

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodors Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

Public: 5

Apologies: None

8565. To receive apologies for absence

None.

8566. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8567. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr D Last

Seconded Cllr D Pullan

Resolved

8568. Matters arising for information only

None.

8569. Democratic Forum

Cllr Warrington welcomed Dorset Council Officers Kevin Humphreys and Russell Goff who had both joined the meeting to provide the Parish Council with an update on agenda item 12 iii - the railway project. It was explained that the aim of the railway is to get people out into the community, connecting communities, encouraging active travel and improving health and well-being. The railway route is approximately nine miles in length of which a third has been completed, a third has been agreed and the final third through Lodors is yet to be finalised. The railway route ranges in width from 2m to 5m with 3m being standard and adequate with soft edges and a semi-permeable finish suitable for all intended users in a rural setting - surface finish in some locations will be dependent on required vehicular access i.e., farm tractors. It was confirmed that Sustrans are no longer involved in the railway project, it is progressing as a Dorset Council initiative and external funding has been successfully obtained for various parts of the project. It was acknowledged that there are problems that may be difficult to overcome in sticking to the railway route as parts of this route are now in private ownership. It was confirmed that all other parishes along the railway route have given their support and Dorset Council would like the support of Lodors Parish Council. The Parish Council confirmed that the position of the Council has not changed being neither for or against the railway project with support only being given if the

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trailway project has the support of local residents. Russell Goff agreed to draw up a preferred route for the trailway through Loders for the Parish Council to put to a referendum.

Kevin Humphreys and Russell Goff left the meeting at 7.40pm. The other three members of the public who had attended the meeting to listen to the update on the trailway project left the meeting at 7.50pm.

8570. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford had previously circulated the Leader of the Council's update bulletin report which the Clerk had circulated to all. Cllr Alford also advised that Dorset Council are running a consultation on proposed changes to Dorset Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age people which closes on 25th October.

Cllr Warrington updated Cllr Alford on the Community Governance Review and the steps the residents affected by the boundary changes were taking.

Cllr Alford left the meeting at 8.00pm.

8571. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Dorset Council		Precept	7,500.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1430	Salary & Expenses - Oct	822.46
Mystic Signs	1431	Play Area Sign	24.00
Creeds the Printers	1432	CEEAP Newsletter	141.00
Wessex Grounds Services	1433	Grounds Maintenance	110.90
DAPTV	1434	Clerks Conference	22.50
Ken Hussey	1435	Well Plot Inspection Report	52.00
Upoders Chapel	1436	October PC Meeting & CEEAP Meeting	40.00

Payments authorised were £1,212.86 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 17th October 2023 **£31,112.01**

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (October 2023) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 17th October 2023.

iii. Confirm FWG meeting date 7th November

Dated confirmed by all FWG members as Tuesday 7th November.

8572. Planning and Development

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

- P/HOU/2023/005746 Wheelwrights Cottage, Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NT - Demolition of garage, construction of carport and alteration to the property - no objections.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr D Pullan

Resolved

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

- i. Resident concerns regarding the build site located at the Barn adjacent to Orchard Bungalow, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PD - following a response received from the resident requesting that the Parish Council pursue this matter on behalf of the community with a mandate to act under the Neighbourhood Plan, Councillors agreed to seek advice on the matter from the DAPTC and Dorset Council Planning - Clerk to progress and update resident.

8573. Unitary Authority

- i. Community Governance Review update: Shipton Gorge/Loders boundary changes update - Cllr Warrington had drafted a request to NALC (via the DAPTC) seeking clarification of Legal Topic Note 73, 7/2015 in regards to the Community Governance petition process. After discussion it was agreed to also request clarification on the 'two-year period.' Cllr Warrington to update request for circulation to all before forwarding to the DAPTC.
- ii. Elections 2024 - Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review - consultation closes 13th November - all agreed arrangements for Lodders Village Hall were adequate with no changes required.
- iii. Update from DAPTC - Western Area meeting Thursday 19th October - Cllr Warrington confirmed she would be able to attend via Zoom.
- iv. Update from BLAP - BLAP Parish Liaison meeting Monday 30th October - Cllr May confirmed he would be able to attend.

8574. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Lime tree update - Clerk awaiting two additional quotes for the Lime tree canopy raising works.

ii. Allotments

Cllr R Newberry confirmed that the two new plot holders for the split plot 4 have commenced clearing works. The Clerk confirmed that the allotment invoices will be sent this month.

iii. Playing Field

- Play area update and inspection report - Cllr Pullan confirmed that the inspection report highlighted no urgent issues and he would re-peg the goal post nets.

- Fence replacement palings quote - the Clerk had received a quote from Ken Hussey for £70 to supply and install three fence palings. All agreed to proceed with the work.

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

- Residents play area redevelopment working group meeting update - the Clerk confirmed that there has been no interest to the email sent to residents of the original working plus some members of the Well Plot Shelter Group about setting up a progress meeting for the redevelopment of the play area. Agreed that Cllr May would contact the resident with a background in play area development for his suggestions on replacement play equipment and costings.

