

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodors Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: David Pullan (*Vice Chair*)
David Cannon
Gavin Edwards
Flora Hood
Derrick Newberry

Ros Newberry
Gareth Taylor
Stephen Tilton
Alan Watts
Neil Eysenck (*Dorset Council*)

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

Public: None

Apologies: Julie Bryce

8824. To received apologies for absence

Noted.

8825. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8826. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2024 and sign the same

Cllr Cannon requested that minute 8816, sentence four be amended to read '*but the drain sits lower than the rut....*'

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr A Watts

Resolved

8827. Democratic Forum

None.

8828. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck provided Councillors with an update on the Dorset Council devolution proposal which he advised is a fast-moving situation currently involving a deal between Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire Councils - the Heart of Wessex, although Cllr Eysenck also advised that BCP Council have now joined discussions to join the Heart of Wessex proposal.

Cllr Eysenck also advised that the budget is still being decided which is looking bleak and likely to see the maximum council tax increase. It was also noted that Dorset Council cabinet members have provided updates which Cllr Eysenck will forward.

8829. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

The following payments for January 2025 were approved in line with internal controls:

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Plot 7		Allotment Rent	30.00
National Grid		Wayleave Payment	10.05
Loders PCC		Play Area Donation	1000.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1513	Salary & Expenses (December)	877.98
HMRC	1514	PAYE/NI	4.41

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J Hughes	1515	Salary & Expenses (January)	851.17
HMRC	1516	PAYE/NI	2.07
Loders Village Hall	1517	Meeting 02.12.24	52.00
Loders Village Hall	1518	Noticeboard Materials	201.65
DAPTC	1519	Councillor Training	60.00
Dorset Council	1520	Election Recharge	50.00
Forest & Tree Care	1521	Well Plot Play Area Tree Works	33.60
Uploders Chapel	1522	PC Meeting 21.01.25	20.00

Payments authorised were £2,112.88 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 21st January 2025 **£28,745.77**

Proposed Cllr G Edwards

Seconded Cllr S Tilton

Resolved

- ii. To review the monthly finance reports - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (January 2025) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 21st January 2025.
- iii. Following Clerk's annual appraisal, to consider performance related increment of 1 Spinal Column Point from April 2025.

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

8830. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/HOU/2025/00078 2 Shatcombe, Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NR - Proposed extension to raised decking area and replacement shed. Two Councillors had received comments from neighbours of the property raising concerns. The Clerk advised Councillors that the neighbours can submit their concerns on the Dorset Council planning portal. After discussion, Councillors agreed that they had no objections to the application.

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr F Hood

Resolved

- ii. P/FUL/2024/06776 Yonderover Farm House Yonderover Railway Bridge Well Plot Loders DT6 4NW - Change of use of existing residential annex to a separate dwelling/holiday let - no update.
- iii. P/HOU/2024/06298 Upton Peep Cottage Uploders Road Uploders DT6 4PQ - Erect two storey extensions to north & west of existing cottage. Retain access drive - granted 15.01.25.
- iv. P/HOU/2024/06859 Church Farm House Main Street Loders DT6 3SA - Remove existing lean-to greenhouse and replace with new lean to building to form pottery and garden workshop - granted 16.01.25.
- v. P/LBC/2024/05830 16/17 Oak Cottage, Main Street, Loders DT6 3SA - granted 28.11.24.

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

- i. Light touch review of the Loders Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) - the Clerk had circulated to all a copy of the LNP light touch review modification statement based on the work of the LNP working group and explained that apart from a few figures awaited from Dorset Council re. housing, this would be the document submitted to Dorset Council who will indicatively agree that the updates are non-material modifications. The Parish Council will then need formal agreement of the changes at the February Parish Council meeting as well as agreement from Shipton Gorge Parish Council before submitting the updated LNP to Dorset Council. All agreed to proceed with submitting the LNP modification statement to Dorset Council. Cllr Cannon commented that he was disappointed that a section on climate change was not included but Cllr Tilton advised that this would come when the Parish Council undertake a full review of the plan in 2026/27.

