

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00pm

### Present:

**Councillors:** Michele Warrington (*Chair*)  
Julie Bryce  
David Cannon  
David Last  
Derrick Newberry  
Ros Newberry  
David Pullan  
Tony Alford (*Dorset Council*)

**Officer:** Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

**Public:** 0

**Apologies:** Geoff May (*Vice Chair*)

### 8458. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded.

### 8459. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

### 8460. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and sign the same

Cllr Cannon advised that the two Footpaths and Rights of Way Business Plan objectives agreed at the March meeting to be included under minute reference 8451. All agreed and Clerk amended accordingly.

**Proposed Cllr D Last**

**Seconded Cllr D Newberry**

**Resolved**

### 8461. Matters arising for information only

Cllr Last advised that the Pop-Up Post Office broadband teething issues were now sorted and the Post Office was proving to be a very well attended service.

### 8462. Democratic Forum

Apologies had been received from both Andrew Bradley, Dorset Council Project Manager for Highways re. Waddon Way and Gribb Farm (agenda items 12 i & ii) and Russell Goff, Dorset Council Senior Ranger re. the Trailway Project (agenda item 12iv). Both had provided update reports - see minute reference 8469.

### 8463. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford had previously circulated his information report dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 which included the following updates:

- The 'Charging Ahead' programme will see as many as 200 electric charge points installed in communities across the Dorset Council area over the next three years.
- Government funding has been secured to upgrade homes and off-grid households with energy efficiency measures.
- There is a LitterLotto app that encourages people to pick litter with the prospect of winning cash prizes.

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- Low-income households in the Dorset Council area will be able to apply for the next round of the Household Support Fund (HSF) to help with rising costs.
- Several access improvements have been completed in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in the last few months including improved access for all between Bradpole and Bridport at Happy Island.
- The number of homeless people in Dorset is declining thanks to a range of new services and accommodation options for people on the streets - working alongside and drawing on the expertise of its partners including The Lantern Trust, The Bus Shelter Dorset and Julian House. Examples of new investment are i) the purchase of 40 units designed to offer sustainable accommodation and tailored support based on the needs of the individual and ii) a rapid assessment unit in Weymouth. The latest rough sleepers count was 12 in 2022, down by one - though the national trend was up.

Cllr Warrington asked Cllr Alford what Dorset Council were doing about the Home Office decision to house up to 500 asylum seekers on a barge in Portland Port. Cllr Alford advised that Dorset Council have no answers to this situation.

### 8464. Finance

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

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Country Memorials		Headstone - J Phipps	110.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1399	Salary & Expenses <i>(includes shelter COL application)</i>	990.86
HMRC	1400	PAYE	18.20
SLCC	1401	Clerks Annual Membership	139.00
Ken Hussey	1402	Playground Inspection	52.00
Wessex Grounds Services	1403	Grounds Maintenance	100.85
DAPTC	1404	Annual Subscription	187.54
Bridport Town Council	1405	BLAP Contribution	59.14
Loders Village Hall	1406	PC Meeting 18.04.23	18.00

Payments authorised were £1,565.59 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 **£21,114.17**

**Proposed Cllr D Cannon**

**Seconded Cllr D Pullan**

**Resolved**

#### ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (April 2023) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### iii. The King's Coronation - update

No known events are taking place in the Parish.

### 8465. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/LBC/2022/01211 Christmas Cottage, Uploders DT6 4NS - No update
- ii. P/LBC/2022/07865 & P/FUL/2022/07866 Upton Manor Farmhouse, Uploders Road, Uploders, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4PQ - due to the Conservation Officer's report, the Parish Council requested that the application be referred to the Planning Committee. The date of the Planning Committee meeting will be notified in due course.

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- iii. P/FUL/2022/07228 Boars Barrow Farm Access to Boars Barrow Farm, Loders, Bridport, DT6 3RX - No update.

### **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 advised that following a conversation with the Planning Officer dealing with the application, the Clerk was advised to withdraw the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness Existing and submit again when the structure is complete. The planning application has therefore been withdrawn and the planning fee paid of £234 will be transferred to the new application when submitted.
- ii. Dorset Council Planning Engagement Session for Town and Parish Councils - Cllr Warrington and Cllr Bryce gave a brief overview of the session they attended which had focused on planning for climate change, sustainability statement and listed buildings and climate change. Key points from the session included:
- Building Control - a document for home owners building their own home is being produced;
  - Internal home alterations will require planning permission;
  - The online planning portal is being improved.
- In relation to the planning session, Cllr Warrington requested an update from Cllr Alford on the Athelhampton House drilling for oil application.
- iii. Consultation - Permitted Development Rights Surrounding Temporary Recreational Campsites - after some discussion it was agreed by all that the corporate response follow NALC's position. Councillors also agreed to leave the current DLUHC Infrastructure Levy consultation submission to NALC.

### **8466. Unitary Authority**

- i. Update from DAPTC
- Low Carbon Dorset Working Together webinar 28<sup>th</sup> March - Cllr Warrington attended the webinar and confirmed that Low Carbon Dorset are being retained although with a much narrower brief focusing on community-based projects.
  - Working Together Webinar - 'All Things Grants' 11<sup>th</sup> May 4pm-6pm via Zoom - The Clerk confirmed that she will try to attend and will ask Cllr May if he is interested in attending.
  - National Emergency Alert - 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 3pm - the Clerk confirmed that this information had been circulated via the Council's Facebook page.
  - Western Area Committee Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 7pm - Cllr Bryce advised that she will try to attend.
- ii. Update from BLAP  
Nothing to report.

