

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodders Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Michele Warrington (*Chair*)
Geoff May (*Vice Chair*)
David Cannon
David Last
Derrick Newberry
Ros Newberry
David Pullan - arrived 7.42pm
Tony Alford (*Dorset Council*) - arrived 7.10pm

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

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Apologies: Julie Bryce

8436. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded.

8437. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8438. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2023 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr D Last

Seconded Cllr D Newberry

Resolved

8439. Matters arising for information only

Following a brief mention at the February Parish Council meeting, Cllr Warrington confirmed that Uploders Chapel are hosting a Pop Up Post Office every Tuesday from 1.45pm-3.15pm with key post office services being available including cash withdrawals, cash and cheque deposits, account balances, parcels and letters, stamps, drop & go, parcelforce express services, bill payments etc. Refreshments are also be available and there is wheelchair access.

8440. Democratic Forum

Russell Goff, Dorset Council Senior Ranger had been expected to attend to provide an update on agenda item 12iv. Trailway Project but unfortunately had to send his apologies due to illness. It was agreed to arrange a CEEAP Zoom meeting and invite Russell Goff to attend.

8441. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford had previously circulated his information report dated 20th March 2023 which included the following updates:

- Dorset Council have voted in support of a £2m cost of living support fund for residents funded from reserves. The fund will support a range of projects to provide immediate and longer-term support to those residents hardest hit by the cost of living.
- The government's Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding is now open for applications which can be made through an online form on the government website.
- Work is in progress on advisory planning guidance on the subject of "Planning for Climate Change."

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- A summary of comments from the consultation of the draft Dorset Council Local Plan is now published.
- Dorset Council is encouraging residents who are planning a street party to celebrate the King's Coronation to apply for a temporary road closure by 31st March and the costs will be waived.

Following recent attendance at the DAPTC Councillors networking event where it was noted that many parish councils rarely see their Ward Councillor, Cllr Warrington thanked Cllr Alford for his very regular attendance at the meetings of Loders Parish Council.

8442. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

The following payments for March 2023 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
HMRC		PAYE Refund	160.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1392	Salary & Expenses	733.05
Cllr Warrington	1393	Stationery & Files	13.95
EuCAN	1394	Well Plot Hedge Laying	200.00
Acorn Multi Academy Trust	1395	Well Plot Grass Cutting	1000.00
Wessex Grounds Services	1396	Grounds Maintenance	100.85
DAPTC	1397	3 x Councillors Networking Event	225.00
Uploders Chapel	1398	PC Meeting 21.03.23	20.00

Payments authorised were £2,292.85 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 21st March 2023 **£22,569.76**

Proposed Cllr G May

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (March 2023) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 21st March 2023.

iii. To agree appointment of Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2023

It was agreed by all to appoint the Parish Council's existing Internal Auditor for the year ending 31st March 2023. Clerk to send letter to Internal Auditor confirming appointment.

Proposed: Cllr M Warrington

Seconded: Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

iv. The King's Coronation - update

Currently, the only event known to be taking place in the Parish is a grand raffle being organised by the church.

8443. Planning and Development

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

- P/LBC/2022/01211 Christmas Cottage, Uploders DT6 4NS - Planning appeal to erect one and a half storey and single storey extensions and alterations. Although the Council had responded to the original application with "no objections subject to the Conservation Officer's report," the Conservation Officer had objected to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment. The Parish Council therefore note that the appeal process is underway at Dorset Council.

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- ii. P/HOU/2023/00400 51 Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PG - Erect single storey extension to form garden room. Replace existing curved bay window with dormer. Create new garden access steps - application approved 17.03.23.
- iii. P/HOU/2023/00101 Trinity Cottage, Smishops Lane Junction to Yonderover Railway Bridge, Loders DT6 3SB - Erect single storey extension and decking at rear - application approved 22.02.23.
- iv. P/LBC/2022/07865 & P/FUL/2022/07866 Upton Manor Farmhouse, Uploders Road, Uploders, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4PQ - No update.
- v. P/FUL/2022/07228 Boars Barrow Farm Access to Boars Barrow Farm, Loders, Bridport, DT6 3RX - No update.
- vi. P/HOU/2022/06515 West Combe, Smishops Lane, Loders, Bridport DT6 3SA - proposed extension and alterations - application approved 15.03.23.

