

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Geoff May (*Vice Chair*) David Last
Julie Bryce Derrick Newberry
David Cannon Ros Newberry
Nick Harms David Pullan
Tony Alford (*Dorset Council*)

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*) **Public:** None

Apologies: Michele Warrington (*Chair*)

8225. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded. In the Chair's absence, Cllr May (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.

8226. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8227. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2022 and sign the same

Cllr Cannon pointed out a typo under minute reference 8216 where Dorset County should read Dorset Council. Clerk amended and minutes accepted as correct.

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

8228. Matters arising for information only

None.

8229. Democratic Forum

None.

8230. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford provided the following information:

- The timescale for a land charge search for house buyers has improved from 63 days in October to 28 days in March although Dorset Council are aiming to improve on this with 10 days deemed as providing good service.
- The current Glover Consultation enables Parish Council's to submit comments in relation to the problem of Green Laning. Cllr May confirmed this was an item on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.
- The Local Heritage List is a project Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole are working on to enable local communities to highlight and celebrate their local heritage. Cllr May confirmed that this was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.
- Dorset Council grants are currently available to groups and organisation that service the needs of vulnerable people within the community.

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8231. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

The following payments for March 2022 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Dorset Council		LDF Grant	615.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1215	Salary & Expenses including backpay	776.05
HMRC	1216	PAYE/NI	36.60
Wessex Ground Services	1217	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	77.58
Uploders Chapel	1218	PC Meeting 15 th March	20.00

Payments authorised were £910.23, being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 15th March 2022 **£26,826.49**

Proposed Cllr R Newberry

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the end of year position against the budget and a year-end report of the movement on fund balances. Income for 2021/22 totalled £19,374.27 and expenditure totalled £19,386.69 resulting in a deficit of £12.42. Starting the financial year 2021/22 with £26,838.91, the Parish Council are carrying £26,826.49 forward for the financial year 2022/23.

iii. Additional signatories for the Parish Council bank account

Cllr May confirmed that he now has access to the Parish Council bank account and will authorise the March payments.

iv. Update on upgrading the Clerk to 'Full Access' on the Parish Council bank account

There was no update on access levels for the Clerk but Cllr May raised the issue of the Clerk having to use her own finances to make online purchases for the Parish Council which require payment upfront which is then claimed back under Clerk's expenses. Cllr May advised that this was not good practice and that an alternative solution would need to be found. Cllr May agreed to look into.

8232. Unitary Authority

i. CGR update including status of Loders/Bradpole proposal

- Dorset Council have confirmed that the CGR Working Group had not put forward the Loders/Bradpole (and Loders/Shipton Gorge) CGR proposals as part of their draft recommendations as these proposals would result in a mismatch between the parish boundary and ward boundary and evidence would need to be provided to show how the proposals would meet the criteria set out in the Local Government Boundary Commission. Councillors agreed to leave both boundaries as they are and to inform Shipton Gorge Parish Council of this as they had requested the Loders/Shipton Gorge boundary change.

ii. Update from DAPTC

- Cllr Bryce attended the DAPTC Western Area meeting on 24th February during which the following issues were discussed:

1. CGR and issues with Parish Councils being absorbed by larger councils;

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2. Burial grounds and the need for new land. Burton Bradstock Parish Council would appreciate advice from Loders on how the Parish Council acquired the land for the cemetery at Smishops Lane;
3. Parish Council newsletters covering climate initiatives and also the other work of the council;
4. The outcomes of planning applications not being notified to councils;
5. Emails and the huge volume and amount of information received.

iii. Update from BLAP

- Cllr May attended the BLAP Parish Liaison meeting on 4th March and provided the following feedback:

1. Chris Loder MP gave a presentation that covered Levelling Up, Bus Back Better, Council Tax, Broadband issues that are a common problem in West Dorset and the Jurassic Fibre rollout and A35 safety concerns;

