

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 8.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Michele Warrington (*Chair*)
Geoff May (*Vice Chair*)
Julie Bryce
David Cannon
David Last
David Pullan
Derrick Newberry
Ros Newberry

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

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Apologies: Tony Alford (*Dorset Council*)

8505. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded.

8506. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

Cllr M Warrington and Cllr R Newberry both declared an interest regarding agenda item 8a)i planning application P/FUL/2-23/02544 Cloverleaf Farm. It was agreed that Cllr Warrington and Cllr R Newberry would withdraw from the meeting and Cllr May would chair the meeting for this item.

8507. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2023 and sign the same

Cllr Cannon requested that minute reference 8495 be amended to state the footpath number FP23. All agreed and the Clerk amended accordingly.

Proposed Cllr D Cannon

Seconded Cllr D Pullan

Resolved

8508. Matters arising for information only

- Dorset Council parking permit - the Clerk had received information from Dorset Council confirming that the parking permit has to be registered in one person's name online but accepts two vehicle registrations. Only one vehicle can park each day and the vehicle registered has to be changed on the app to the vehicle being used.

- Cllr Warrington confirmed that she and Cllr May had attended a meeting with the applicants of the Boars Barrow Farm planning application to explain the Parish Council's role in terms of planning and responding to planning applications and the limited remit/powers that the Parish Council has.

8509. Democratic Forum

One member of the public was present to observe the workings of the Parish Council for academic purposes.

8510. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

None.

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8511. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

| Receipts | | Detail | Amount |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Well Plot Shelter Group | | Planning Applications | 354.00 |
| Payments | Voucher No | Detail | Amount |
| J Hughes | 1413 | Salary & Expenses | 818.57 |
| Chris Knott | 1414 | Allotment Insurance | 133.09 |
| Wessex Grounds Services | 1415 | Grounds Maintenance | 110.90 |
| DAPTC | 1416 | Councillor Finance Training | 60.00 |
| Vision ICT | 1417 | Website Hosting & Support | 225.76 |
| Loders Village Hall | 1418 | June PC Meeting | 18.00 |

Payments authorised were £1,366.32 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 20th June 2023 **£29,256.88**

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (June 2023) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 20th June 2023.

8512. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/FUL/2023/02544 Cloverleaf Farm, Yellow Lane, Loders DT6 3RY Construction of new farmhouse to release the existing essential rural worker accommodation - having declared an interest, Cllr Warrington and Cllr R Newberry both left the meeting and Cllr May took over the role of Chair. Following discussions that highlighted a number of relevant planning policies, Councillors agreed to submit a comment that covered the following areas: lack of statement of financial viability for the farm's expansion plans, consideration of alternative accommodation, if approved, the need for an agricultural tie and concerns over the design and materials proposed.
- ii. P/LBC/2022/01211 Christmas Cottage, Uploders DT6 4NS - No update
- iii. P/LBC/2022/07865 & P/FUL/2022/07866 Upton Manor Farmhouse, Uploders Road, Uploders, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4PQ - Application granted.

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

- i. To consider the adoption of the Loders Parish Council Tree Policy - Cllr May's draft policy had previously been circulated to all and after discussion it was agreed that the policy was too inflexible. Agreed that the draft be amended so that "presumption not to fell trees" be changed to "preference not to fell trees." Cllr May to amend and recirculate.

8513. Unitary Authority

- i. Community Governance Review update: Shipton Gorge/Loders boundary changes update - Cllr Warrington and Cllr May met with Cllr Alford on 19th June to further discuss the CGR process. During the meeting, a number of questions were raised by Cllr Warrington and Cllr May relating to the CGR process. Cllr Alford requested that the Parish Council formally table the questions raised at its meeting on 20th June. The questions were therefore circulated to all for agreement that Cllr Alford follow up the questions raised.

Proposed Cllr D Cannon

Seconded Cllr D Last

Resolved

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Cllr Warrington also proposed that the Parish Council should progress working towards getting the CGR decision for Loders Parish reversed.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr D Newberry Resolved

Cllr Warrington and Cllr May had also attended an online meeting with Neil Wedge of the DAPTC to discuss the CGR process for Loders. Neil Wedge will be meeting with the CGR Legal Officer of Dorset Council later in this week to discuss the outcome of the CGR process for Loders.

