



# Hordle Parish Council

*Serving the communities of Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton*

## Minutes of the Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at the Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle.

Councillor Name		Councillor Name	
Maggie Hill (Chair)	P	Nigel Ferguson (Vice Chair)	P
Sue Knight	P	David Horne	P
Floss Morgan	P	Colleen Sambrook	P
Carol Rook	P	Ben Sandford	P
Valerie James	P	Sheila Nash	

P = Present.

*In attendance: Sarah Pitt (Clerk and RFO), Hannah Izod (Deputy Clerk) County Cllr Carpenter and 41 Members of the Public (MOP).*

- Welcome and introduction to the evening.** The Chair welcomed everyone to the Parish Assembly.
- To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.** These were agreed as a true record and signed.
- Parish Hero Awards.** 4 Hordle Primary School pupils, nominated by their Headteacher, delivered their fundraising presentations to warm applause from all those in attendance. A further 23 awards were bestowed for outstanding service to the community. Those in attendance were thanked by the Chair and their individual contributions acknowledged with presentation of certificates.
- To review the key achievements of the Parish Council 2022/23 with a focus on environmental initiatives.** The Chair started by thanking the staff team and her fellow councillors for all their hard work on behalf of the community. She thanked the Deputy Clerk and wished her well in retirement, then introduced the newly appointed Deputy Clerk. All current Parish councillors were returned to post with a vacancy to be advertised soon.

The Clerk identified ways in which the Parish Council reach out to the parish: Website, Facebook, Newsletters, attending local events, in order to engage with the parish directly, and also the office which is open daily. She explained that there is active working with multiple partners to increase the outcomes for local residents.

The Chair announced that the Parish Council has given grants totalling £2400 to a number of local organisations over the last year.

The Clerk talked about planning in the local area, specifically SS8, SS9 and HCC Minerals & Waste Plan, to which Parish Council submitted a full objection. The Parish Council made comments on 69 planning applications over the last year.

The Chair informed those present that the Community Speedwatch group has re started, more volunteers are welcome and outlined how the group works.

The Clerk identified the local outdoor spaces that the Parish Council is responsible for and explained the responsibilities and role of the Groundsman. An update was given on the Community Orchard which has 14 trees in Everton Rec and the Environmental initiatives that the Parish is running and supporting.

5. **Open Public session – reports from local groups, public Q&A session.**

- **Boules / Petanque Club** thanked us for the opportunity to speak about their club which is open to all and currently has 38 members. They are a free club whose focus is enjoying the open air and socialising, new members are welcome. They fundraise to keep the area in good shape and have donated to many charities.
- **Hordle Community Association.** The Chair explained that they have nearly finished the creation of the café/bar room and it is well supported by local residents. He acknowledged the success of the Warm Space Cafe and informed us that the Pavillion is a drop off location for donations for Ukraine, with collections Monday mornings. Hordle Art Group is making good use of the facilities and now often have a full room. Top to Toe are also thriving. The Chair informed the meeting of a £5000 grant from NFDC towards the upgrade of the kitchen area which is the next big project. Communication issues were acknowledged and are being addressed. The AGM is in 3 weeks' time. The Chair thanked the volunteers who run the bar/café; they are hoping to have a rota in place soon. The HCA are also looking to resurrect the music element in some fashion.
- **Brownies / WI** Brown Owl told attendees that Brownies has been running for 23 years and is thriving with a good team. Sadly Rainbows and Guides are not running presently. WI have vacancies and there is information in the Parish Office; they are hoping to facelift the exterior this year.
- **Golden Hill Working Party's** Volunteer / Advisor outlined the Management Plan for the 4 zones in the Golden Hill woodland area. Great detail was given regarding species present and reasoning behind approaches proposed and actioned.
- **Eco Church** representatives spoke about their project. The group continue to focus on making changes in the Church and personally aiming to try to mitigate concerns about climate change and environmental damage. They outlined some of their initiatives and having gained Bronze Award, are now aiming for Silver. They are keen to be involved in a conversation about how to make the parish greener, improve recycling and how people can live more sustainably.
- **PUPS / Litter Pickers of the New Forest** spoke about how their groups are frequently out picking up litter and poo. They have seen a decrease in volume but strive for even less. They have themed pick-up sessions and attend local events to publicise their groups. Individuals were encouraged to join. Details are in the Parish Office.

6. There were no questions from the floor.

7. **Refreshments and community engagement.** The formal meeting ended at 9.05pm, followed by an opportunity for networking and refreshments.

Signed..... Dated.....