

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodors Parish Council held at Lodors Village Hall on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Julie Bryce (*Chair*)
David Pullan (*Vice Chair*)
David Cannon
Gavin Edwards
Flora Hood

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

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*)

Public: None

Apologies: Derrick Newberry

8841. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

8842. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8843. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2025 and sign the same

Cllr Cannon requested that minute 8833, final sentence be amended by removing 'by the river.'

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr F Hood

Resolved

8844. Democratic Forum

None.

8845. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck advised Councillors that the Dorset Council budget has been agreed and plans to introduce an evening and overnight car parking charge in Dorset Council car parks has been paused with a review taking place that could take up to 9 months. Significant weaknesses have also been found in Dorset Council's procurement processes with investigations currently being carried out.

8846. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
A J Wakely		Burial	125.00
A J Wakley		Burial	70.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1523	Salary & Expenses (February)	881.72
HMRC	1524	PAYE/NI	2.07
Ken Hussey	1525	Play Area Inspection	52.00
Loders Village Hall	1526	Meeting 18.02.25	20.00

Payments authorised were £955.79 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 18th February 2025 **£27,984.98**

Proposed Cllr J Bryce

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

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- ii. To review the monthly finance reports - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (February 2025) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 18th February 2025.

8847. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/LBC/2025/00711 Perwen Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PQ - Various alterations including provision of new openings in the ante room, to create a new rear kitchen reroofed with conservation rooflights. Modifying of doorways to create 2 separate dwellings. Install EV Charger - Councillors agreed to support the application in principle.
- ii. P/HOU/2025/00078 2 Shatcombe, Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NR - Proposed extension to raised decking area and replacement shed - no update.
- iii. P/FUL/2024/06776 Yondover Farm House Yondover Railway Bridge Well Plot Loders DT6 4NW - Change of use of existing residential annex to a separate dwelling/holiday let - no update.

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

- i. The Clerk confirmed that the light touch review of the Loders Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) Modification Statement has been sent to Dorset Council who will review the statement to ensure all changes are non-material modifications. Once confirmed, the Clerk will arrange a meeting with Shipton Gorge Parish Council to seek their formal agreement to the changes. Cllr Bryce, Cllr R Newberry and the Clerk to attend the meeting.

8848. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

- Cllr Bryce advised that the DAPTC are running several planning training courses which new Councillors may find useful - bookings to be made via the Clerk.
- Cllr Bryce confirmed that she has registered to attend the DAPTC Western Area meeting in March.
- Cllr Bryce asked if all Councillors could respond to the Standards in Public Life consultation previously circulated by the Clerk which closes on 26th February.

ii. Update from BLAP

Cllr Tilton reported that the BLAP Bulletin which is circulated every two weeks provides an informative read with lots of useful information.

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

Cllr Bryce confirmed that the meeting with the residents requesting a new CGR has taken place at which the residents confirmed they have created a petition which they believe has the support of the majority of residents moved into Shipton Gorge as a result of the previous CGR. Cllr Eysenck confirmed that he has spoken with Dorset Council Democratic Services who have advised that it is a complex and time-consuming issue to reverse and no changes could take place until the next election. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council will continue to support the residents with their petition for a new CGR.

8849. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Quotes for 2025/26 grass cutting contract for cemetery and allotment perimeter
- The Clerk had requested quotes from three companies for the grass cutting contract at Loders cemetery and the allotment perimeter. Having considered the quotes Councillors agreed to accept

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Quote B. Clerk to issue contract. Cllr Tilton suggested that the council consider leaf clearance in next years specification.

Proposed Cllr S Tilton

Seconded Cllr R Newberry

Resolved

ii. Allotments

- Allotment holders request for deer fencing - Cllr R Newberry advised that she has spoken to the allotment holders who have advised that the deer fencing will require 50 x 10ft poles and wire netting which is likely to cost £1,500 - £2,000 but discussions regarding the project are currently ongoing to try and find ways to keep the costs down. Cllr R Newberry will keep the council updated.

iii. Playing Field

- Cllr Pullan advised that the play area inspection report had been received confirming that the play area is low risk overall but highlighting that the playhouse is in poor condition and should be considered for replacement with the cross member showing signs of rot. Cllr Pullan agreed to monitor on his weekly inspections. Cllr Pullan also recommended that the council purchase some preservative to paint the benches. Cllr Bryce and Cllr R Newberry agreed to arrange a date to carry out this work when the weather is drier.

