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8023. Dorset Council Matters - Report from Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford confirmed that the latest Dorset Council newsletter will be distributed to all residents and the Dorset Council Leader's bulletin with the latest Dorset Council developments and updates will be forwarded by Cllr Alford to the Clerk for circulation to councillors.

Having previously provided information on prior approval planning applications and the scheme of delegation for planning matters, Cllr Warrington asked Cllr Alford if he could obtain a simple flow chart from Dorset Council as previously existed under West Dorset District Council which explains the scheme of delegation for planning matters in much simpler terms than the constitution document for officer scheme of delegation that has currently been provided by Dorset Council Planning. Cllr Alford agreed to follow this up.

Cllr Warrington also asked what progress had been made by Dorset Council in considering any changes in the role of Parish Councils in the new Unitary Authority. Cllr Alford advised that the DAPTC is meeting with the County about this and that Cllr Wharf be approached for information as he holds the relevant portfolio in the Authority.

8024. Footpaths and Rights of Way - Report from Cllr David Cannon

Cllr Cannon advised on the following rights of way issues:

- Church Lane track; the issue of rainwater running down the track (the road needs to be modelled to ensure rainwater runs into the drain) has still not been resolved. Cllr Cannon has chased up with Dorset Highways and will continue to follow up.
- Track southwards of Boarsbarrow Farm towards A35; an abandoned bike was found on the track which Cllr Cannon reported on local social media groups and confirmed that the bike has now gone.
- FP24 at the Jordan Valley, locked gate; Cllr Cannon has reported the issue to Dorset Council who have advised that if the landowner agrees, Dorset Council will install a self-closing gate although the cost of £180 will need to be paid. Cllr Cannon is waiting to hear back from Dorset Council regarding the landowner's response to the offer of a self-closing gate and payment.
- Collapsed Willow branch, Well Plot footbridge; Cllr Pullan advised that the Dorset RoW team have agreed to deal with the broken tree branch although the work has not yet been carried out. Cllr Pullan to monitor and advise Cllr Cannon if the work has not been carried out in the next two weeks so that the issue can be reported.
- New Street Lane debris - Cllr Cannon advised that the Crutchley Estate have apologised for the debris left following the hedge cutting at New Street Lane. The Crutchley Estate also advised that some of their unproductive arable and silage fields are being planted with nectar and wild bird mixes and offered any interested villagers a farm walk in the spring to explain what they do and why. Cllr Cannon to await confirmation of a date.

8025. Finances

i. Clerks outstanding hours

Cllr Warrington advised the council that over the past 5 months, the Clerk has been working hours in excess of those contracted to undertake the varying and additional work commitments of the council which has resulted in 71.5 additional hours worked. It was agreed by all that the Clerk be paid for the additional hours worked. The additional hours will be processed for payment at the March meeting. It was also agreed that the Finance Working Group (FWG) meet on Thursday 4th March at 10.00am via Zoom to discuss the workload of the council and Clerk. Cllr's McCrindle and Tilton agreed to become members of the FWG. The Clerk will arrange to add both new councillors to the council's bank account to enable them to authorise payments in the future.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr G May

Resolved

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ii. To authorise receipts and payments due

The following payments for February 2021 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Mrs J Hughes	1144	Salary/Expenses (February)	610.79
HMRC	1145	PAYE	4.00
K Hussey	1146	Play Area Inspection	52.00
Wessex Grounds Services	1147	Grounds Maintenance (Jan)	76.06

Bank balance as at 16th February 2021 **£28,141.02** (Outstanding cheque still to be cashed £275.00)

Proposed Cllr G May

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

The Clerk confirmed that the bank authorisation by councillors has temporarily been reduced from two to one to authorise and this will be reversed as soon as the new members of the Finance Working Group have been added to the bank account.

iii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (February 2021) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 16th February 2021. Following a request from a councillor, the Clerk offered to provide a more in depth look and explanation of the finance reports at the next meeting to assist understanding of the reports.

8026. Parish Council Business Plan

Clerk to circulate the Business Plan to Cllr McCrindle. Cllr Warrington agreed to put together an update on the Business Plan in terms of who is responsible for what.

8027. Planning

To consider a response to the Dorset Council Local Plan

The Local Plan Working Group met on 9th February to discuss the mechanics of responding to the plan which has now been divided up between councillors based on the six elements of the plan. A further meeting will be held on 23rd February via Zoom to discuss progress and draft responses for each element of the plan. Clerk to chase up Dorset Council planning regarding a two-day extension to the Local Plan deadline of 15th March due to the date of the next parish council meeting falling on 16th March.

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

- i. WD/D/20/002926/27 Knowle Farm, Uploders - although the Parish Council did not object to this application, the Conservation Officers report has recommended that the application be withdrawn or refused.
- ii. WD/D/20/002863 The Barn House, Main Street, Loders - no update.
- iii. WD/D/20/003146 Church Farm Bungalow, Yellow Lane, Loders - no update.
- iv. WD/D/19/000805 Silvermead, Firch Lane, Walditch - Clerk to chase up planning as the documentation regarding the reasons for refusal by the Planning Inspectorate have still not be uploaded to the planning portal.
- v. 2 Cherry Cottages, Uploders - an email enquiry had been received from a resident indicating their intention to purchase 2 Cherry Cottages but the purchase would be dependent on them being able to remove the garden wall to provide an independent driveway. The resident wished to gauge the views of the parish council on this. Cllr Warrington advised that the parish council are unable to

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comment until a formal application has been submitted but as the property sits within the conservation area, the Loders Neighbourhood Plan would guide the parish council's response.

vi. Loders Village Hall replacement patio doors and front windows planning query - see minute 8022.