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- Signage - the Clerk confirmed that the children's play area sign is now with Cllr Pullan for installation but both Dorset Council and National Grid have yet to supply replacement signage. Clerk to chase up.
- Shelter Groups' photos for Village Hall update - the Clerk confirmed that a request has been put to the Village Hall Management Committee for the framed photos to be hung in the Village Hall. The entrance lobby has been suggested as a possible location. Clerk to progress.

8575. Footpaths and Rights of Way

- Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:
 - FP7 Cherry Lane - works completed (trip-hazard roots have been covered and a sturdy hand-rail installed). A resident has requested the siting of a bench on the west side of the new hand-rail facing west towards the river. Cllr Cannon to find out from Dorset Council who owns the land.
 - New Street Lane - at the eastern end, Cllr Cannon advised that the triangle of land is to be fenced.
 - FP23 Chapel Lane to New Road - overgrown vegetation has been sorted, the board walk is in a poor state which Cllr Cannon has reported to Dorset Council and he has also cleared the overgrown vegetation on the farm gate at New Road.
- Kissing Gate update - Cllr May confirmed that the kissing gate will be repaired in due course at the landowner's expense.
- New Street Lane hole in road update - it was confirmed that the repair has been carried out by Dorset Council. Clerk to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to the Dorset Council team involved.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

8576. Roads, Transport and Drains

- Waddon Way - the Clerk confirmed that land negotiations are still ongoing
- Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - as above although it was confirmed by Dorset Council that additional survey work to the garden at Gribb Farm is also being undertaken due to landowner concerns.
- Trailway project - see minute reference 8569.
- Footpath 32 Church/Vicarage Lane - Cllr May advised that he has been made aware that ownership of the lane has been registered to the three property owners of the bordering land.
- Stoney Head surface - still no improvements to the road surface.
- Japanese Knotweed, New Road - Cllr Warrington advised that the site of the knotweed has been marked with a red pole.
- 20mph for Lodors residents support - with just six resident responses in support of 20mph and with Councillors holding differing views, it was agreed to defer any future discussions until the spring. Clerk to advise the six residents.
- Cllr Last advised that the drain opposite Shatcombe has been flushed through and the fridges and freezers dumped in the layby of the A35 have now been cleared. Cllr Last to report the drain at Higher Lodors Farm.

8577. River Asker Improvement Project

Cllr May confirmed that he has written to West Country Rivers Trust who have confirmed that the outstanding survey is now in progress. It was also confirmed that a riverfly monitoring meeting will be taking place on 20th November.

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8578. Climate and Environment Issues

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

- i. Natural Assets - newsletter circulated.
- ii. Transport update - newsletter circulated.
- iii. Renewable's update - newsletter circulated.
- iv. Making it happen - newsletter delivered to all households in the parish.
- v. CEEAP Public Meeting 18th October at Uploders Chapel - it was confirmed that Cllr Warrington will chair the meeting which would be informal with attendees being encouraged to support their CEEAP area of interest with ideas and suggestions. All attendees to complete a contact sheet.

8579. Village Hall Report

Cllr Bryce advised that the Village Hall Management Committee have proposed raising the Parish Council's fee for booking the committee room from £18 to £22 for 4 hours hire for Parish Council meetings - normal hire rate is £24 with 10% discount for local organisations. Cllr Bryce to ask if the VHMC would consider matching the rate of £20 charged by Uploders Chapel. It was also confirmed that the Shelter Group will be securing the flag pole to the shelter rather than storing the flsg pole at the village hall.

8580. Loders Arms Defibrillator

The Clerk advised that following investigation, it was discovered that the defibrillator located at the Loders Arms was no longer registered with the Circuit and due to issues regarding ownership of the defibrillator following several changes of landlord at the pub, Palmers have removed the defibrillator from the wall of the pub. Agreed for Cllr R Newberry to collect the defibrillator from Palmers and store for safe keeping whilst further inquiries are made.

8581. Communications

- i. Broadband - no update.
- ii. Parish Council website - Shelter Group photos request update - the Clerk confirmed that the photos will be uploaded to the website once received.
- iii. Succession planning for 2024 elections - it was agreed that the CEEAP public meeting could be a good starting point for climate interested individuals to get involved with the work of the Parish Council. Also agreed for Cllr R Newberry and Cllr Pullan to look at ways of shortening the length of the Parish Council meetings.
- iv. Parish record archiving - the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council archiving is still ongoing.

8582. Training & Development

The Clerk attended the DAPTC Clerks Conference in September which provided a useful reminder of the elections process for the upcoming elections in May 2024.

8583. To review correspondence received

Zero Hour - Loders Parish Council support for Climate & Ecology Bill - Clerk to circulate to all and CEEAP group to look at.

Dorset Council Pilot Scheme - Research in Tree Management - agenda item for next CEEAP meeting.

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8584. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Trailway update - awaiting plans to take to the community and 20mph deferred to the spring.

8585. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 21st November 2023.

None.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

Chairman: *M. Warrington*

Date: *21st November 2023*