- The Clerk provided an update on the play area improvement project fundraising efforts:

- PCC fete money - £1,000 (already received by Parish Council)
- Anonymous donation - £2,500
- Rotary Club - have pledged £250 (on completion of fundraising)
- WI Bring & Buy stall - £80
- Round Table - have pledged £1,000 (publicity required)
- Crowdfunding Campaign - £1,270 to date

Total £6,100

The Clerk advised that the Crowdfunder campaign has gone live with a very positive start raising £1,270 including match funding from 12 supporters. However, the campaign will require Councillors to spread the word to encourage residents to donate as match funding from the Palmers Brewery Community Fund will only be achieved if the campaign reaches its match funded target of £4,000 from at least 25 individual supporters by 31st May 2025.

iv. Wellplot Noticeboard Refurbishment

The Clerk advised that she has received confirmation that the Wellplot noticeboard works to refurbish the noticeboard will hopefully be carried out in the next few weeks.

8850. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon reported that once again a local resident has been involved in improvement works on New Street Lane which has included ditch clearing, the addition of a drain and at a resident's request, a ton of scalplings which will be supplied by Dorset Council.

8851. Roads, Transport and Drains

i. **Waddon Way** - no update. Cllr Eysenck advised that he has tried to action with Dorset Council in addition to Smishops Lane and Gribb Farm but has been unable to make any progress so far.

ii. **Smishops Lane** - as above.

iii. **C68 Well Plot and Yondover Corner** - Cllr Edwards and Cllr Tilton met with Dorset Council Officers Andy Probets (Flood Management) and Stuart Smith (Highways) regarding the continuous presence of water on the C68 at Well Plot and the corner of Yondover. It was confirmed that due to wetter weather in recent years, the water at Well Plot is run-off from the fields above the road and is as controlled as it can be and the water on Yondover Corner is caused by a spring further up the road.

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- iv. **Yellow Lane** - the Clerk confirmed that the request for Yellow Lane to be gritted has been reported to Dorset Council who have advised that Yellow Lane will be added to the list of roads to be submitted for resurfacing.
- v. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) - update from working group** - Cllr Edwards advised that the 20mph survey will go live on 21st February via the Parish Council's website, Facebook and WhatsApp groups and a paper copy will also be delivered door to door with collection points available at Loders Church, Loders Village Hall and the school with surveys needing to be returned by 6th April. Cllr Edwards and Cllr Bryce also advised that the Parish Council's Safe Travel Working Group need to arrange another meeting - date to be arranged.

8852. River Asker

No update.

8853. Loders Arms Defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed that Palmers Brewery have advised they are happy to reinstall the defibrillator and cabinet subject to the sight of a maintenance agreement - Clerk to arrange. The Clerk also confirmed that the defibrillator cabinet will cost £500+VAT and a replacement adult pad-pak costing £109+VAT will also be required. Cllr R Newberry had collected fundraising funds of £144 from the Loders Arms and confirmed that there would be additional funds to come following a fundraising event at the pub on Friday evening. Clerk to proceed with purchasing the required cabinet and pad pak.

8854. Communications:

i. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre

The Clerk had previously circulated to all the latest update from All Points Fibre advising that most of the streets in Loders and Uploders have gone live. Cllr Bryce asked if Matravers are included and if there is a map showing those streets which are now live. Clerk to request information.

ii. Communications Protocol

Councillors agreed to adopt the updated Communications Protocol which had previously been circulated to all.

Proposed Cllr J Bryce

Seconded Cllr F Hood

Resolved

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

Having contacted a number of companies for quotes to move to a .gov.uk domain, the Clerk advised that the move is more complicated than previously realised due to the parish council website requiring an SSL certificate. The Clerk will investigate further and report back to the March meeting.

8855. Correspondence received

A resident made contact to ask whether the council would be applying to have Uploders Chapel added to the Asset of Community Value list for Dorset. Councillors agreed that they did not consider this action appropriate as, following meetings held between residents and chapel representatives, the community had agreed they did not want to pursue purchase or lease of the Chapel. Clerk to notify resident.

8856. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Road's meeting update and thank you re. defibrillator cabinet fundraising.

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8857. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 18th March 2025

Business Plan.

Meeting closed 8.57pm.

Chairman: J Bryce

Date: 18th March 2025