# Minutes from the Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors:	Michele Warrington <i>(Chair)</i> Geoff May <i>(Vice Chair)</i> Julie Bryce David Last		Olwen McCrindle Ros Newberry David Pullan Tony Alford ( <i>Dorset Council</i> )	
Officer:	Joanne Hughes (Clerk)		Public: 0	
Apologies: David Cannon, Peter Nardone, Stephen Tilton				
8105. To red Recor	c <b>eive apologies for absence</b> ded.			
8106. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation None.				
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- **8108.** Matters arising for information only None.
- 8109. Democratic Forum None.

#### 8110. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford advised that the Dorset Council planning system is dealing with huge volumes of planning applications which has also been impacted by a lack of staff and merging planning systems. Cllr Alford confirmed that from 1<sup>st</sup> July, Dorset Council no longer send planning notification letters to neighbouring properties of a planning application and it is now the agent or applicants' responsibility to display planning site notices.

#### 8111. Finance

i. Payment schedule - to formally ratify decisions made, payments made and bank reconciliations under delegated powers for June 2021.

The Clerk had previously circulated a report to all detailing the decisions made, payments made and the bank reconciliation for June 2021 when the parish council meeting was cancelled due to the Government extension to COVID-19 restrictions.

Proposed Cllr O McCrindle

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

#### ii. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Allotment Rent		Scott	15.00
Dorset Council		S106 - Park, Gardens and Outdoor Sport	562.77
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Mrs J Hughes	1174	Salary/Expenses	634.52
HMRC	1175	PAYE	7.00
Wessex Grounds Services	1176	Grounds Maintenance (Jun)	77.58
Loders Village Hall	1177	PC Meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> July	16.00

Bank balance as at 20<sup>th</sup> July £30,298.77

## iii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (July 2021) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

## iv. To progress additional signatories for the Parish Council bank account

The Clerk had prepared the necessary bank paperwork to add Councillors Tilton and McCrindle to the bank account. Signatures obtained from those present. Clerk to arrange obtaining signature from Cllr Tilton before submitting to bank. Clerk to also supply bank account details to Cllrs McCrindle, Tilton and May for setting up online banking.

## v. To consider potential projects for the parish CIL money

Clerk to arrange a meeting for the Finance Working Group to meet in September to discuss potential project ideas for the CIL money. Clerk to also circulate CIL guidance notes to all Councillors and Cllr Warrington to forward to Clerk BLAP link with regards to what councils can spend money on in relation to the climate.

## vi. Clerks monthly hours

The Clerk had previously circulated her timesheet for the month of June which will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis.

#### 8112. Planning and Development

**To consider any planning applications, appeals or enforcements in circulation:** WD/D/20/002926/27 Knowle Farm, Uploders - planning permission granted. WD/D/20/003146 Church Farm Bungalow, Loders - no update, Clerk to follow up.

#### 8113. Council Property

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

#### i. Cemetery

- Following the Council inspection of the cemetery, it was agreed that the Clerk re-pursue hedge laying with the Dorset Wildlife Trust.

- Cllr Newberry proposed that with only one bench available to sit on at the cemetery, a request should be made to the Loders Fete Committee for a donation towards a new bench. Clerk to progress.

## Proposed Clir R Newberry Seconded Clir G May Resolved

- War memorial signage - the CWGC signage has been installed on the entrance pillar to the cemetery.

- Ground's maintenance contract leaf clearance quote - due to the cost, Cllr May suggested that a working party of volunteer Councillors get together in the Autumn to clear the leaves. Cllr Pullan happy to assist.

## ii. Allotments

- Following the Council inspection of the allotments, three trees were noted growing on plots that need to be removed before they become too big. Clerk to contact those allotment plots concerned to advise the tenants that the need to remove the trees.

- Clerk to notify Cllr Newberry of the winner of the 'Best Kept Allotment' following the inspection of the allotments and the votes submitted by Councillors.

- Vacant plot - the Clerk advised that the vacant plot now has a new tenant and all allotment plots are tenanted.

