

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Officer: 0

Public: 2

Apologies: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*) - *minutes taken by Cllr J Bryce*

8665. To receive apologies for absence

Recorded, all present agreed to send our condolences to Joanne Hughes and her family on their recent bereavement.

8666. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8667. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2024 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr D Last

Resolved

8668. Matters arising for information only

None

8669. Democratic Forum

Carol and Richard Hall gave an update on progress at Gribbs Farm and thanked the Parish Council for their help and support over the years. They will be transferred to within the Shipton Gorge Parish Council boundary from May 2024 but hope that Loders Parish Council would continue to support them and the other parishioners involved in their efforts to reverse the situation in future years.

8670. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford

Cllr Alford had previously circulated his update report which included information on:

- Dorset Council are anticipating a revised approach system to the Local Plan being introduced at the end 2024. There will be changes to the NPPF to clarify the role of Local Housing need - calculations.
- Extra funding available for road maintenance in Dorset.
- Dorset Council approved a budget to protect frontline services.
- Cllr Allford was unaware of the petition letter circulating to Parish Councils from CPRE and Dorset Deserves Better regarding the Local Plan. Cllr Warrington is to forward a copy for his information.

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8671. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

The following payments for March 2024 were approved in line with internal controls:

| Receipts | | Detail | Amount |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------|
| HMRC | | PAYE refund | 18.20 |
| Payments | Voucher No | Detail | Amount |
| J Hughes | 1459 | Salary & Expenses | 806.75 |
| HMRC | 1460 | PAYE | 8.60 |
| Acorn Multi Academy Trust | 1461 | Well Plot Grass Cutting | 1,015.00 |
| Wessex Grounds Services | 1462 | Grounds Maintenance | 110.90 |
| Forest & Tree Care Ltd | 1463 | Lime Tree Works | 270.00 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 1464 | Donation | 50.00 |
| Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance | 1465 | Donation | 50.00 |
| Loders Village Hall | 1466 | CEEAP Meeting 24.01.24 | 16.00 |
| Uploders Chapel | 1467 | PC Meeting 19.03.2024 | 20.00 |

Payments authorised were £2,347.25 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 19 March 2024 **£26,890.95**

Proposed Cllr G May

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

ii. Monthly finance reports

In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr G May provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (March 2024) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 19th March 2024.

iii. Lloyds Bank Signature amendment process

Ongoing awaiting action on signatures

8672. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/HOU/2024/00826 31A and 31B Loders, Bridport DT6 3SE -Raise height of chimney - PC comments by 19th March 2024 - No objections.
- ii. P/HOU/2024/00572 29 & 30 Loders, Bridport DT6 3SA - Granted 19th March.
- iii. P/FUL/2024/00160 The Workshop at Upton Dairy, Upton Manor Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PQ - Granted 8th March.
- iv. P/TRC/2024 00516 The Retreat, Smishops Lane Junction To Yondover Railway Bridge, Loders DT6 3SB-T1 &T2 Lawson Cypress -Fell - No objections 22nd February.
- v. P/LBC/2023/07399 Yondover Farm House, Yondover Railway Bridge, Well Plot, Loders DT6 4NW - Granted 6th March.
- vi. P/FUL/2023/06792 Boars Barrow Farm, Access to Boars Barrow Farm, Loders, DT6 3RX - No update.
- vii. TPO/2023/0085 New Tree Preservation Order at The Mill, Loders DT6 3RX - No update.

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 - Cllr May reported that he has been unable to contact the owner and will now attempt to contact Dorset Council again for further information then report back to concerned resident. All agreed.

Proposed Cllr Warrington

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

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- ii. To consider the request from CPRE & Dorset Deserves Better to support their open letter to Cllr Spencer Flower - all agreed to support. Clerk to action on her return.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr D Last

Resolved

8673. Unitary Authority

- i. Community Governance Review: Shipton Gorge/Loders boundary changes - no update.
- ii. Update from DAPTC - Cllr May received an email response from N. Wedge with explanation of details of proposed changes to the DAPTC Constitution and 3 reasons for this proposal. Request that the Clerk circulate this information to all councillors on her return.
- iii. Update from BLAP - no update
- iv. 2024 Election Nomination Forms completed and to be submitted 21st March.

8674. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Lime tree works - works completed.
- Wessex Grounds Services contract 2024/25 - list of quotes from other competitively priced companies was considered. Proposed that Loders Council would accept Quote B on confirmation that this quote was a true like for like comparison and not subject to VAT.