- ii. Update from DAPTC - Nothing to report.
- iii. Update from BLAP - Cllr May attended the last BLAP Parish Liaison meeting where a presentation was given by Dorset Community Energy. BLAP Parish Liaison minutes circulated to all.

8514. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Actions following Parish Council inspection - Clerk to seek advice regarding raising the canopy of the large Lime tree at the cemetery.

ii. Allotments

- Actions following Parish Council inspection - agreed that the boundary between plots 4 and 7 needs to be reinstated with a working party arranged to sort this; Cllr R Newberry to speak to other allotment holders for additional help. Cllr R Newberry to also speak to potential tenant about the vacant plot 4 to see if he is still interested in taking on the plot and if he would like it as a full plot or would consider a half plot.

- Request by tenant to split full plots - Cllr R Newberry to speak to potential tenant about the vacant plot 4 to see if he is still interested in taking on the plot and if he would like it as a full plot or would prefer it as a half plot.

iii Playing Field

- Actions following Parish Council inspection - latches on both gates are required and the scramble net on the playhouse was noted in the latest inspection report as requiring work quoted at £240. Agreed to see if the Shelter Group are interested in getting involved with the Play Area Redevelopment Working Group.

- Play Area preservative for new swings - Cllr Pullan to purchase the Cuprinol Clear Wood Preserver to treat the new swings.

- Residents Play Area Redevelopment Working Group - waiting to see if the Shelter Group are interested in getting involved with redevelopment of the play area.

- Well Plot Shelter Group update - the opening ceremony is taking place on Saturday 24th June at 4pm. Cllr Warrington attending to formally accept the shelter as a new Parish Council asset. All other Councillors and Clerk welcome.

- Well Plot hedge resident request to remove Hazel tree - as no formal request has been received by the Parish Council regarding the removal of the Hazel tree at Well Plot Playing Fields, it was agreed to take no further action.

- Muddy area at entry access - Cllr Cannon advised that Dorset Council have visited the site and reported that the footpath (FP9) was found to be no more slippery than other unmade footpaths. A solution was suggested by Dorset Council to move some of the newly planted hedge from the east side of the field gate to close up the west side where the surface is more deteriorated.

8515. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- FP9 Well Plot across the playing fields - see minute reference 8512 iii.

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8516. Roads, Transport and Drains

Cllr Warrington thanked Cllr Last for pursuing the drain clearing.

- i. Waddon Way - no update.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - no update.
- iii. Trailway project - no update.
- iv. Stoney Head surface - no update and the road surface remains uneven.
- v. 20mph for Loders residents support - the Clerk confirmed that to date six residents have expressed support for a 20mph speed limit for Loders. Agreed to defer to the July meeting.
- vi. Road signage concern (minute reference 8502) - the Clerk confirmed that the issue was reported to Dorset Council who have responded to advise that no issue was found with the Uploders road sign.

8517. River Asker Improvement Project

Cllr May confirmed that he is still awaiting an update from Ian Rees regarding the weir replacement. Cllr May also advised that there is a Clean Rivers of West Dorset meeting on 23rd June that he is unable to attend but another resident will be attending and will update Cllr May.

8518. Climate and Environment Issues

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

- iii. Natural Assets - see below.
- iv. Transport update - see below.
- v. Renewable's update - see below.
- vi. Making it happen - the next newsletter with updates on the three CEEAP areas detailed above is now in production.
- vii. Date of next CEEAP meeting - Tuesday 18th July before the July Parish Council meeting.

8519. Village Hall Report

Cllr Bryce advised that the Village Hall AGM is taking place next week which she will be attending.

8520. Communications

- i. Broadband - Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Warrington, Cllr May and the new Jurassic Fibre Community Engagement Ambassador.

8521. Training & Development

- Training information circulated to all.

8522. To review correspondence received

None.

8523. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

None.

8524. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

None.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

Chairman: M. Warrington

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Date: 18th July 2023

Chairman's Initials