

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Lodors Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm

### Present:

<b>Councillors:</b>	Julie Bryce ( <i>Chair</i> )	Ros Newberry
	David Pullan ( <i>Vice Chair</i> )	Gareth Taylor
	Gavin Edwards	Alan Watts
	Flora Hood	Neil Eysenck ( <i>Dorset Council</i> )
	Derrick Newberry	

<b>Officer:</b>	Joanne Hughes ( <i>Clerk</i> )	<b>Public:</b> 1
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**Apologies:** David Cannon, Stephen Tilton

### 8858. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

### 8859. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

### 8860. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and sign the same

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan**

**Seconded Cllr F Hood**

**Resolved**

### 8861. Democratic Forum

A resident attended the meeting with regards to the road issues in the parish and communications with Dorset Council Highways and the lack of progress being made. Cllr Bryce explained how the Parish Council and Dorset Council work with regards to highways issues advising that Cllr Edwards is responsible for roads in the parish and is developing a good working relationship with Dorset Council Highways as is Cllr Eysenck. Cllr Bryce stated that the Parish Council are being proactive, are meeting with officers concerned on site and while the lack of progress has been frustrating, they hope that some progress may be made in future. Cllr Edwards will advise the resident when any further updates can be given.

Member of public left the meeting.

### 8862. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck provided the following updates:

- Recruitment of the new Chief Executive is ongoing following more than 130 applications for the position. The final decision will be made at Full Council on 10<sup>th</sup> April. Sam Crowe is acting as the interim Chief Executive.
- Dorset Council's budget of £417.2 million has been approved for 2025-26 which will see a 5% increase in council tax.
- The audit of financials from 2022-23 and 2023-24 is now complete which found some financial reporting issues and a significant weakness was also reported on regarding procurement processes with work ongoing to look into the root causes of the failing in procurement.

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### 8863. Finance

#### i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Loders Arms		Defibrillator Funding	144.00
Country Memorials		Symes	35.00
Loders Young Players & Loders Relief of Need		Wellplot Play Area Donation	2,500.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
J Hughes	1527	Salary & Expenses (March)	880.66
HMRC	1528	PAYE/NI	2.07
Cllr Edwards	1529	20mph Printing Survey	30.00
First Federation Trust	1530	Well Plot Grass Cutting	1025.00
B Hyde	1531	Well Plot Noticeboard Refurbishment	102.30
Citizens Advice Bureau	1532	Donation	50.00
Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	1533	Donation	50.00
Uploders Chapel	1534	PC Meeting 18.03.25	20.00

Payments authorised were £2,160.03 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 **£28,503.95**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr G Edwards**

**Resolved**

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

### 8864. Parish Council Business Plan

The Clerk had circulated the 2023-25 Business Plan review providing a status update on each of the plan's objectives for the past two years. It was agreed that a Business Plan Working Group be set up to create the new Business Plan. Cllr Bryce, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Hood agreed to be part of the working group. All Councillors to consider ideas for the new Business Plan for the next Parish Council meeting in April.

### 8865. 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 - no update. Cllr Taylor advised that planning permission is generally not required for installing EV chargers. Exceptions include; on-street charging, the charging point within 2 metres of a highway, or it being within the curtilage of a listed building.
- 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.

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

- i. To formally agree minor modifications to the Loders Neighbourhood Plan light touch review  
**Proposed Cllr J Bryce                      Seconded Cllr G Edwards                      Resolved**

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.

### **8866. Unitary Authority**

#### **i. Update from DAPTC**

- Cllr Bryce attended the DAPTC Western Area meeting where historic communications issues with Dorset Council and parish councils were discussed. It was confirmed that the parishes are starting to see changes and it is improving. There was also mention of Dorset Council offloading some areas of responsibility onto the parishes which will be a real issue for small parish councils and is very concerning. Cllr Eysenck confirmed that Dorset Council are not expecting any parishes to take on anything they don't want to but due to financial issues within Dorset Council, if parish councils wish to take on other responsibilities, this could be possible.

