

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

Public: 5

Apologies: David Pullan

8525. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded.

8526. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8527. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2023 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr D Cannon

Seconded Cllr D Last

Resolved

8528. Matters arising for information only

None.

8529. Democratic Forum

Cllr Warrington congratulated Kevin Webster on winning the Best Kept Allotment Award 2023 and presented him with the trophy.

Five members of the public left the meeting at 7.10pm.

8530. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford had previously circulated his information report dated 6th July 2023 which included the following updates:

- Dorset Council are working on their housing strategy which will launch at the end of July.
- Dorset Council will lead in the preparation of a new Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- Dorset Council has recruited and trained 950 people to be embedded digital champions.
- Round 4 of the Household Support Fund (HSF) reopened on 4th July 2023 which aims to give support for low-income households in the Dorset Council area.
- Dorset Council has started a consultation on a new Dog-related Public Services Protection Order (PSPO).

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- Answers to the questions that were put forward for Cllr Alford to raise with Dorset Council in relation to the CGR had been received confirming that the outcome of the CGR is final and that the the only way to change parish boundaries is via a Community Governance Review. Due to the need to carry out a number of public consultations, this is a 12-month process. Legislation sets out that any changes to boundaries that might be agreed as a result of a further Review can only take effect at scheduled elections so, in this case, any changes would not take effect until 2029. This is prescribed in legislation and Dorset Council has no discretion to implement changes at a different time.

- Cllr Warrington and Cllr May held a Zoom call with Neil Wedge of the DAPTC to discuss the situation Loders Parish finds itself in following the CGR and Mr Wedge agreed to speak with Johnathan Mair, the Legal & Democratic Services Monitoring Officer at Dorset Council.

- Cllr May contacted Johnathan Mair for advice on how the outcome of the CGR is communicated to those Loders households affected. Mr Mair agreed that Dorset Council would send a formal notice informing the households. Loders Parish Council to send an accompanying letter to go with the formal notice. Cllr May to chase Mr Mair for the formal notice and Cllr Alford offered to respond to any queries from Loders residents.

Cllr Alford left the meeting at 8.15pm.

- ii. Update from DAPTC - Nothing to report.
- iii. Update from BLAP - Cllr May attended the last BLAP Parish Liaison meeting on 17th July 2023 where a presentation was given by the Citizens Advice Bureau.

8534. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Clerk to seek advice regarding raising the canopy of the large Lime tree at the cemetery.

ii. Allotments

- Best Kept Allotment winner - see minute reference 8529.

- Plot 4 clearance - Cllr R Newberry confirmed that she has contacted the potential new tenant and will be meeting with him at the weekend to discuss the plot in terms of clearing the plot and the possibility of splitting the plot.

- Plot 4 tenant update and full or half plot - as above.

iii Playing Field

- Gate latches and scramble net - new latches on both gates have been sorted by the Well Plot Shelter Group. The scramble net is still requiring work which is dependent on if there is interest from the Well Plot Shelter Group in getting involved with the Play Area Redevelopment Working Group.

- Damage to playhouse roof reported. Clerk to contact K Hussey for advice/action.

- Residents Play Area Redevelopment Working Group - no update.

- Well Plot Shelter Group update - the official opening of 'The Queen's Shelter' took place on Saturday 24th June during which Cllr Warrington formally accepted ownership of the shelter on behalf of the Parish Council and community. Clerk to investigate with the DAPTC the legal process for accepting the shelter, adding the shelter to the asset register, and adding the shelter to the Council's insurance policy. The Shelter Group to also be written to formally accepting and thanking them for the shelter.

The Parish Council received a card of thanks from the Shelter Group for supporting the community project which it was agreed should be framed and hung in the village hall. The Shelter Group have

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also requested if approximately 70 photos from the opening ceremony could be uploaded to the Parish Council website. Clerk to investigate the feasibility of this.

Cllr May advised that he attended a follow up Shelter Group meeting following the official opening of the shelter to see if there was any interest in the group getting involved with the play area redevelopment project. There was interest from some members of the Shelter Group. Cllr May proposed that a further Residents Play Area Redevelopment Working Group meeting should be arranged after the summer to which those interested Shelter Group members should be invited.

Cllr Bryce advised that the Shelter flag pole needs securing and she would look into how this could be achieved by either securing the pole to the Shelter or removing the pole from site for safe keeping possibly at the Village Hall.

- Residents letter regarding access from property to Well Plot Playing Field - the Clerk advised that a letter had been received by the Parish Council from a new resident of Well Plot requesting that an agreement for gate access from their property directly onto Well Plot Playing Fields be considered. The Clerk confirmed this arrangement had existed between the Parish Council and the previous resident of the property. The Parish Council agreed to the request from the current property residents. Clerk to write to residents confirming.

Proposed Cllr G May

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

- National Grid Wayleave Payment - The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from National Grid advising of a wayleave payment. Clerk to contact National Grid for further information.

- Signage - it was agreed that a number of signs at Well Plot Playing Fields require replacement/removing/cleaning. Clerk to progress.

8535. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- FP32 Church Lane kissing gate requires refurbishing. As the gate is located on land owned by Cllr May and another local landowner, a quote to refurbish the gate has been received by Cllr May and he confirmed he has been liaising with Dorset Council who have suggested a possible 25% contribution to the cost of refurbishing the gate. As there has been a lack of further response from Dorset Council to progress the project, Cllr Cannon agreed to chase up.
- A local resident has attempted to contact Sustrans regarding an overgrown footpath on Sustrans property but Sustrans do not appear to be dealing with the issue. Cllr Cannon confirmed he is following up with Sustrans.

8536. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. Waddon Way - a meeting with the land agent has taken place and terms now need to be negotiated.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - as above.
- iii. Trailway project - Cllr May advised that he has been made aware that Dorset Council Transport Planner Kevin Humphries has been in touch with a local landowner regarding resurrecting the cycleway. Clerk to contact Mr Humphries for a status report as the trailway project must be guided by the local community.
- iv. Stoney Head surface - temporary road signs are up and Dorset Council will be carrying out an inspection with a job being raised on any defects that meet investigation level.
- v. 20mph for Lodders residents support - agreed to postpone.

8537. River Asker Improvement Project

Cllr May confirmed that West Country Rivers Trust will be quoting to do a survey of the weir which will be taking place imminently.

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8538. 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 - Clerk to update the text for the next CEEAP newsletter following the CEEAP meeting and to circulate to all Councillors for comments. The CEEAP poster for the public meeting to also be updated and circulated to all prior to submitting to the E&CV for inclusion in the September edition.
- vii. Date of next CEEAP meeting - Wednesday 4th October at 11.00am.

8539. Village Hall Report

Cllr Bryce advised that she had offered the Parish Council's support to the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the village hall window issues.

8540. Communications

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

8541. Training & Development

None.

8542. To review correspondence received

None.

8543. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

- Accepting Shelter on behalf of Parish Council.
- CEEAP public meeting and CEEAP newsletter.

8544. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

None.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Chairman:

Date: