



Hordle Parish Council

Serving the communities of Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 16th April 2024 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
Carol Rook	P	Colleen Sambrook	P
Valerie James	P	Ben Sandford	P
Sheila Nash	P	Malcolm Warne Holland	P
Steve Vincent	P		

P = Present.

In attendance: Sarah Pitt (Clerk and RFO), Hannah Izod (Deputy Clerk), District Councillor Hawkins, County Councillor Carpenter and 21 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** District Councillors Reid and Ward.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** None.
- 3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19th March 2024. Resolved 6 for, 4 Abstained.**
- 4. Public session for items on the agenda.** The Chair brought forward Item 6, Item 5 and 1 planning application so members of the public could speak:

Item 6. To agree a response to Grosvenor Properties' consultation on plans for 9 homes off Cottagers Lane, Hordle (SS9).

The Chair invited the representative to speak. He outlined the proposal: for 9 houses on a parcel of land to the West of Cottagers Lane, (which is part of the designated SS9 land), as detailed on the leaflet delivered to 78 neighbouring properties. The properties proposed will be 3 or 4 bed houses. He stated surveys have been started and that this is the initial consultation stage prior to a full application being made, probably in autumn 2024. He stated it is intended to be a bespoke scheme and Grosvenor were keen to get feedback.

After much discussion the main concerns and issues raised were:

- **Increased traffic volumes** on the Lane, which is single width and not a road. It is widely used by the whole village as a safe, quiet walking route. The adjacent paddock is not in the Local Plan and is therefore not able to be included in the scheme for access or otherwise. Concerns about increased traffic volumes from new residents, deliveries and construction vehicles.
- **Access** - temporary and lasting impact of construction traffic in addition to the proposed exit being a blind junction onto Cottagers Lane will increase road edge degradation and ditch collapse. Right angle bend with no turning arc will also be a hindrance with property foundations potentially unable to withstand the vibrations. The developer stated the access from the site could be widened slightly.
- **Parking** – the scheme utilises in-line parking on most of the properties which is not desirable.

- **Over development** of the site – too many houses. The size of the dwellings on drawings were noted to be smaller in scale in relation to the existing dwellings on the lane. The layout looks cramped and is out of character with the area.
- **Visual Impact of design** needs to be in keeping with the existing properties which is unlikely as the current character cannot be replicated.
- **Lack of Affordable housing** on current documents is disappointing. Whilst small units are less favourable, potentially they could be managed alongside Bargate Affordable housing units. There is a need for smaller accommodation for young families in the village.
- A gated community could be created easily by installing gates at the Cottagers Lane entrance which is not desirable.
- **ANRG** provision also does not feature on this proposal and should.
- **Drainage** is a current problem on the northern section of the site. Cottagers Lane was flooded for several months this winter.
- **Environmental impact** - there are significant Oaks with TPOs on site boundary, plentiful flora, fauna and existing habitats which all provide village wellbeing and must remain intact. Any housing needs to be sited such that in future years the trees do not require felling.
- **Timing** of potential construction phase in relation to Bargate's development of both SS9 and SS8.
- **School and local infrastructure** is at capacity. The school is full and services have no potential to expand or grow to meet need.

The Chair requested the Parish council be consulted throughout the planning process and thanked the representative for his time.

10 members of the public left the meeting.

Item 5. Presentation by Wessex Internet on Full Fibre roll out in the parish.

The Chair invited the representative to speak. He explained the history of the company and that Wessex Internet has been awarded part of the government's Project Gigabit contract for providing Full Fibre to the harder to reach settlements and individual properties. It will be bringing Fibre through the New Forest from the Martin area through Tiptoe/Hordle/Everton and on to the Calshot area. They hope to begin in June/July and be completed in Hordle in the autumn. Tiptoe is a separate project to be delivered after Hordle and Everton will be delivered after Tiptoe. Key points raised were:

- The need to dig up new pavements, which the representative stated will be reinstated to the best of their ability. He stressed that there will be disruption. Some are not available to be dug until May 2025 due to HCC restrictions. This will be to install ducting which the fibre will then be pulled through from houses to cabinets.
- Wessex may also utilise overhead cables to connect some properties – they are currently surveying the parish.
- Residents will be able to keep their current phone numbers should they wish to change to this provider once 'live' but traditional copper analogue landlines will be switched off by December 2025.
- Residents could choose to use another provider once Wessex has agreements with other providers – the government require there to be 3 - 5 different providers on the network before the contract is completed.
- Wessex can supply powerpacks to vulnerable residents and those with Care Lines to ensure continuity of service in the event of a power cut.
- On 7th May there will be a Community Presentation in Hordle Pavilion.