8233. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/LBC/2022/00874 Lothers, Main Street, Loders DT6 3SA - application still under consideration with Dorset Council.
- ii. P/HOU/2021/04942 The Barn House, Loders DT6 3SA - Cllr May advised that as the Conservation Officers report had not been received, he had spoken to the Planning Officer who stated that the Parish Council should be making comments on an application without sight of the Conservation Officers report. After discussion, it was agreed that although there had been a change in measurements, it was difficult to gauge as no meaningful measurements had been provided and as such, the Parish Council's previous comments still stood. Comments to be submitted to reflect this.
- iii. P/LBC/2021/04943 The Barn House, Loders, DT6 3SA - application still under consideration with Dorset Council.
- iv. P/FUL/2022/00148 & P/LBC/2022/00149 37 Main Street - application still under consideration with Dorset Council.
- v. P/HOU/2021/05635 2 Cherry Cottages - permission granted 14.02.2022.
- vi. Dorset Council cancelled Planning Webinar - the Clerk confirmed that a new date has not yet been set.
- vii. Local Plan Review: Dorset Deserves Better Campaign - the Clerk had previously circulated information from the Dorset Deserves Better Campaign and whilst the Council were happy to support the campaign, there were concerns surrounding the implications of joining the campaign. The Council therefore decided to err on the side of caution and investigate the implications and commitment of joining.
- viii. Glover Landscape Review Consultation - as the consultation is far more comprehensive than first appreciated, it was agreed that Cllrs May and Warrington would complete the questionnaire and circulate to all for comments before submitting by the 9th April deadline.
- ix. Local Heritage List - Councillors agreed that they were keen to pursue adding local heritage items to the Local Heritage List i.e., the Lynchets and the lime kiln. More information on the Local Heritage List is currently awaited.
- x. Waddon Farm House - local residents have raised concerns to members of the Council regarding the development at Waddon Farm House which appears to show a building being erected on the site of the removed outbuilding. Clerk to inform planning enforcement.

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8234. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Cemetery bench concrete base quotes - the Clerk has received one quote but is currently awaiting two more.
- Cemetery compostable bin - having researched compost bins for the cemetery, Cllr D Newberry advised that the plastic options look unsightly and the wooden ones are a pallet style that he could easily construct himself to site behind the shed. All agreed for Cllr Newberry to proceed with building a timber compostable bin.

ii. Allotments

- Cllr Newberry confirmed that the plots are all looking good but advised that at the June inspection of Council property, Councillors will need to look at the boundary between two of the plots which have merged with a view to making a clear pathway between the plots. Cllr May expressed concern over the use of chemicals to remove tree stumps. Cllr R Newberry advised that the allotment holders need to pull out any self-seeded tree saplings to avoid them taking root and becoming a problem. Clerk to write to allotment holders.

iii. Playing Field

- Play Area Working Group - following the meeting of the FWG with Cllrs Warrington, May, Pullan, R Newberry and the Clerk to discuss the redevelopment of the play area, the Clerk had circulated to all the meeting notes and a financial plan that provided a way forward for financing the incremental redevelopment of the play area over a period of 4 years. Although the financial plan may need to be adapted, it was proposed and agreed by all that the financial plan be adopted.

Proposed Cllr G May

Seconded Cllr D Last

Resolved

Cllr Pullan confirmed that the play area is fine but the toddler swings will require replacement in the next financial year (2022/23). Clerk to obtain quotes (including installation) for discussion at the April meeting.

- Oak tree quotes - the Clerk advised that she has received one quote so far and is awaiting a further two. It was confirmed that two Oak trees are required for Well Plot playing fields and both trees will be planted in November.
- Plaque for Jubilee tree - the Clerk had circulated the cost of plaques from a number of suppliers but it was agreed to put on hold until the trees are purchased.

iv. Notice Boards

The Clerk had circulated a quote received for the cost of a noticeboard similar in style to those in Bradpole. However, as these are enclosed, lockable noticeboards, access for other individuals and groups to use the noticeboards would be removed. Agreed for Cllrs Bryce and R Newberry to speak to local residents who may be able to help with making bespoke timber noticeboards.

8235. Footpaths and Rights of Way

- Report from David Cannon:

Cllr Cannon asked Cllr Alford if he could follow up the three RoW issues which he has been unable to resolve:

1. **FP24 Jordan Valley** - locked farm gate.
2. **FP30 Yondover to Bar Lane UCR** - barriers restricting access.
3. **FP37 Yellow Lane to Hole House Farm** - improved access was requested in 2017 and again as part of the Parish Councils Climate Action Plan but no response received.

