

## FORM FOR PROPOSALS FOR DAPTC AGM

To be submitted by Wednesday 5 August 2020

NAME OF COUNCIL: **LODERS PARISH COUNCIL**

Please note that NALC requests this information and careful completion of the form will increase the chances of a proposal being accepted by NALC

1. Please give the motion your Council would like considered at the DAPTC AGM

**That the DAPTC takes the necessary measures to make sure it is accurately representing Parish Councils' views, concerns and issues in relation to the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency.  
And makes these measures clear to its membership.**

2. Please give the reason (as thoroughly as possible) why your Council is submitting this motion.

i.)

It is encouraging to see that in the consultative draft 2020 06 18 DAPTC Constitution Revision section 4 e (OBJECTIVES ) a new proposal that the DAPTC proposes "To represent the interests and views of member councils".

ii.)

It has also been encouraging to see that the DAPTC has recently undertaken a series of regular, email based, information seeking consultations with Parish Councils to inform its activities on our collective behalf in relation to the COVID crisis. CE Neil Wedge wrote to all PC clerks on May 14<sup>th</sup>:

**"One of our challenges is to make sure when asked DAPTC is representing your views, concerns and issues. Additionally, that we respond quickly on the right topics in what is a fast paced set of circumstances.**

To enable us to respond swiftly I want to launch a 'temperature check' survey weekly – this will be quick to answer (5/6 minutes maximum) and will let us know some key views to help us help you. It will guide DAPTC with support, training and representing your views locally and nationally with NALC. **Please make sure you let your Chair / Vice Chair and members know that this is in place and how it works and why we are doing it."**

iii.)

To meet the challenge of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, declared in 2019 by both the national government and the new Dorset Council, it is equally necessary to make sure that **"when asked DAPTC is representing your views, concerns and issues. Additionally, that we respond quickly on the right topics in what is a fast paced set of circumstances."**

Currently, the DAPTC has been unable to answer repeated enquiries from Lodders Parish Council, over the past 9 months, about how many Parish Councils in Dorset have declared Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies during the past 15 months. They have not taken any steps to sound out Parish Council's "views, concerns and issues" on this subject.

iv).

This is an extremely important issue for us all, at individual, local and national level. The reasons for declaring a climate and biodiversity emergency are well documented elsewhere, including in the Dorset Council's Climate Emergency Declaration 2019.

3. Please state how this issue is affecting parish and town councils in Dorset (with case study evidence please) and try not to duplicate answers from previous questions please.

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DAPTC has the potential to facilitate improvements in the collective power of its membership. It has recently demonstrated this in its response to the existential threat emergency posed by COVID. (See 2.ii above).

It is equally essential, at this time, for the DAPTC to extend its response to the matter of representing Parish Councils in relation to the Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies.

4. If you have information on how this issue is affecting parish and town councils nationally and why this is a national issue please give this and try not to duplicate answers from earlier questions please.

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5. If relevant, please tell us exactly what aspect of national parish policy your Council would like NALC to lobby Government on (with case study evidence please).

It would be helpful if NALC could create, via consultation with its membership, a collective view and coherent policy on the issue of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency. And a structure which would allow for Parish Councils to have an effective voice in this issue.

6. If you have the information, please tell us exactly which part of primary or secondary legislation (or secondary regulation/statutory instrument) your Council would like to be changed as a result of NALC/local lobbying.

Legislation, both primary and secondary, which will successfully tackle the many and various issues needing to be addressed, with some urgency, to overcome the present Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies.

7. If relevant, please state what other action your Council would like NALC and its Policy Committee to take if this motion is adopted.

To have a clear policy setting up the necessary structure to both empower and better represent Parish Councils' views in the matter of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies

8. If you have the information, please confirm the names of any other organisation or local council that formally support your Council's motion.

**If you have any supporting documents to be jointly considered with your Council's motion – please e-mail them with this form to DAPTC.**