#### **ii. Update from BLAP**

The Clerk confirmed that the minutes of the BLAP Parish Liaison meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March which Cllr Tilton attended have been circulated to all and contain details of the planning presentation from Dorset Council regarding the NPPF and Local Plan.

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

Cllr Eysenck has arranged a meeting with Jacqui Andrews, Dorset Council Democratic Service and the lead residents of those affected by the CGR to discuss a possible way forward. Cllr Bryce will also attend the meeting.

### **8867. Council Property**

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

#### **i. Cemetery**

- Nothing to report.

#### **ii. Allotments**

- Allotment holders request for deer fencing - Cllr R Newberry advised that the deer fencing project is currently on hold as no volunteers have come forward to assist with the project.

#### **iii. Playing Field**

- The Clerk confirmed that the anonymous donation received of £2,500 for the Well Plot play area project was from Loders Young Players and Loders Relief of Need Charity. The Crowdfunder campaign is ongoing and a National Lottery application is in progress.

- Cllr Pullan updated Councillors that the scramble net section of the playhouse has been cordoned off as one of the bolts has pulled through. Cllr R Newberry, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Pullan and Cllr Bryce will inspect the playhouse on Sunday to consider next steps.

#### **iv. Wellplot Noticeboard Refurbishment**

The Clerk confirmed that the noticeboard has been refurbished with much thanks to an Uploders resident and lots of positive comments have been received.

### **8868. Footpaths and Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

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### **8869. Roads, Transport and Drains**

- i. **Waddon Way & Smishops Lane** - Cllr Eysenck updated Councillors that progress on Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Gribb Farm had effectively stalled due to budget challenges and varying assessments about how to fix the issues. All three projects are now back with the assets/projects teams for review to see how to progress them and are being looked at as 3 potential projects (out of 9 total) to be funded out of the landslips budget for 2025-26. Cllr Eysenck also advised that he is trying to arrange a meeting with the Head of Highways to discuss Barr Lane and improvements to engagement with Highways.
- ii. **20 mph survey** - Cllr Edwards advised that the 20mph survey is ongoing with 197 responses received so far. The survey closes on 6<sup>th</sup> April.
- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole) - update from working group** - Cllr Bryce advised that the working group met and received an update from Cllr Edwards on the 20mph survey. It was agreed that progress on a safe travel route should wait until the outcome of the 20mph is known so that the implications of the survey results can be discussed.

### **8870. River Asker**

Cllr Pullan agreed to attend an invitation received from the Brit Valley Project, a Defra funded Landscape Recovery project that's getting underway in the Brit Catchment. The project is bringing together farmers, landowners and local communities from all the parishes that make up the project area to explore effective ways to restore nature, support sustainable farming and the local economy, increase public connection with nature, food and farming and with one another.

### **8871. Loders Arms Defibrillator - to agree Defibrillator Maintenance Agreement**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr G Edwards**

**Resolved**

Cllr R Newberry had received final fundraising funds of £188 from the Loders Arms for the defibrillator cabinet resulting in a total of £332 raised by the pub. Clerk to forward the agreed Defibrillator Maintenance Agreement to Palmers Brewery.

### **8872. Communications:**

#### **i. Broadband - AllPoints Fibre**

Following correspondence received from a resident regarding issues with All Points Fibre, Cllr Bryce suggested a meeting with the resident to discuss. Clerk to arrange.

#### **ii. Move to .gov.uk email addresses**

Cllr Taylor has been working with the Clerk on the move to a .gov.uk domain and advised that a shortlist of three companies has been made for easy comparison with further questions to be raised with each.

### **8873. Correspondence received**

Dorset Local Heritage List – correspondence has been received from Dorset Council advising that the Heritage List has underdone the verification process but some errors were raised and there are a few formatting issues to be dealt with. Before the document can be taken forward to elected members, it needs amending as appropriate and a report written by the Service Manager informing councillors of all the processes and criteria involved. Given current work pressures, this is unlikely to take place in the immediate future.

### **8874. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

Ongoing Well Plot Crowdfunder campaign.

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### **8875. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Business Plan ideas.

Meeting closed 9.11pm.

**Chairman:** J Bryce

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025