- Fence damage at allotments - following an incident at the allotments which resulted in a damaged fence, the issue has now been satisfactorily resolved.

## iii Playing Field

- Following the Council inspection of the playing field and play area, it was noted that the planks on the walk across bridge are starting to rot and the legs on the toddler swings will at some point need to be replaced with metal cuffs. Clerk to advise play area inspector. It was also noted that the trees at the playing field were looking healthy and in good condition.

- to receive an update on the S106 grant application for Well Plot Play Area new equipment - the Clerk confirmed that the S106 application to Dorset Council for £562.77 towards the play area new equipment had been successful and the money had been received. The Clerk confirmed that all S106 money available to Loders Parish has now been claimed by Loders Parish Council.

- to receive an update on the installation costs of the new equipment for Well Plot Play Area - having previously circulated a report to Councillors detailing two quotes to install the new piece of equipment at Well Plot Play Area, due to the high quotes received, it was agreed that the Clerk obtain a third installation quote for comparison purposes.

- football nets - Cllr Pullan confirmed that he has secured the football nets.

- use of herbicides at Well Plot Play Area and Playing Fields - following a concern raised by Cllr Pullan over the use of herbicides at Well Plot Play Area and Playing Fields to control growth around the fences and play area equipment, the Clerk confirmed that she had contacted Dorset Council to request that herbicides are not used and that careful strimming is carried out instead. Dorset Council have confirmed that a strimmer will be used in future.

## 8114. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon had circulated the following RoW report:

**BR11 (New St Lane)** Cllr Cannon was grateful to Cllr Bryce for alerting him to concerns about encroachment and mud and to Cllr Pullan for tackling the overgrown vegetation. Cllr Cannon scraped the worst of the mud and dug channels to aid drainage of the worst sections and on 27th June he reported the issue to Dorset Council (ref MNT52651). The situation has been improved in

the short term and Cllr Cannon is happy to convene a working party in the medium term but Dorset Council will need to respond to ensure adequate longer-term maintenance.

**FP24 (Jordan Valley)** Cllr Cannon confirmed he is still pursuing the need for a self-closing gate.

**FP32 (Church Lane)** Although this is also a Highways issue, Cllr Cannon confirmed that he has been told that resurfacing of the road above Church Lane has been arranged. Once this is done, it will be necessary to see if rainwater is more effectively channelled into the drain rather than down Church Lane where it has been causing erosion.

**RoW Map:** The C&EE working group suggested it would encourage RoW use if a RoW map was included on the Loders Parish Council website. Clerk to progress.

## 8115. Roads, Transport and Drains

- Waddon Way - no update.

- Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - no update.

- Track at Loders Hall/31a Main Street, Loders - see minute reference 8114, FP32 (Church Lane).

- Yellow Lane safety signage and damaged verge - Clerk to chase up Dorset Highways for an update.

- Car parking on pavement - The Clerk obtained advice from the PCSO regarding parking issues along Loders High Street. The PCSO advised that there are two potential offences; driving onto a pavement and obstruction of the pavement. In terms of prevention, advice was suggested as a way of resolving the matter or alternatively, double yellow lines.

- New residential driveway - the Clerk contacted Magna regarding the new driveway and Magna confirmed that the property tenants had consulted with the associated highways department who confirmed and specified the requirements for the driveway leading onto the road.

- New Street Lane dog fouling - after some discussion it was agreed that dog bins do not solve the issue of irresponsible dog owners who do not clear up after their dog and with dog fouling signage already in place and reminders regularly appearing in the Eggardon & Colmers View, it was felt that there was little more that could be done to address this issue.

- Yellow Lane request for dog bin - (see above). Clerk to ask Cllr Cannon if there is any 'clean up after your dog' signage on the footpath from Yellow Lane to Bradpole.

- Japanese Knotweed - Cllr Warrington advised that the JKW along New Road is being treated on the roadside.

- New Road - Cllr Last advised that he has requested via Dorset Council Highways for 30mph road markings along New Road, Uploders and he has also reported to Dorset Council Highways that drain 21a is completed covered due to soil and vegetation encroachment and needs clearing.

