

# Loders Parish Council

## Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Lodors Parish Council held at Uploders Chapel on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm

### Present:

<b>Councillors:</b>	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> )

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

**Apologies:** Derrick Newberry

### 8894. To elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2025-26 and sign Acceptance of Office

**Chair** - Julie Bryce was nominated by Ros Newberry and seconded by Stephen Tilton. All in favour.

**Vice Chair** - David Pullan was nominated by David Cannon and seconded by Flora Hood. All in favour.

### 8895. To receive apologies for absence

Noted.

### 8896. To receive declarations of interest or grants of dispensation

None.

### 8897. To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and sign the same

**Proposed Cllr D Pullan** **Seconded Cllr A Watts** **Resolved**

### 8898. To appoint/reaffirm representatives for 2025/26:

- i. **Trustees of the Lodors Relief of Need** - Jane Edwards (2022-26) and Kim Bowring (2023-27)
- ii. **Village Hall Management Representative** - Alan Watts
- iii. **Playing Field Management** - David Pullan and Ros Newberry
- iv. **Allotments Management** - Ros Newberry
- v. **Finance Working Group** - Julie Bryce, Stephen Tilton, Alan Watts, Gareth Taylor and the Clerk
- vi. **Footpaths Liaison Officer** - David Cannon
- vii. **Cemetery Management** - Derrick Newberry - Clerk to confirm
- viii. **Roads and Transport** - Gavin Edwards
- ix. **River Asker Project Representative** - David Pullan
- x. **Emergency Coordinator** - Ros Newberry, Stephen Tilton and the Clerk
- xi. **Parish Ancient Monument Liaison Officer** - Julie Bryce
- xii. **DAPTC Representative** - Julie Bryce and Flora Hood
- xiii. **BLAP Representative** - Stephen Tilton and Gavin Edwards

### 8899. To adopt the Lodors Parish Council Standing Orders updated March 2025

The Clerk advised that NALC had issued updated Model Standing Orders in March 2025 (section 14 Code of Conduct and section 18 Financial Controls and Procurement updated). All agreed to accept the updated Model Standing Orders.

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### **8900. To adopt the Lodors Parish Council Financial Regulations updated March 2025**

The Clerk advised that NALC had issued updated Model Financial Regulations in March 2025 (section 5 Procurement updated). All agreed to accept the updated Model Financial Regulations.

### **8901. Democratic Forum**

None.

### **8902. Dorset Council - Report Cllr Neil Eysenck**

Cllr Eysenck provided the following updates:

- Dorset Council has re-elected its Cabinet members for 2025/26 with all posts remaining the same.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that he has dropped being a member of the Dorset Council Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee due to his workload.
- Following the audit report that identified some significant weaknesses in Dorset Council's governance and procurement arrangements, Cllr Eysenck advised that there will be press interest in the coming weeks.
- Cllr Eysenck advised that following a report of flooding at 14 Well Plot, he visited the property and as a result a flood warden has visited and involved Magna Housing Association who will be jetting the channels to clear the drain. Cllr Eysenck advised that progress has hopefully been made and he will keep a check on the issue.

### **8903. Finance**

#### **i. To receive the Internal Auditor report 2024/25**

The Parish Council had once again appointed Sheena Tomkins to carry out the internal audit for 2024/25. Internal Audit Report received and circulated to all - no issues raised.

#### **ii To confirm any conflicts of interest with BDO LLP**

Councillors confirmed that there were no conflicts of interests with BDO LLP.

#### **iii To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 having been internally audited**

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2024/25 AGAR - Section 1.

**Proposed Cllr R Newberry**

**Seconded Cllr J Bryce**

**Resolved**

#### **iv. To approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2024/25**

The Clerk had previously circulated to all copies of the 2024/25 AGAR - Section 2.

**Proposed Cllr F Hood**

**Seconded Cllr S Tilton**

**Resolved**

#### **v. To approve the annual insurance premium**

The Clerk advised that three quotes had been sought for the 2025/26 insurance renewal:

- Zurich renewal quote £588.53 or new online package quote £437.

- Gallagher £700+ advised that they are unable to compete with Zurich quote.

- Community Action Suffolk advised that they are unable to offer a competitive quote for this year.