### **8467. Council Property**

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

##### **i. Cemetery**

Cllr D Newberry advised that all was okay although the grass could do with cutting.

##### **ii. Allotments**

Cllr R Newberry confirmed that an allotment plot had become vacant and would be offered to the next on the waiting list.

##### **iii Playing Field**

- Play Area Inspection Report - The overall risk of the play area at the time of the inspection was low but identified that the wooden items on the site need an application of a penetrative preservative

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to reduce decay. Clerk to enquire with Mr Hussey what would be a suitable product to use on the newly replaced swings.

- Residents play area redevelopment working group - Cllr Pullan advised that there was no update from the working group at present.

- Well Plot Shelter Group update - Cllr Pullan confirmed that the main frame of the shelter is now up. The Shelter Group have advised that they are happy to install the additional gate into the play area and the additional fence posts that will be required but a specification for the gate is required. Clerk to follow up with Ken Hussey. Cllr Pullan also advised that the Shelter Group would like the Parish Council to consider moving the western end goal posts inwards towards to reduce the risk of stray footballs going over the laid hedge. Councillors agreed to look at during the June inspection of council property. It was also noted that the Shelter Group volunteers are covered by the Parish Council's insurance whilst working on Parish Council property thanks to the comprehensive health & safety risk assessments that Don Moxom had produced.

- Well Plot hedge resident request to remove Hazel tree - Cllr May is currently working on a draft tree policy for the Parish Council.

- Maypole Base - the Clerk confirmed that Loders School are happy for the Shelter Group to utilise the maypole base within the shelter project. Cllr R Newberry confirmed that the maypole base had been made by Ron Price when he was Headteacher of Loders School. Cllr R Newberry and Cllr D Newberry agreed to put together some text and Cllr Warrington agreed to find out some photos providing memories of the maypole base to provide to Don Moxom for the shelter project.

- Muddy area at entry access - Cllr Cannon confirmed that the mud issue on the footpath access to Well Plot Playing Fields has been reported to Dorset Council

### 8468. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- The RoW Boardwalk suggestion for the field (flooded area) behind Brook House, Loders is hoped to be sorted by the residents.
- The tree that has come down at Barr Lane is being cleared by residents.

### 8469. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. Waddon Way - Andrew Bradley had provided the Clerk with the following update on Waddon Way and Gribb Farm; both projects had been put on hold in December due to spiralling costs with inflation adding 25% to all project costs. However, both projects have now got the okay and budget, land agents are being appointed and negotiations with land owners are due to take place.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - As above.
- iii. Twenty is Plenty Campaign - Agreed to defer further discussions and see how the Twenty is Plenty Campaign develops.
- iv. Trailway project - Russell Goff had provided the Clerk with the following update on the Trailway Project; the Dorset Council ranger team are working to restore the plans that were created some time ago and they will be liaising with landowners in the area over the next couple of weeks to discuss with them if their kind offers of a few years ago are still available to them. All being well, and with their support, they will be able to draw up plans of the potential route/s for the multiuser path and that can form the link into Bradpole.
- v. Stoney Head surface - Cllr Last advised that an uneven road sign has been installed at Stoney Head despite the road surface requiring replacement. Cllr Alford agreed to take a look at the condition of the road.

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### 8470. River Asker Improvement Project

An update on the River Asker Improvement Project was provided at the Annual Parish Assembly earlier in the evening. It was noted that the weir replacement issue has still not been resolved which Cllr May will chase up.

### 8471. Climate and Environment Issues

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

- i. Natural Assets - Nothing to report.
- ii. Transport update - Cllr Cannon confirmed that the village hall has expressed interest in EV charging points via the Dorset Council 'Charging Ahead' scheme. More information will be provided at the Parish Council's next CEEAP meeting.
- iii. Renewable's update - Nothing to report.
- iv. Making it happen - Nothing to report.
- v. Date of next CEEAP meeting - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May - TBC.  
- West Dorset Wilding Community Consultation - Cllr Pullan provided an overview of the event which took place at Loders Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> April regarding the release of beavers into the River Brit. Further information can be found on the West Dorset Wilding website.

Cllr Alford left the meeting at 9.00pm.

### 8472. Village Hall Report

Cllr Bryce confirmed that the Village Hall Management Committee have a meeting next week. It was also noted that the Loders Welcome leaflet has been produced by the WI who have agreed for it to be added to the Parish Council website. Clerk to also circulate to Councillors.

### 8473. Parish Council Business Plan 2020-22 Review and 2023-25 Plan

Having been circulated to all, Councillors agreed to adopt the updated 2023-25 Business Plan.

**Proposed: Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded: Cllr M Warrington**

**Resolved**

### 8474. Parish Council Archiving

The Clerk confirmed that the archiving was well underway.

### 8475. Communications

- i. Broadband - The Jurassic Fibre community engagement event took place in Loders on 3<sup>rd</sup> April following which Cllr Warrington and Cllr May met with Jurassic Fibre to discuss the 15% of the village that do not have broadband. Plans are currently awaited but it is hoped a considerable number of the 15% will get broadband.

### 8476. Training & Development

- Finance Training for Councillors

Cllr Bryce to be booked onto a session (date to be confirmed) and Clerk to provide Cllr Cannon with details.

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### **8477. To review correspondence received**

- Dorset Council Leisure Strategy Consultation - following discussion and a corporate response reached, it was agreed for the Clerk to complete the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Public Space Protection Orders - agreed that no response was needed from the Parish Council.
- Clerk to print a few copies of the Loders Neighbourhood Plan and bring to the next meeting.

### **8478. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

None.

### **8479. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

None.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

**Chairman:** *M. Warrington*

**Date:** *16<sup>th</sup> May 2023*