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BR5 (Whetlands Lane, Unclassified County Road) - Cllr Cannon advised that Dorset Council have confirmed that the fallen fingerpost at the junction with Smishops Lane has now been fixed.

- Dog Fouling - role of dog warden - the Clerk advised that residents can report incidents of dog fouling online with Dorset Council which Dorset Waste will investigate. Agreed for Clerk to make enquiries with Bradpole Parish Council who have dog bins regarding the practicalities and use of dog bins.
- Green Lanes - Glover Review Consultation - already discussed under minute reference 8232 viii.

8236. Roads, Transport and Drains

- Waddon Way - the Parish Council had received an enquiry from Dorset Council Highways via Cllr Alford asking if the Parish Council still wished to continue with the reopening of Waddon Way or would they deem a reclassification to a bridleway to be more suitable for residents needs. After some discussion a formal vote was taken and by a majority of one, it was resolved that Waddon Way should be restored to being a public highway. Cllr Alford to report back to Highways.
- Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - the Clerk confirmed that Dorset Council Highways have advised that they are in the process of tendering for the survey work.
- Yellow Lane - no update regarding slippery road sign for the top of Yellow Lane. Cllr Alford agreed to chase up with Dorset Council Highways.
- Smishops Lane road closure and leaning tree - Cllr Last confirmed that following the recent storms, the dangerous trees had now been resolved.
- Road closure notifications - as the Parish Council now receive regular road closure notifications, it was agreed that the Clerk place these on the website and Facebook page.
- Cllr Last advised that he has reported the condition of the road at Stoney Head/A35 which is in a very poor condition with pot holes and a very uneven surface.

8237. River Asker Improvement Project

Cllr May advised of the following events:

- River Asker and Loders Wildlife presentation at Loders Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd March at 8.00pm - everyone welcome.
- River restoration volunteering day in Uploders on Saturday 26th March from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

8238. Climate and Environment Issues

To consider and agree any actions in relation to the Loders Parish Council Climate & Ecological Emergency:

- Natural Assets - Cllr Bryce confirmed that 20 trees provided by Bridport Tree Group have been distributed to private gardens in the parish. Cllr Bryce also confirmed that she will be attending the March C&EE meeting and Cllr Cannon will attend the April meeting.
- Transport update - nothing to report.
- Renewable's update - Cllr May advised that he will be following up on the Bridport Town Council Energy Fair and the role of Energy Champions.
- Making it Happen update - Newsletter Issue 1 - The Clerk confirmed that the newsletter would be available for collection on 16th March to be distributed as follows:
 - 12 copies to Loders Arms via Cllr Harms
 - 12 copies to The Crown via Cllr Bryce
 - 1 copy on the Church porch noticeboard
 - 1 copy for the village hall
 - 1 copy on each of the parish noticeboards
 - remaining copies for distribution at the community event on 23rd March.
 - Clerk to also post on website and Facebook.

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8239. Communications

Broadband - Cllr May advised that Brian Wilson from BLAP will be pulling together what Jurassic Fibre are doing to rollout broadband across West Dorset.

8240. Training & Development

Agreed that Cllr D Newberry and Cllr Harms attend a few more council meetings before signing up for the DAPTC training for new councillors.

8241. Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Bryce confirmed that Loders and Uploders residents are working together on a joint Queen's Platinum Jubilee event that will be hosted at the Loders Arms in Loders. The Parish Council are fully supportive of the Jubilee events and the Clerk will post a DAPTC Jubilee link on the Parish Council website which provides a range of information for local communities participating in the celebrations.

8242. Village Hall Representative

After some discussion and no volunteers for the role of Village Hall Representative, it was suggested and agreed by all that a member of the Village Hall Committee (Chuck Willmott) be asked if he would consider being the liaison with the Parish Council regarding any village hall matters. Cllr R Newberry to speak to Mr Willmott.

8243. To review correspondence received

The School Transport Consultation was raised but Cllr Pullan had looked at the consultation and didn't feel it was necessary for the Parish Council to respond.

8244. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Nothing noted during meeting.

8245. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 19th April 2022

Clerk advised that the April meeting includes the Annual Parish Assembly which will require Councillor reports for 2021/22. Clerk to send out reminder email.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Chairman _____

Date _____