

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodders Parish Council held at Lodders Village Hall on Tuesday 20th February 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: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*) **Public:** 0

Apologies: Tony Alford (*Dorset Council*)

8645. To receive apologies for absence
Recorded.

8646. Declarations of interest or grants of dispensation
None.

8647. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2024 and sign the same
Cllr Warrington proposed that the January minutes detail that in the Clerk's absence, the minutes were recorded by Cllr G May - all agreed.
Proposed Cllr D Pullan Seconded Cllr D Cannon Resolved

8648. Matters arising for information only
- Minute ref. 8637 vii Knowle Lane erosion - Clerk to chase up for an update.
- It was noted that the January Parish Council meeting took 2 hours 35 minutes falling just outside the Parish Council's Standing Order of 2.5 hours meeting duration - see minute reference 8660.

8649. Democratic Forum
None.

8650. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Tony Alford
Cllr Alford had previously circulated an update report to all which included the following information:
- Dorset Council and BCP Council are working on a new joint transport plan to ensure that Dorset's transport system meets the expectations of everyone - survey runs until 3rd March 2024.
- Annual dredging at West Bay and Lyme Regis should be completed by 5th March in Lyme Regis and 28th March in West Bay.
- Dorset Council approved proposals for a council tax premium on second homes and an amendment to agree an earlier commencement date for the existing Long Term Empty Homes premium.
- Dorset Council approved a balanced budget of £377 million for 2024/25 which continues to protect frontline services.

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8651. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Scott		Allotment Rent	30.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1454	Salary & Expenses	803.03
HMRC	1455	PAYE	8.40
Wessex Ground Services	1456	Grounds Maintenance	110.90
K Hussey	1457	Play Area Inspection	52.00
Loders Village Hall	1458	PC Meeting 20.02.2024	20.00

Payments authorised were £994.33 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 20th February 2024 **£26,872.75**

Proposed Cllr J Bryce

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

ii. Monthly finance reports

The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (February 2024) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 20th February 2024.

8652. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/HOU/2024/00572 29 & 30 Loders Loders Bridport DT6 3SA Proposal - Raise height of chimney - PC comments by 5th March 2024 - no objections.
- ii. P/FUL/2024/00160 The Workshop at Upton Dairy Upton Manor Farm Uploders Road Uploders DT6 4PQ - Change of use from agricultural building to commercial unit - PC comments by 21st February 2024 - no objections.
- iii. P/TRC/2024/00516 The Retreat, Smishops Lane Junction To Yondover Railway Bridge, Loders DT6 3SB - T1 & T2 Lawson Cypress - Fell - Comments by 21st February 2024 - No comments.
- iv. P/LBC/2023/07399 Yondover Farm House, Yondover Railway Bridge, Well Plot, Loders, DT6 4NW - no update.
- v. P/HOU/2023/07119 Lyndon Matravers, Matravers Farm Access Road, Uploders, DT6 4PH - Replacement of existing annexe cabin and garage with purpose-built annexe - application withdrawn 22th January 2024.
- vi. P/FUL/2023/06792 Boars Barrow Farm, Access to Boars Barrow Farm, Loders, DT6 3RX - no update.
- vii. P/FUL/2023/06859 Innsacre Farmhouse, Shipton Road, Shipton Gorge, DT6 4LJ - Erect 28 panel (12kW) ground mounted domestic solar array - application approved 17th January 2024.
- viii. TPO/2023/0085 New Tree Preservation Order at The Mill, Loders DT6 3RX - no update.
- ix. P/PABA/2024/00772 Prior Approval Permission enquiry for Poly Tunnel, Perwen Farm - for information only.

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

Resident concerns regarding the build site located at the Barn adjacent to Orchard Bungalow, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PD - Cllr May has attempted to contact the planning agent for the site with limited success and has now written to the owner of the site to establish what the position

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is. If a response is not received, planning enforcement will be contacted to determine the possible options for having the site tidied.

8653. Unitary Authority

- i. Community Governance Review update: Shipton Gorge/Loders boundary changes - no update on previous status.
- ii. Update from DAPTC
 - Cllr Bryce attended the DAPTC Western Area meeting on 15th February where it was advised that an extraordinary meeting will be held in April relating to the DAPTC transitioning to a company limited by guarantee. Agreed that Cllr May would contact Neil Wedge at the DAPTC to ascertain the reasons for the proposed move.
 - New Model Contract of Employment published by NALC - Clerk to look at any applicable changes.
 - DAPTC Councillors Networking Event Thursday 7th March - no Councillors available to attend.
 - DAPTC website Councillor access - all Councillors to be set up with individual logins.
- iii. Update from BLAP - Cllr May will be attending the next Parish Liaison Meeting on 21st February where a presentation will be given by Dorset Council's Flood Risk Manager.