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8831. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

- The Clerk advised that the DAPTC Western Area meeting has been postponed.

ii. Update from BLAP

The Clerk advised that the minutes of the BLAP Parish Liaison meeting had been circulated to all which included details of the Dorset Council transport presentation from Cllr Jon Andrews and Council Officer Owen Clerk.

iii. Residents moved into Shipton Gorge request for a new Community Governance Review

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting has been arranged to meet with the residents requesting a new CGR which will be attended by Cllr Eysenck, Cllr Bryce, Cllr Pullan and the Clerk in early February.

8832. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Memorial inspections (topple test) - the Clerk confirmed that a topple test of the cemetery headstones has been carried out which highlighted that one headstone had very slight movement and would be monitored.

- Request from South Dorset Ramblers to use cemetery for parking - as allotment holders and cemetery visitors use the car park, Councillors decided against allowing the South Dorset Ramblers use of the cemetery car park for their vehicles during their walks. It was suggested that the ramblers time their walks around the school holidays when Smishops Lane is clear of cars and therefore available for parking. Cllr D Newberry also suggested that the cemetery car park could possibly do with some replacement gravel.

ii. Allotments

- Allotment holders request for deer fencing - Cllr R Newberry advised that she is waiting to hear back from the allotment holders who have all been asked if they can help with keeping the deer fence costs down by assisting with the fencing works. The Clerk advised that there is approximately £1,500 available in the allotment reserves.

iii. Playing Field

- Cllr Pullan advised that the Wildlife Group have trimmed the hedge at Well Plot and the palings in the play area fence have been replaced by the Shelter Group - many thanks to both groups for their efforts.

- Well Plot tree inspection - the Clerk confirmed that an inspection of the trees at Well Plot playing fields was carried out (no charge) with work required to one tree to remove a dead branch also undertaken.

- Play area improvement project - to consider CIL contribution for the project - the Clerk reminded Councillors that the Council has £2,592.50 of CIL funds remaining. After discussion, Councillors agreed to fund the remaining balance for the new defibrillator cabinet from the CIL funds (in addition to the £135.39 CIL funds already committed) - see minute 8836. It was also agreed to hold the remaining CIL funds (which must be spent by March 2026) in case anything else comes up and to consider a contribution to the play area improvement project again before March 2026.

Proposed Cllr D Newberry

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

The Clerk advised that she has been liaising with the resident progressing the play area improvement project who has asked if the Parish Council will submit some words to the Eggardon &

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Colmers View to launch the Crowdfunder page. Cllr R Newberry and Clerk to progress. The Clerk also advised that a National Lottery Grant application will also be progressed.

iv. **Wellplot Noticeboard Refurbishment**

The Clerk confirmed that the materials for refurbishment of the Wellplot noticeboard have been purchased. The Clerk will request an update from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding progress on refurbishment of the noticeboard.

8833. **Footpaths and Rights of Way**

- Cllr Cannon advised that having reported the Barr Lane issue to Dorset Council in November, there has been no progress but the resident at New House Farm has confirmed that currently the rut is taking the water so it is not going into his property. Cllr Tilton reported that the rut is dangerous and Cllr Eysenck advised that he has walked the route and agrees that it needs dealing with and is still on his to-do-list but he will need to speak to a higher authority with the Highways Department.
- Cllr Cannon advised that there has been a historic issue with access to FP30 which raised again in November and December with members of the public reporting access problems. Cllr Cannon has spoken with the landowner and it has been confirmed that the RoW waymarker is to the right of the barn.
- Cllr Cannon reported that the water flooding out of a BT manhole on FP7 and New Street Lane BR11 has been resolved by BT.
- Cllr Cannon reported that residents appreciate the work carried out by a local resident on New Street Lane which has recently involved clearing huge amounts of mud. Agreed that Cllr Cannon will pass on the thanks of the Parish Council. Cllr Cannon also advised that another bench is to be placed along New Street Lane.