The Clerk confirmed that she will seek additional information from Zurich on their new online package quote of £437 to see if this policy meets the needs of the Council. Councillors agreed to approve the annual insurance premium with Zurich based on the findings of the Clerk

**Proposed Cllr F Hood**

**Seconded Cllr J Bryce**

**Resolved**

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### vi To authorise receipts and payments due

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

Receipts		Detail	Amount
Dorset Council		Precept	9000.00
Uploders Methodist Chapel		Well Plot Donation	500.00
HMRC		VAT Refund	518.67
Payments	Voucher No	Detail	Amount
Lloyds Bank	1543	Service Charge	5.33
J Hughes	1544	Salary & Expenses (May)	856.84
HMRC	1545	PAYE/NI	143.46
Bridport Town Council	1546	BLAP Contribution	65.02
D Smith	1547	Cemetery Grass Cutting	166.99
Loders Village Hall	1548	Working Group Meeting	5.00
DAPTC	1549	Annual Subscription	255.50
Uploders Chapel	1550	PC Meeting	20.00

Payments authorised were £1,518.14 being the total of the individual payments shown above.

Bank balance as at 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 **£36,115.46**

**Proposed Cllr J Bryce**

**Seconded Cllr S Tilton**

**Resolved**

- vii To review the monthly finance reports** - the Clerk provided Councillors with a summary report of the year-to-date position (May 2025) against the budget and a report of the movement on fund balances to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### 8904. Parish Council Business Plan

Cllr Bryce advised that the first meeting of the working group had taken place to discuss the format of the Business Plan and a follow up meeting will be arranged to discuss the detail of the plan before bringing back to full council.

### 8905. Planning and Development

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

- i. P/VOL/2025/02058 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 (with variation of condition 2 of listed building consent P/LBC/2025/00711 to amend plans) - following discussion, the Council resolved to continue to support this application.
- ii. P/HOU/2025/02058 Hillview, New Road, Uploders DT6 4NY - replace existing flat roof with pitched roof - application granted 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- iii. P/LBC/2025/00711 Perwen Farm, Uploders Road, Uploders DT6 4PQ - application granted 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- iv. P/HOU/2025/00078 2 Shatcombe, Well Plot to New Road, Uploders DT6 4NR - the application is still under officer consideration.
- v. P/FUL/2024/06776 Yondover Farm House Yondover Railway Bridge Well Plot Loders DT6 4NW - application refused 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

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### **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 Shipton Gorge Parish Council have agreed to the changes in the Loders Neighbourhood Plan light touch review and the document will now be sent to Dorset Council for finalising.

### **8906. Unitary Authority**

- i. **Update from DAPTC**  
- Nothing to report.
- ii. **Update from BLAP**  
Cllr Tilton advised that the next BLAP Members' Meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> June and the latest BLAP Bulletin highlighted Dorset Council funding which may be of interest for the Well Plot fundraising project. The Clerk confirmed that this would be discussed under agenda item 14 iii Well Plot Play Area Project.
- iii. **Residents moved into Shipton Gorge request for a new Community Governance Review - update**  
The Clerk had circulated to all a document from the lead resident providing a resume of the CGR situation to date. A follow up document had also been received detailing reasons to be in Loders - Clerk to forward to Councillors for any additional thoughts. Cllr Bryce updated Councillors on recent communications with the lead residents advising that they wish to pursue a petition to Dorset Council to request the required boundary change and are seeking the support of Loders Parish Council and Shipton Gorge Parish Council. After further discussion with Cllr Eysenck, Councillors agreed that Loders Parish Council support the resident's community governance petition and the process by whatever means necessary to reverse the boundary change.  
**Proposed Cllr J Bryce                      Seconded Cllr D Cannon                      Resolved**

### **8907. Council Property**

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

- i. **Cemetery**  
- Nothing to report.
- ii. **Allotments**  
- Cllr R Newberry reported that the new tenant of allotment plot 4B has put in lots of work and the plot is looking very good.
- iii. **Playing Field**
  - Well Plot play area playhouse update - the Clerk confirmed that the playhouse was removed by village volunteers and Cllr Pullan confirmed that the concrete footings had also been removed. The Clerk advised that the ABC letters were still at the play area, Cllr R Newberry agreed to remove and dispose of these. Councillors agreed that the remaining equipment (tyre and chain beam and balance beam) should be removed and this would need to be carried out by the contractors selected to install the new piece of play equipment.
  - Well Plot play area project update - the Clerk advised Councillors that Dorset Council are currently offering small one-off capital grants of between £5,000 and £15,000. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to submit an application. The Clerk also advised that the scarecrow festival would be raising funds over the bank holiday weekend and there had been a request to use a Sum Up card reader to make payments directly into the Parish Council bank account. Councillors agreed to this request - Clerk to organise.

