

Loders Parish Council

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Loders Parish Council held at Loders Village Hall on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 7.00pm

Present:

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

Officer: Joanne Hughes (*Clerk*) **Public:** 0

Apologies: None

8876. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

8877. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

8878. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2025 and sign the same

Proposed Cllr F Hood Seconded Cllr A Watts Resolved

8879. Democratic Forum

None.

8880. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck

Cllr Eysenck provided the following updates:

- The new Chief Executive for Dorset Council has been appointed and was approved at Full Council on 10th April. Dr Catherine Howe who is a highly experienced local government leader with extensive expertise in managing complex organisational change, driving digital transformation, and promoting community-led initiatives will take up her post later this year. In the meantime, Sam Crowe will continue as the interim Chief Executive.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that he is still chasing Highways regarding Barr Lane and although Waddon Way, Smishops Lane and Gribb Farm have been identified as 3 potential projects for funding from the 2025/26 landslip budget, progress is slow. The Parish Council requested that Cllr Eysenck take up the issue with West Dorset MP Edward Morello, copying in Dorset Council Highways.
- For information, Cllr Eysenck advised that he will be attending the Brit Valley Project AGM on 23rd April.
- Cllr Bryce queried Dorset Council's recent bus service improvement plans and the lack of community buses which are desperately needed for parishes like Loders. Cllr Eysenck agreed advising that he and two fellow Dorset Councillors have written to Jon Andrews, Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Place Services expressing their concern that the bus strategy is lacking in this area particularly as one of the strategic priorities of Dorset Councils Five Year Plan is communities for all.

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8881. Finance

i. To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Bridport Round Table		Well Plot Play Area Donation	1000.00
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
St John Ambulance	1536	Defibrillator Cabinet and Pad Pak	738.00
J Hughes	1537	Salary & Expenses (April)	796.90
HMRC	1538	PAYE/NI	143.46
SLCC	1539	Clerk's Annual Membership	150.00
K Hussey	1540	Play Area Inspection	52.00
D Smith	1541	Cemetery Grass Cutting	166.99
Loders Village Hall	1542	April Meetings	25.00

Payments authorised were £2,072.35 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 15th April 2025 **£27,614.93**

Proposed Cllr R Newberry

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

- ii. To review the monthly finance reports - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (April 2025) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 15th April 2025.

8882. Parish Council Business Plan

The Business Plan working group was agreed as Cllr Bryce, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Hood and Cllr Tilton. A meeting will be arranged to review and update the Business Plan. Initial ideas put forward included a new website and climate change advice for residents.

8883. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/HOU/2025/02058 Hillview, New Road, Uploders DT6 4NY - replace existing flat roof with pitched roof - Councillors agreed to support this application.
- ii. P/LBC/2025/00711 Perwen Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PQ - the application is still under officer consideration.
- iii. P/HOU/2025/00078 2 Shatcombe, Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NR - the application is still under officer consideration.
- iv. P/FUL/2024/06776 Yondover Farm House Yondover Railway Bridge Well Plot Loders DT6 4NW - the application is still under officer consideration. The Environment Agency have responded advising that "In the absence of an acceptable flood risk assessment (FRA) we object to this application and recommend that planning permission is refused."

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

- i. Loders Neighbourhood Plan light touch review - update
The Clerk confirmed that a meeting would be taking place with Shipton Gorge Parish Council on 16th April to seek their formal agreement to the changes in the Loders Neighbourhood Plan light touch review. Cllr Bryce, Cllr R Newberry and the Clerk to attend the meeting.

Cllr Bryce advised that the DAPTC are running a Neighbourhood Planning training session on 6th May via Zoom. Cllr Bryce, Cllr Tilton, Cllr Hood, Cllr Watts and the Clerk to attend. Clerk to book.

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8884. Unitary Authority

i. Update from DAPTC

- Cllr Bryce noted that Will Austin, the Town Clerk for Bridport Town Council has been appointed as the new Deputy Chief Executive for the DAPTC.

ii. Update from BLAP

The Clerk confirmed that the next BLAP Parish Liaison meeting will be held on 24th April.

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

Cllr Bryce confirmed that a positive meeting had taken place with Jacqui Andrews, Dorset Council Democratic Services. Jacqui had provided guidance documents and advised of a possible way forward for the residents moved into Shipton Gorge as a result of the CGR although she also advised this would require a full GCR and the changes could not take effect until the next elections in 2029. Following the meeting, Cllr Bryce confirmed that the lead residents have reviewed the guidance documents in great detail and determined that it would be possible to request the required boundary change via a petition which would not require a full CGR. Cllr Eysenck agreed to speak with Jacqui Andrews and report back to Cllr Bryce.