8834. **Roads, Transport and Drains**

- i. **Waddon Way** - no update.
- ii. **Smishops Lane** - no update.
- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) - update from working group** - Cllr Edwards had previously circulated papers to all Councillors in relation to 20mph for the parish and advised that as there has been no progress from Dorset Council on simplifying the process for 20mph, the Parish Council now need to progress gauging public opinion of a 20mph speed limit in the parish which will be via a survey (online and paper) using the Eggardon & Colmers View, Facebook and WhatsApp groups. Cllr Cannon suggested that as an interim measure, informal 20mph signage could be used. Cllr Edwards advised that the survey will provide residents the opportunity to respond to this effect. Cllr Tilton commented that he feels something more formal needs to be in place. Cllr Edwards advised that 500 printed copies of the survey will be required and survey collecting points will be arranged with the survey distributed in February with a closing date for the end of March. Cllr Edwards put forward the proposal that the Parish Council proceed with running the 20mph survey to gauge public opinion.

Proposed Cllr G Edwards

Seconded Cllr F Hood

Resolved

- iv. **C68 Well Plot** - following contact from residents regarding the continuous presence of water on the C68, Well Plot, a meeting will be arranged for Cllr Edwards and Cllr Tilton to meet onsite with the Dorset Council Flood Management Officer. Cllr Tilton advised that he will also raise the issue of water run-off and mud build up on the corner of Yondover.
- v. **Yellow Lane** - Cllr D Newberry advised that the surface of Yellow Lane is very slippery and could do with being gritted. Clerk to report to Dorset Council.

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8835. River Asker

Cllr Pullan reported that the River Asker Monitoring Group are now working under the Dorset National Landscapes Partnership and therefore have more contact with the River Brit Catchment project, a government funded project. Cllr Pullan was pleased to report that over the last three years, the river quality has improved and there are less species at risk of pollution.

8836. Loders Arms Defibrillator

The Clerk advised that having investigated the Crowdfunder application process for the Palmers Community Fund, the process is more complex than originally realised requiring 25 individual supporter donations to enable a project to be eligible to apply for the fund. Due to these complexities and because the Well Plot play area project will also be submitting a Crowdfunder application, Councillors took the decision to use CIL funds of approximately £300 to top up the donations already received for the new defibrillator cabinet. Clerk to inform Councillors of the exact amount when known and progress the purchase and installation of the cabinet and defibrillator.

Proposed Cllr D Newberry

Seconded Cllr D Cannon

Resolved

8837. Communications:

i. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre

The Clerk advised that the last update received from All Points Fibre was at the end of November when they advised that 'we are awaiting the replacement of a telegraph pole in Loders and once complete, 134 homes will be ready to place an order for a new fibre connection.'
Clerk to follow up for the latest update.

ii. To consider developing a Communications Protocol

The Clerk advised that the updated Communications Protocol required finalising with Cllr Bryce and will be circulated to all for consideration at the February meeting.

iii. To consider quote received for Parish Council and Councillors to move to .gov.uk email addresses

Whilst investigating the process of moving the Council (Clerk) and Councillors to .gov.uk emails, the Clerk had contacted other councils for their experiences of companies offering .gov.uk domains which has received mixed feedback with some negative reports largely due to the interface platform used. As the DAPTC will no longer be supporting the daptc.gov.uk email address from the end of this financial year, Councillors agreed that the Clerk first progress getting the Council (Clerk) moved to a .gov.uk email and Councillors would then be progressed at a later date.

8838. Correspondence received

None.

8839. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Crowdfunder re. play area and 20mph.

8840. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 18th February 2025

None.

Meeting closed 9.10pm.

Chairman: J Bryce

Date: 18th February 2025