Proposed Cllr G May

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

ii. Allotments

- Cllr R Newberry confirmed that there was nothing to report.

iii. Playing Field

- Play area redevelopment - Cllr May is waiting to hear back from a resident with a background in play area development for information regarding replacement of two items of play equipment.

8675. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- Rock fall at Bar Lane reported to Highways who confirmed it will be attended to within a month.
- Brambles have been cut back along a section of New Lane.
- Broken Finger Post at Highacres by the Railway Bridge was reported and PC are very grateful to Footpaths and Rights of Way for their speedy response in fixing this.
- Barbed wire on footpath down to the river towards New Street Lane and the new bench has now been replaced by ordinary wire.

8676. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Yellow Lane update. No date yet for requested meeting with Highways with Chris Loder. Still awaiting an update from Highways.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - Richard Hall met with Dorset Council subcontractors Quantum Geotech in December to look at bank stability. Richard Hall reported several new problems that may need to be addressed regarding the findings recorded by Quantum Geotech. Project likely to be more extensive than previously thought - ongoing.
- iii. Grit Bin at Yondover - the new owners are happy to spread the grit when the weather conditions require it.
- iv. DAPTC response to request for information about other Parishes, possible subsidence issues - DAPTC have replied that they do not have this information.
- v. Knowl Lane Erosion - No update from Highways.

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vi. Temporary Road Closure notices: 20th March, 28th March, 6th April.

8677. Climate and Environment Issues

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

- **River Asker Update** - Cllr Warrington referred to the email of 15th March from Ian Rees informing the Parish Council of recent funding for Natural Flood Management in the wider Brit Catchment, including the Rivers Simene, Asker & Mangerton as well as the River Brit. In view of these continued works Cllr Warrington proposed that this item should return as an agenda item so that the Council and the Parish can stay updated on progress - all agreed.

Proposed Cllr M Warrington

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

- **CEEAP Meeting held on 18th March by Zoom** - Loders Parish Council acknowledged that the Natural Assets and Transport Groups have decided at their meetings that they would like to be autonomous groups, independent from the Parish Council. Renewables group have a further meeting on Friday 22nd March and Cllr May will discuss further then.

- **Publicity** - the groups would like Parish Council agreement for a Climate Change page on the Parish Council website so they may publicise information on events and give updates on their activities. All agreed on condition that the Clerk be approached for final approval as this may involve extra work.

Proposed Cllr D Cannon

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

- **Transition to Autonomy** - It was agreed that, as autonomous Groups, Groups must make it clear that their actions are separate from the Parish Council. Parish Council endorsement cannot be claimed by these Groups for their activities without the express agreement of the Parish Council. Any support from the Parish Council for Groups in the future would have to be formally requested by them. While councillors may attend the Groups' meetings they are there solely for their own purposes and not representing the Parish Council.

- **Natural Assets Update**

- Swift boxes to be installed across the parish in groups of 2 and in clusters.

- Community orchard work cannot be carried out to clear the area while birds are nesting so will need to wait until Autumn.

- Dipper boxes have been installed and Dippers have been seen nesting nearby.

- **Transport Update**

- Dorset Council to be involved in publication of leaflet showing details of the possible railway walk. Community walks are being organised that would pass by Steppes Farm at the western end. Cllr Cannon asked if LPC would make a small donation of £30 to support refreshments if the owner agreed to host - all agreed.

Proposed Cllr D Cannon

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

- The group have selected two preferred choices of non-road route to Bridport through Loders.

- The group recognise they share an interest in developing a community orchard with the wildlife group (Natural Assets); contact between the two groups would be helpful.

- **Renewables Update**

- Ambitious plans have been reported for a possible renewable energy scheme in the village.

- Members of the group plan to attend a Bridport networking group for green energy on 21st March.

- The next group meeting is in the village hall on 22nd March.

8678. Village Hall Report

Cllr Bryce was asked to confirm if the WI welcome leaflet has been placed on the council website yet - to confirm with Clerk on her return.

8679. Loders Arms Defibrillator

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Clerk is still awaiting response from Palmers and pub landlords regarding defibrillator.

8680. Meeting of Standing Orders Working Group

No update, matter is to be considered after council elections with the newly elected council in May 2024

8681. Communications:

- i. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre - no further update
- ii. Analogue switch off - Government has had agreement with BT and Open Reach to delay rollout until current problems are satisfactorily resolved.

8682. Correspondence received

None.

8683. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Retirement of Councillors at May election: Cllr David Last, Cllr Geoff May, Cllr Michele Warrington.

8684. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

None.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm.

Chairman:

Date: