



Hordle Parish Council

Serving the communities of Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at the Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle.

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

P = Present.

In attendance: Sarah Pitt (Clerk and RFO), Hannah Izod (Deputy Clerk), County Councillor Carpenter, District Councillor Ward and 2 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** District Councillors Hawkins and Reid, Councillor Ferguson.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.** Cllr Nash declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning reference **23/11160**, Cllr Warne Holland declare a non-pecuniary interest in tree application **TPO/24/0008**.
- 3. To confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19th December 2023. Resolved Unanimous.**
- 4. Public session for items on the agenda.** The Chair brought forward 3 planning applications so members of the public could speak:

Planning Application 23/01570 FULL, Land adj Efford Park Offices, Milford Road, Everton, SO41 0JD, Ground mounted solar PV array; perimeter fencing; cabling. The Chair invited the Applicant to speak, who was happy to answer questions. He explained that the Solar PV array is to provide energy to the 20 units at the Efford Park Offices and that the field location was chosen as it had least impact on neighbours and buildings. Any surplus energy will be sold back to the grid. Cllr Horne suggested using the grass area around the panels for grazing and or wildflower areas, which the applicant stated he would consider.

Parish 1. We recommend **permission** but would accept the decision of the planning officers. **Resolved Unanimous.**

One member of the public left the meeting.

Planning Application 23/11017, OTTER NURSERIES LTD, MILFORD ROAD, EVERTON, HORDLE SO41 0JD, Replacement of glazing on glasshouse with cladding and new roofing material to allow use for storage. The Chair invited the Agent to speak. He explained that the planning officer had requested plans be reconsidered with additional information: showing parking allocation requirements which alter due to change of use from glasshouse to storage area and inclusion of red line demarcating boundary needed to extend to main road edge.

Parish 1. We recommend **permission** but would accept the decision of the planning officers. **Resolved Unanimous.** Comment to NFDC:

“Hordle Parish Council has concerns regarding the lack of infrastructure for pedestrians and public transport users at the junction of the access road for the premises with the A337. There have been several planning applications in recent months on this site. This demonstrates that business use of this whole site is growing incrementally but there is no simultaneous provision for enhanced road safety measures such as paved or delineated footways, cycle lanes or a pedestrian crossing over the A337 from the bus stop. The Parish Council is very concerned that the cumulative effect of individual applications will collectively increase the flow of traffic. The increased frequency of large delivery vehicles accessing this site which will lead to an increase in accidents if access is not urgently addressed in a strategic manner by the owners of the site, HCC Highways and NFDC Planning Departments. The Parish Council requests that conditions pertaining to delivery times during office hours should be included in any approval should it be granted.”

Planning Application 23/10846, UNIT 2, DELL BUILDINGS, MILFORD ROAD, EVERTON, HORDLE SO41 0ED, Extension to office/warehouse building; parking; landscaping. The Chair invited the Agent to speak. He explained that the applicant has twice reduced the area of **the extension requested, following Planning Officer requests, but the applicant needs the storage to expand their business. Cllrs raised questions regarding size of delivery lorries and times of deliveries. Agent confirmed lorries** were large articulated vehicles which come from the continent but was unable to provide details of when deliveries took place.

Councillors noted that although the company provides employment of local residents and the nature of the business is eco-friendly, previous concerns remain regarding access and road safety which negatively impacts local residents and visitors to the multi-use site.

Parish 1. We recommend **permission** but would accept the decision of the planning officers. **Resolved Unanimous.** Comment to NFDC:

“Hordle Parish Council has concerns regarding the lack of infrastructure for pedestrians and public transport users at the junction of the access road for the premises with the A337. As this and other recent applications for this site demonstrates, business use of this whole site is growing incrementally but there is no simultaneous provision for enhanced road safety measures such as paved footways, cycle lanes and a pedestrian crossing over the A337 from the bus stop. The Parish Council is concerned that the increased flow of traffic and vehicle size from this whole site to and from the A337 will lead to an increase in accidents if this is not strategically addressed by the owners of the site, HCC Highways and NFDC Planning Departments. The Parish Council requests that conditions pertaining to delivery times during office hours should be included in any approval should it be granted.”