Cllr D Pullan arrived 7.42pm

b) To consider and agree any actions in relation to other planning matters:

- i. Well Plot Playing Field Shelter application for Certificate of Lawfulness - the Clerk confirmed that an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness Existing has been submitted costing £234 which the Well Plot Shelter Group have agreed to pay for.
- ii. NPPF Consultation response from Loders Parish Council - Cllr Warrington confirmed that the Council's response to the NPPF consultation had been submitted and thanks were passed to Cllrs Warrington, May, Cannon, R Newberry and Diane May for their work on the submission.
- iii. Dorset Council Planning Engagement Session for Town and Parish Councils, 18th April 2023 - Cllr Warrington agreed to attend. Clerk to ask Cllr Bryce if she would also be interested in attending.

8444. Unitary Authority

- i. Update from DAPTC
 - Western Area meeting 23rd February 2023 update - Cllr Warrington attended the meeting the minutes of which have been circulated to all.
 - DAPTC Cllrs networking meeting 9th March 2023 update - Cllr May provided an overview of the event commenting that it was a very useful event and worthwhile attending.Future events:
 - Low Carbon Dorset Working Together webinar 28th March - Cllr May confirmed he will attend.
 - DAPTC Climate & Environmental Issues online meeting 27th April - the Clerk confirmed that Cllrs Warrington, May, Pullan and Bryce are booked to attend.
- ii. Update from BLAP

Cllr May provided a brief overview of the DAPTC 20mph policy webinar he recently attended. After discussion, it was agreed to request residents' views on the 20mph policy via the Parish Council's submission in the next issue of the Eggardon & Colmers View.

Proposed: Cllr D Cannon

Seconded: Cllr D Pullan

Resolved

8445. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

Cllr D Newberry confirmed that there was nothing to report.

ii. Allotments

Cllr R Newberry confirmed that there was nothing to report.

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iii Playing Field

- Residents play area redevelopment working group - Cllr Pullan confirmed that he had emailed the Play Area Group to advise that the Well Plot Shelter Group would be happy to provide advice on the practicalities involved in running a community-based project as a working group. Clerk to contact the DAPTC and other councils for advice on community-based working groups and financial implications.

- Well Plot Shelter Group update - the Clerk and Cllr Warrington had met with a member of the Shelter Group to discuss the following:

- Additional gate into the play area from the new shelter - location, size and health & safety implications to be considered. Clerk to contact Ken Hussey for advice.
- Possible net located behind western end football goal to catch stray footballs - after discussion it was agreed to take no action.

Proposed: Cllr D Pullan

Seconded: Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

- Possible bug house to be located somewhere near the new shelter. The Shelter Group are seeking advice from the Dorset Wildlife Trust.
- Wildlife information board to be sited at the entrance to Well Plot Playing Fields. The exact information, location and size of the information board is still to be decided.
- Opening ceremony - exact date currently unknown but likely to be June/July.
- Planning costs - the Shelter Group have agreed to cover all planning costs associated with the Well Plot Shelter.
- Toilets at Well Plot - Loders School had suggested that toilets would be a welcome addition at Well Plot Playing Fields. After discussion it was agreed that this was not a feasible project.
- Insurance - the construction of the shelter is likely to commence within the next month. Clerk to look into the Parish Council's insurance cover for volunteers working on Parish Council property/land.

- Well Plot hedge resident request to remove Hazel tree - Cllr May agreed to look into the rules surrounding trees located within a conservation area and to create a draft tree policy for the Parish Council. With regards to tree felling applications, the Clerk advised that comments/objections to such applications can be made by the Parish Council within the 21-day consultation period and these comments/objections would be taken into consideration by the Tree Officer when assessing the application.