6 members of the public left the meeting. The Chair thanked the representatives for attending.

Item 6. Planning: 24/00252FULL Creepers Nursery, SWAY ROAD, TIPTOE, LYMINGTON, SO41 6FR Polytunnel; machinery shed/barn; propagation & root ball cold store.

The Chair invited the Applicant to speak, who explained the details in the application; due to storm damage the nursery needs to replace damaged glasshouses and are doing so with poly tunnel and shed/barn buildings. A member of the public enquired about the provision of new toileting which the Applicant stated would be discharged to a new septic tank which is not currently part of the planning application. The property is not on mains sewage.

Parish 1. We recommend **permission** but would accept the decision reached by the Planning Officers. **Resolved Unanimous.**

2 members of the public left the meeting.

5. **Presentation by Wessex Internet on Full Fibre roll out in the parish.** See Item 4.
6. **To agree a response to Grosvenor Properties' consultation on plans for 9 homes off Cottagers Lane, Hordle (SS9)** See Item 4.
7. **To co-opt a new Parish Councillor.** The candidate was invited to answer questions from Councillors and following a successful vote, was co-opted as a member of Hordle Parish Council. After signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, he joined the meeting.
8. **Planning.**

NFDC Ref	Address	Works
24/10291	28A LAVENDER ROAD, HORDLE SO41 0GF	Single-storey extension
Parish 5. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the Planning Officers. Resolved Unanimous.		
NPA Ref	Address	Works
24/00252FULL	Creepers Nursery, SWAY ROAD, TIPTOE, LYMINGTON, SO41 6FR	Polytunnel; machinery shed/barn; propagation & root ball cold store
See Item 4		
Trees	Address	Works
TPO/24/0161	The Farthings, 3 Elkhams Close, Everton, Lymington, SO41 0LD	Elm – Reduce
The Council noted the Tree Warden's report and Resolved: to leave the decision to the Tree Officers. Resolved unanimous.		
TPO/24/0152	Danewood House, Cottagers Lane, Hordle, Lymington, SO41 0FE	Beech Tree - Fell
The Council noted the Tree Warden's report and noted that the tree was in close proximity to the building currently undergoing development and that the tree should only be felled if posing a safety risk. Resolved: to leave the decision to the Tree Officers. Resolved unanimous.		

9. Planning Matters: None

10. **To agree the bank reconciliation and statements for March 2024.** This had been circulated in advance and was **Agreed** 10 For, 1 Abstention.

- 11. To agree the monthly payment schedule for April 2024.** This had been circulated in advance and was Agreed 10 For, 1 Abstention.
- 12. To note the out-turn for Q4.** This was circulated in advance and was noted.
- 13. Update on Greening Campaign and to agree councillor support at the public meeting on 30th April.** Public meeting is to be held on Tuesday 30th April, 7.30pm in Hordle Pavilion, all welcome. Cllr Rook and Warne Holland volunteered to attend and support meeting.
- 14. To consider Parish Council Health and Safety Issues.** Cllr Warne Holland identified a hole on the corner of Sky End Lane and Everton Road. HPC office to report issue to HCC Highways.
- 15. To receive the Clerk's report and correspondence.** The Clerk talked through her report available on the website. Cllr Sandford volunteered to attend Tiptoe Green Fete alongside Cllr Warne Holland.
- 16. To receive the Chairs' report.** Nothing to report.
- 17. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.** Cllr Carpenter noted that HCC are still striving to make savings but she hoped that Marchwood HWRC will be kept open to relieve pressure on Efford and minimise fly-tipping in the forest. She advised that there will be road patching works on Sway Road, Beckley Road, Bashley Cross Road and drainage works on Silver Street in the coming weeks. The Deputy Clerk requested an update on the roadworks on the A337 at Efford. Cllr Hawkins is still pursuing the reinstatement of the bin at Nisa in Hordle which could take 8 weeks. He informed those present that he has been elected as Chair of New Forest District Council.
- 18. Matters for Information.** Cllr James requested cakes for the Tiptoe Green Fete on 11th May. Cllr Horne reminded those present that the white flowered plant out at present is often not wild garlic but is 3 cornered leek and it is "an offence to grow in the wild" as the seeds and the bulbs multiply. Please remove flowers and remove bulbs by digging. Cllr Warne Holland noted re-seeding and dragons teeth appearing on Everton Road where gas works have damaged verges.
- 19. To confirm the dates of the next Parish Council meetings:** Confirmed.
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| 14 th May | – Annual Parish Assembly |
| 21 st May | – Annual & Ordinary Parish Council Meetings |
| 7 th May | – Human Resources Committee |

The meeting closed at 9:26pm

Signed

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