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### 8908. Footpaths and Rights of Way

Cllr Cannon reported that the broken planks on the boardwalk on FP23 had been replaced following his report to Dorset Council and he has cleared overgrown vegetation from the farm gate entrance on New Road and alongside Uploders Chapel. Cllr Cannon also advised that there is deep mud at the eastern end of the boardwalk which is impassable for most and has been reported to Dorset Council although it probably needs the boardwalk to be extended so he will put a request forward to Dorset Council.

### 8909. Roads, Transport and Drains

- i. **Waddon Way, Smishops Lane & Gribb Farm** - Cllr Eysenck advised that he had not yet spoken with West Dorset MP Edward Morello as it was likely that all Edward could do is refer the matter to Cllr Jon Andrews who Cllr Eysenck has already spoken with on the road issues in Loders. Cllr Eysenck advised that he is working with Cllr Sally Holland and Cllr Chris Kippax who also have similar rural road issues in their wards to see how they can get traction which may require the involvement of the press. Cllr Eysenck commented that the Parish Council may need to consider alternative solutions to road issues in the parish i.e. bridleway or no through road for Waddon Way to enable expenditure on other roads in the parish.
- ii. **20mph survey** - Cllr Edwards advised that the three Dorset Council speed surveys will be carried out in June and he is ready to commence the 20mph application process.
- iii. **Safe Travel Routes (safe travel route from Loders to Bradpole)**  
Cllr Bryce advised that although the Safe Travel Route Working Group are awaiting the outcome of the 20mph process, a meeting would need to be arranged as soon as possible to discuss information the Council has become aware of and the recent 'Trailway' post on Loders Life.

Cllr Edwards advised that he has requested the road sweepers for the A35 towards old Stoney Head and he has also received a quote from Dorset Council of £132.57 to replace the recently damaged Loders village sign. All Councillors agreed to approve the expenditure.

**Proposed Cllr G Edwards**

**Seconded Cllr D Cannon**

**Resolved**

### 8910. River Asker

Cllr Pullan noted that a paper had been circulated to all from Ian Rees providing an update on the Brit Catchment Natural Flood Management (NFM) Project, which is now moving into its main delivery phase across the wider River Brit catchment, including Beaminster, Netherbury, and Bridport. The paper provides detail on progress to date, the background to the project, and the next steps as the project continues to work to reduce flood risk and enhance the local environment.

### 8911. Loders Arms Defibrillator - update

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator cabinet has been installed on the exterior wall of the Loders Arms by Palmers Brewery and the defibrillator is now in place, registered with The Circuit and emergency ready. The Clerk confirmed that she will carry out the monthly checks of the defibrillator and cabinet.

### 8912. Communications:

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

Nothing to report.

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

The Clerk confirmed that the loderparishcouncil.gov.uk has been registered, work is commencing on the new website and the councillors new email addresses will be available soon. Cllr Taylor agreed to look into the cost of hosting and maintaining the old website domain.

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### **8913. Correspondence received**

Email from resident advising that the Eggardon CIC have been awarded key stage funding of up to 40K to enable progress of a feasibility study and a request for Parish Council support. It was agreed that a working group (Cllrs Bryce, Tilton, Taylor and Hood) be set up to engage with the Eggardon CIC. Meeting to be arranged.

Dorset Local Plan Parish and Town Council Event on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Cllr Bryce and Cllr Cannon agreed to attend the morning session - Clerk to book.

### **8914. Website and Eggardon & Colmers View**

None.

### **8915. Agenda items for next meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The Crown defibrillator.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

**Chairman:** J. Bryce

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025