- Maypole Base - Clerk to ask Loders School if they would be interested in the Maypole base before the Shelter Group make use of it.

8446. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- New Street Lane - long standing concern regarding mud build up and flooding at the eastern end. Both issues were reported to Dorset Council last Autumn but have still not been resolved.
- FP37 Yellow Lane from Hole House Farm - improved access has been agreed and the landowner has given permission in principle, now awaiting outcome of funding application.

Cllr Warrington raised the following footpaths and rights of way issues:

- Footpath access to Well Plot Playing Fields very muddy and dangerous. Cllr Cannon to ask Dorset Council RoW for a possible solution.
- RoW Boardwalk suggestion for the field (flooded area) behind Brook House, Loders. Cllr Cannon to make contact with the landowner and ask.

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8447. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. Waddon Way - Andrew Bradley, Dorset Council Highways Project Manager will be attending the April Parish Council meeting to provide an update.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - As above.
- iii. Twenty is Plenty Campaign - See minute reference 8444 ii.
- iv. Trailway project - See minute reference 8440.

- Cllr Last advised that he had reported the condition of the road at Stony Head.

- Cllr R Newberry advised Councillors that as Yonderover Farmhouse is on the market, the Parish Council's grit bin which is located at the property will need to be considered. Clerk to contact current owners for clarification.

Cllr Alford left the meeting at 9.15pm.

8448. River Asker Improvement Project

Cllr May advised that CROWD (Cleaner Rivers of West Dorset) and water sampling and monitoring are the key focus of the project now. As the weir and fish passage survey is still outstanding, Cllr May agreed to prompt Ian Rees of Dorset AONB for this information.

8449. Climate and Environment Issues

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

- i. Natural Assets - Cllr Bryce had attended the 13th March CEE meeting and her notes and the meeting minutes had been circulated to all.
- ii. Transport update - Cllr Cannon had attended the DAPTC EV charging points webinar. The Dorset scheme called 'Charging Ahead' has £4 million invested and expressions of interest are now being sought. Cllr Cannon to follow up.
- iii. Renewable's update - DAPTC 20mph policy webinar - see minute reference 8444 ii.
- iv. Making it happen - newsletter due for discussion at the next CEEAP meeting.
- v. Date of next CEEAP meeting - Zoom meeting to be arranged.

8450. Village Hall Report

Clerk to follow up with Cllr Bryce the Loders Welcome Pack for adding to the Parish Council website.

8451. Parish Council Business Plan 2020-22 Review and 2023-25 Plan

Cllr Warrington, Cllr May and the Clerk reviewed the 2020-22 Business Plan and produced the objectives for the 2023-25 Business Plan. Both draft documents have been circulated to all for comment before the April Parish Council meeting. Cllr Cannon proposed that the following RoW objectives been added to the Business Plan - all agreed:

1. BR11 (New Street Lane); improved drainage from its high point down to the junction with FP7 (Cherry Tree Lane).
2. FP37 (Church Farm to Hole House Farm); improve three pedestrian access points as follows: i) at bottom of Yellow Lane, ii) at double farm gates opposite Boarsbarrow Farm entrance and iii) at Hole House Farm

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8452. Parish Council Archiving

The Clerk advised that the archiving was in progress.

8453. Communications

- i. Broadband - Jurassic Fibre community engagement event, 3rd April 2023 - posters have been placed on the Parish Council notice boards and the Clerk will post to the Council's website and Facebook page.

8454. Training & Development

Loders Parish Council have received a Single Star Award for Councillor Development in 2022/23 from the DAPTC following councillors' participation at events to strengthen and update Council knowledge.

8455. To review correspondence received

None.

8456. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Pop Up Post Office, 20mph.

8457. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 18th April 2023

Annual Parish Assembly.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman: *M Warrington*

Date: *18th April 2023*