8028. To consider responding to the NALC HM Land Registry land ownership survey

HM Land Registry are committed to achieving a comprehensive register, ensuring that all publicly held land is registered by 2025. The Clerk advised that the aim of this survey is to gauge what would make it easier for town and parish councils to consider registering land with the HM Land Registry. All agreed that the Clerk complete the survey on behalf of Loders Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr D Last

Resolved

8029. To consider and agree any actions in relation to Parish Council property

i. Cemetery

- to consider war memorial signage (Commonwealth War Graves Commission) for the cemetery

Following the previously circulated report by Cllr Nardone, it was agreed by all that the CWGC war memorial signage be installed at the cemetery as recommended, Clerk to action. Also agreed that a member of the council be present when the signage is installed by CWGC.

Proposed Cllr P Nardone

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

Cllr Nardone also advised that the CWGC provide grants which the parish council might wish to apply for to improve the gravel parking area and access to the war memorial graves. Cllr Nardone and Cllr Newberry to look at areas within the cemetery that need improvement and report back to the parish council with a view to a grant application being submitted to the CWGC.

ii. Allotments

Cllr Newberry advised that there was nothing to report at the allotments.

iii. Playing Field

- to receive an update from the Play Area Working Group

The Clerk had previously circulated the latest maintenance report from Mr Hussey.

- to receive an update on the Dorset Council Leisure Development Fund (LDF) grant

The Clerk advised that the Dorset Council Leisure Development Fund application will be going before the grant panel for a decision on 23rd February.

- to receive an update on the purchase of picnic benches

The Clerk had previously submitted a report detailing quotes from three companies for disabled access, recycled plastic picnic benches as specified in the Dorset Council LDF grant application. Due to concerns raised by councillors in relation to the climate emergency and the use of recycled plastic picnic benches, it was agreed that Cllr's Newberry and Pullan obtain quotes for wooden picnic benches from local suppliers. Due to the wet conditions of Well Plot playing fields in the winter months, it was suggested that once a decision has been made on recycled wood or plastic, the parish council should initially purchase just one bench to site at the play area.

- to receive an update on the overhanging branch at the footpath bridge

See minute 8024.

Cllr Alford arrived at 9.25pm and was then able to provide an update on Dorset Council Matters - see minute 8023.

8030. Roads, Transport and Drains

a) To consider and agree any actions in relation to parish roads, transport and drains:

i. Waddon Way - Cllr Newberry confirmed that the hedge cutting and vegetation clearance has taken place at Waddon Way.

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- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - no further update at present.
- iii. Track at Loders Hall/31a Main Street, Loders - see minute 8024.
- iv. Yellow Lane safety - No update on the installation of 'slippery road' signage on Yellow Lane.
- v. A35 road bridge graffiti - Clerk has reported the issue to Dorset Council Highways although Cllr Alford advised that the bridge may belong to Highways England. Clerk to make enquiries. Cllr Warrington asked Cllr Alford if he could obtain progress updates from Dorset Council on the various road issues detailed above - Waddon Way, Gribb Farm, track at Loders Hall and Yellow Lane safety signage (slippery road).

8031. Unitary Authority

- i. Update from DAPTC - Clerk to find out the date of the next DAPTC meeting and to provide all new councillors with the DAPTC website login details.
- ii. Update from BLAP - No update.

8032. River Asker Improvement Project

Group plans for the coming year - Cllr May confirmed he has been in touch with Ian Rees of Dorset AONB and a progress report is being written which will also detail plans for the future. Clerk to circulate the summary report to all of the River Asker project provided by one of the project volunteers. Cllr McCrindle offered to get the River Asker summary report in the next edition of the Eggardon & Colmers View.

8033. Climate and Environment Issues

- i. To consider and agree any actions in relation to the Loders Parish Council Climate & Emergency Policy - agreed by all that the updated Climate & Ecological Emergency Action Plan be accepted. Clerk to update the Action Plan date and upload to the website. The next meeting of the Climate & Ecological Emergency Working Group will take place on Wednesday 24th March at 4pm via Zoom.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr G May

Resolved

8034. Emergency Plan Update

- i. To finalise the Loders Parish Council Community Emergency Plan
It was agreed by all that the updated Community Emergency Plan be accepted. Distribution of the plan and posters to be arranged.

Proposed Cllr R Newberry

Seconded Cllr D Last

Resolved

8035. Communications

To consider and agree any actions in relation to parish communications

- i. Broadband update - Cllr Warrington advised that she has contacted the Dorset Council portfolio holder for broadband, Peter Wharf, regarding the ongoing broadband issues experienced in Uploders. He has requested a written account to be copied also to Cllr Alford.
- ii. Census 2021 - Advertising of the 2021 Census which takes place on 21st March is increasing and the Clerk has placed Census posters on the parish noticeboards, a post and link on the councils website and more regular posts on the councils Facebook page.
- iii. Parish website - Clerk to update the Climate and Ecological Emergency section of the website with the updated Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan. The Clerk also advised that the Loders Local History Group have been busy uploading new content to the website 'The Parish Notes – 1948-1982'.

8036. Training & Development

- i. New councillor training - the Clerk confirmed that Cllrs Bryce, Nardone and Tilton are booked onto

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the new councillor training on 29th March. Clerk to forward information to Cllr McCrindle with a view to also being booked onto the March session.

- ii. Update from the Clerk re. CiLCA training course - the Clerk confirmed that she has completed Unit 1 of the CiLCA course and is on target to complete Unit 2 by the beginning of March.

8037. To review correspondence received

None.

8038. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Crutchley's spring walk, war graves signage, climate action plan on the website, additional tasks the parish council are having to work on.

8039. Agenda items for next meeting on 16th March 2021

None.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Chairman _____

Date _____