## 8116. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

- to consider adopting the new Code of Conduct - deferred to September meeting.

Dorset Council new Register of Interests Procedure and Complaints Procedure - the Clerk confirmed that the new ROI procedure has been delayed. Agreed by all to review the new procedure in September. Clerk to send Councillors the Dorset Council Complaints Procedure.
Town & Parish Council Members Allowances Review Survey - agreed by all that the Clerk complete the survey on behalf of the Council that Loders Parish Council does not pay Councillor allowances and have no imminent plans to do so.

ii. Update from BLAP - Cllr May attended the BLAP Parish Liaison meeting which included a presentation on the Community Governance Review (presentation notes circulated to all). Cllr May confirmed he will attend the next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm and Cllr McCrindle will then attend the following meeting.

iii.Dorset Council Asset Transfer Policies - after a brief discussion regarding the transfer of Dorset<br/>Council owned assets to town and parish councils, it was agreed by all that no action be taken.Proposed Clir M WarringtonSeconded Clir G MayResolved

iv. Dorset Council Community Governance Review

Cllr Alford advised Councillors that on 15<sup>th</sup> July, Dorset Council formally approved the principles of the Community Governance Review and its terms of reference. The CGR will commence 5<sup>th</sup> August for 12 weeks until 28<sup>th</sup> October. Councillors agreed to discuss the CGR in relation to Loders Parish at the September meeting.

#### 8117. River Asker Improvement Project

Cllr May advised that he is awaiting a report on the River Asker project from Ian Rees of Dorset AONB which will be circulated to Councillors once received.

#### 8118. Climate and Environment Issues

i. To consider and agree any actions in relation to the Loders Parish Council Climate & Emergency Action Plan

- to consider and agree the C&EE Action Plan questionnaire results for publishing on PC website - agreed by all that the Clerk publish the results on the website and send thanks to the Loders Arms, The Crown and the Church Wardens for allowing collecting boxes for completed questionnaires.

Proposed Clir D Pullan	Seconded Clir J Bryce	Resolved		
<ul> <li>to consider and agree the updates of the four areas of the C&amp;EE Action Plan</li> </ul>				

1. Natural Assets - Cllr Bryce proposed that the Council accept the application for hedging with the Woodland Trust.

#### **Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

#### Seconded Clir R Newberry Resolved

2. Transport - no update.

3. Renewables - Cllr May is looking at the feasibility of community-based energy and briefing households in the parish on reducing energy consumption and moving to renewables.

4. Making it Happen - agreed by all that the word 'draft' is removed from the C&EE Action Plan and it is re-dated July 2021. Clerk to progress.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington	Seconded Cllr G May	Resolved
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ii. Bridport Rotary Club Tree Planting Project - Clerk to respond that the Parish Council would like to use their support and will be looking at suitable locations. Cllr Bryce to write to local landowners re. suitable locations. Clerk to provide Cllrs Bryce and Newberry with a large map of the parish for this purpose.

#### 8119. Communications

- i. Broadband meeting with Jurassic Fibre arranged for Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July, ClIrs Warrington, May and Tilton attending. Dorset Council is asking residents, businesses and other stakeholders to complete a survey to help understand views on the current level of broadband provision in Dorset. This will help assist Dorset Council inform the government of the areas that would benefit from funding. Clerk to send Councillors the link to the Project Gigabit survey.
- ii. Parish Website Clerk to follow up search ability of the new website search bar with Vision ICT.

#### 8120. Training & Development

i. Councillors Register of Interests Training - Cllr Newberry to complete.

- ii. Update from the Clerk re. CILCA training course ongoing, two units left to complete before 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- 8121. To review correspondence received None.
- 8122. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Parish Council property inspection, allotment winner, S106 money, C&EE community meetings in the future, Himalayan Balsam pulling future meeting for volunteers.

#### 8123. Agenda items for next meeting

Code of Conduct, Register of Interests, Community Governance Review.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

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