8654. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Lime tree works - the Clerk confirmed that the maximum the canopy will be raised will be 2.4m. Cllr D Newberry will contact the contractors before the work takes place to discuss.

ii. Allotments

Cllr R Newberry confirmed that there was nothing to report.

iii Playing Field

- Play area redevelopment - Cllr May will make contact with a resident with experience in grant applications to discuss possible grants for the replacement of the Trim Trail and Clatterbridge and Slide. Cllr R Newberry will also put an article in the E&CV requesting play equipment replacement ideas from parents, grandparents, and children along with possible fundraising ideas.

- Dog signage - Cllr Pullan will install the new signage at Well Plot.

- Dorset AONB school event at Well Plot - the event successfully took place on 7th February and was attended by 80 children who planted 33 trees.

8655. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon provided the following updates:

- A resident has requested that the brambles on New Street Lane are removed.
- Cllr Warrington advised that access is difficult along Barr Lane - Cllr Cannon to report to Dorset Council.
- Cllr Bryce advised that where the new bench has been installed (FP7) near the river there are fallen posts and barb wire - Cllr Cannon will take a look.

8656. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Yellow Lane request for site meeting with Dorset Council Highways - Cllr Warrington, Cllr May, Cllr R Newberry, and Cllr D Newberry advised that they would be available to attend the meeting. Clerk to circulate possible dates to Highways to include Chris Loder MP. Clerk to also contact the DAPTC to ask how many other Parish Councils are having issues with roads due to subsidence.
- ii. Gribb Farm, Shipton Road - progressing with measuring up and further surveys.

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- iii. Trailway project - agreed to discuss under Climate & Environment Issues - Transport (see minute 8657).
- iv. EV Charging - agreed to discuss under Climate & Environment Issues - Transport (see minute ref 8657).
- v. Grit Bin at Yondover - new owners - the Clerk confirmed that the new owners are happy to keep the grit bin at the Farmhouse. As the bin is not publicly accessible, Councillors requested that the Clerk check that the owners are happy to spread the grit on the road during icy conditions

8657. Climate and Environment Issues

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

- Making it happen - next meeting 18th March via Zoom. Clerk to recirculate link. Agreed that all meeting notes from the three CEEAP group meetings are circulated to all Councillors.
- Natural Assets led by Cllr Bryce and Cllr Pullan with the following updates provided:
 - Group renamed Loders Parish Wildlife Conservation Group
 - Swift boxes are being made
 - Dipper boxes are being investigated
 - Clerk to reply to email from Victor Crutchley re. tree planting plans.
- Transport update led by Cllr Cannon with the following updates provided:
 - Group called Loders Transport Group
 - Four regular attendees, need to recruit more members
 - EV Charging - Village Hall and Well Plot possible locations
 - Car Sharing What's App Group has been set up
 - Safer roads - enthusiasm for 20mph speed limit but some resident resistance
 - Food miles - local food producers and deliveries, community orchard and over producing and sharing currently being investigated
 - Trailway - 5/7 route options, hoping to rationalise
 - Next meeting taking place on 21st February.
- Renewable's update led by Cllr May with the following updates provided:
 - Six active members with three additional members
 - Last meeting took place on 24th January with three key areas:
 - Feasibility of rural heat network. Exploratory grant application discussed - would need to be submitted by Parish Council as a constituted group
 - Feasibility of microgrid for the parish
 - Supporting individual residents regarding renewables.
- CEEAP future funding (currently CIL) - funding to be discussed at next CEEAP meeting on 18th March along with a group newsletter to keep residents informed. Agreed that although the three CEEAP groups are now aiming to be autonomous, this will not be applicable to all projects that the three groups undertake i.e. the trailway project or grant applications which will require the involvement of for example the Parish Council, Dorset Council etc.

8658. Village Hall Report

Cllr Bryce advised that there was nothing to report.

8659. Loders Arms Defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed that the current defibrillator was still in good working order and had circulated a report to all recommending the reinstallation of the defibrillator. In principle, Councillors agreed to take on responsibility for the defibrillator but clarification on a few points was required:

- are Palmers Brewery in agreement for the defibrillator to be reinstalled?
- would the Loders Arms landlords be happy to oversee the required checks?

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- replacement cabinet required - costs and installation. Would Palmers Brewery fund a replacement cabinet? Clerk and Cllr R Newberry to follow up.

8660. Meeting of Standing Orders working group

Agreed that a review of the Standing Orders regarding the length of meetings would need to be agreed by the new council in May following the council elections.

8661. Communications

- i. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre - no further update.
- ii. Analogue switch off - a response from the DAPTC and Dorset Council had been circulated to all. The Clerk also advised that the Government stepped in back in December regarding the concerns being raised regarding vulnerable customers with new measures now in place to protect vulnerable customers
- iii. Succession planning for 2024 elections - DAPTC Councillor recruitment materials to be utilised on the parish noticeboards, website and Facebook in the run up to the May elections.

8662. To review correspondence received

None.

8663. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Play area equipment and fundraising ideas and councillor vacancies/elections.

8664. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

None.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Chairman: *M Warrington*

Date: *19th March 2024*