8885. Council Property

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

i. Cemetery

- Nothing to report.

ii. Allotments

- Nothing to report.

iii. Playing Field

- Well Plot play area playhouse - two quotes were received to carry out different repairs to the scramble net section of the playhouse but with both quotes in excess of £500 and the continuing deterioration of other sections of the playhouse, Councillors voted that the best course of action would be removal of the unit. 7 votes for removal, 2 votes against removal and 1 abstention.

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr G Edwards

Resolved

Due to the poor condition of the playhouse, it was agreed that the unit be removed within the next month. Councillors requested that the Clerk see if any village volunteers would be available to assist with the removal of the unit. If no volunteers are forthcoming within two weeks, Councillors agreed for Ken Hussey to remove the unit at the quoted cost of £750.

Proposed Cllr D Pullan

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

The Clerk will also erect signage advising residents that the unit is to be removed.

- Well Plot play area project update - the Clerk confirmed that the Crowdfunder campaign has reached its initial match funded target of £4,000 and a stretch target of £5,000 is now in place until 31st May. Fundraising efforts to date:

- PCC fete money - £1,000 (received by Parish Council)
- Lodors Relief of Need/Loders Young Players - £2,500 (received by Parish Council)
- Round Table - £1,000 (received by Parish Council)
- Crowdfunding Campaign including £80 WI Bring & Buy Staff - £4,155 to date

Total £8,655

A National Lottery application is being submitted and following advice from a resident, the Clerk will contact Morrisons Community Champions to enquire about a community donation.

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8886. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

8887. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. **Waddon Way, Smishops Lane & Gribb Farm** - See minute reference 8880.
- ii. **20mph survey** - Cllr Edwards advised that the 20mph survey ended on 6th April with 311 responses. Of these, 272 responses (87%) were in agreement with the proposal to adopt a 20mph limit in the area within the parish which is currently the subject of a 30mph limit with one minor extension of the speed limited area in Smishops Lane by 105 yards to include Highacres. Cllr Edwards explained that the next step in the process is to fund speed surveys in 3 specific locations in the parish. To ensure a realistic opportunity for compliance, 20mph schemes should be self-enforcing so mean speeds should already be at or below 24mph. Cllr Edwards advised that the cost of the three speed surveys is £695 +VAT and requested the Parish Councils agreement to fund the surveys. 8 Councillors voted in favour of funding the speed surveys and 2 Councillors abstained.

Proposed Cllr G Edwards

Seconded Cllr D Pullan

Resolved

Cllr Edwards confirmed that Dorset Council will fund approved 20mph schemes including signage.

- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)**

Awaiting outcome of the 20mph process.

8888. River Asker

Cllr Pullan advised that at the recent monitoring group meeting, it was agreed to go ahead with mink and water vole survey rafts to consider reintroducing water vole. Cllr Pullan also confirmed that he attended the Brit Valley Project and provided an overview of the project aims advising that the project is very keen to have Parish Council's onboard. Cllr Pullan agreed to keep the Council informed of future developments.

8889. Loders Arms Defibrillator - update

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator cabinet and replacement Pad Pak is on order and once delivered will be handed over to Palmers Brewery for installation at the Lodgers Arms.

8890. Communications:

- i. **Broadband - AllPoints Fibre**

Cllr Bryce and Cllr Tilton confirmed they met with the resident experiencing issues with Jurassic Fibre/All Points Fibre and explained the Parish Council's position regarding Jurassic Fibre. It was noted that Openreach are likely to be providing full fibre broadband by the end of 2026 although there is no certainty and particularly in those areas that are deemed financially unviable. Cllr Bryce commented that Digital Voice is now also a concern due to lack of phone signal in certain areas as are smart meters. Cllr Eysenck was asked for further help, Cllr Bryce to update him with historic background so far.

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

Having previously circulated a paper comparing three providers for a .gov.uk domain, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk recommended Parish Online at an annual cost of £360 for the provision of a .gov.uk domain including a new website, up to 20 5GB mailboxes and SSL certificate. All agreed and Councillors opted for loderparishcouncil.gov.uk

Proposed Cllr G Taylor

Seconded Cllr J Bryce

Resolved

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8891. Correspondence received

None.

8892. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View

Well Plot play area donations, 20mph speed monitoring surveys, Cllr Eysenck chasing Highways.

8893. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 20th May 2025

None.

Meeting closed 9.24pm.

Chairman: J Bryce

Date: 20th May 2025