to Dorset Council. Cllr Edwards reported that the Parish Council is currently dealing with a few residential properties whose hedges are causing visibility issues.

# Loders Parish Council

**9145. Parish Council Business Plan updates**

Agreed to rollover to the November meeting.

**9146. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

20mph update, signage requests.

**9147. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 17th November 2026**

Business Plan.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

**Chair:** J Bryce **Date:** 17th November 2026