Planning Application 23/11160, SITE OF ARNEWOOD COPSE AND CARFORD, FARMERS WALK, EVERTON, HORDLE SO41 0JZ, Revised design of house on Plot 'C' from approval 22/11113; revised siting of bin stores for plots A & B. The Chair invited the Agent to speak. He explained that the amended plans for Plot C were submitted once the house construction had commenced but before completion of alterations. He stated that the roof conversion made the property 35% larger. The required additional car space is now provided. The bin stores have also been relocated. Responding to concerns raised previously he stated that the road is 2.5m which is the required width for personal drives.

Two councillors had visited the site and reported to the meeting that although the alteration at the rear of the house is not seen from Farmers Walk, it does have a negative visual impact on Shepherds Way. Access from Shepherds Way will only be for emergency services access to plot C via a locked gate to which only they will have combination code.

Parish 2. We recommend **Refusal** but would accept the decision of the planning officers. **Resolved 8 For, 2 Abstained.** Comment submitted to NFDC:

This is effectively a retrospective application as the developers completed the new design without waiting for planning consent. The Parish Council is concerned that the roof conversion alterations are not in keeping with the locality

and are a detrimental change of character to the street scene. This application constitutes overdevelopment of the site which could set a precedent for the other plots.

The remaining member of the public heard Planning Application 23/11073 and then left.

5. Planning.

NFDC Ref	Address	Works
23/11073	BARN COTTAGE, HORDLE LANE, DOWNTON, HORDLE SO41 0LF	Detached oak framed 2 bay garage (AMENDED REASON TO ADVERTISE)
This application was discussed and support was expressed for the observations of NFDC's Conservation Officer. Parish 1. We recommend permission but would accept the decision of the Planning Officers. Resolved Unanimous.		
23/11017	OTTER NURSERIES LTD, MILFORD ROAD, EVERTON, HORDLE SO41 0JD	Replacement of glazing on glasshouse with cladding and new roofing material to allow use for storage.
See Item 4		
23/10846	UNIT 2, DELL BUILDINGS, MILFORD ROAD, EVERTON, HORDLE SO41 0ED	Extension to office/warehouse building; parking; landscaping
See Item 4.		
23/11160	SITE OF ARNEWOOD COPSE AND CARFORD, FARMERS WALK, EVERTON, HORDLE SO41 0JZ	Revised design of house on Plot 'C' from approval 22/11113; revised siting of bin stores for plots A & B
See Item 4		
23/11278	Land of OAKLEA, 44 FRYS LANE, EVERTON, HORDLE SO41 0JY	Demolition of existing garage and replace with x1no. detached chalet bungalow with associated parking and garden; electric car charging point; air source heat pump; cycle store
This application was discussed at length. Cllrs noted that concerns from the previous application about the shared access, ridge height, the over-development of the plot and negative effect on street scene, have not been addressed. Cllrs noted the amended description of the downstairs snug from bedroom/ office/ snug. Parish 4. We recommend Refusal. Resolved Unanimous. Cllrs Sambrook and Rook volunteered to go to Committee Meeting as required. Comment submitted to NFDC: "The Parish Council considers this application to be overdevelopment of the plot. It also has concerns regarding the ridge height, proposed turning circle and shared access, separation between neighbouring properties and a detrimental change of character to the street scene."		
23/11273	BETH BARAH, 96 STOPPLES LANE, HORDLE SO41 0JA	Extension to rear dormer
This application was discussed. Parish 1. We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by Planning Officers. Resolved Unanimous.		
NPA Ref	Address	Works
23/01570FULL	Land adj Efford Park Offices, Milford Road, Everton, SO41 0JD	Ground mounted solar PV array; perimeter fencing; cabling
See Item 4.		
23/01552FULL	PLOUGH INN, Plough Inn, SWAY ROAD, TIPTOE, LYMINGTON, SO41 6FQ	2 storage containers for a temporary period of 18months and an area of compacted earth & gravel

This application was discussed at length. Cllrs noted that concerns from the previous application still remain. **Parish 4.** We recommend **Refusal. Resolved Unanimous.** Cllrs Sambrook and Warne Holland volunteered to go to Committee Meeting as required.

Comment submitted to NPA: There has been no further information regarding use of the containers and purpose of gravelled area and therefore The Parish Council is unable to make an informed decision. The Council's previous concerns regarding the proposed gravelling and storage container being in a secluded area to the rear of the property which is already demarcated on the plan and physically separated from the main carpark still stand. The Parish Council is also still concerned that this constitutes inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

Tree Work Applications

TPO/24/0008	9 SKY END LANE, HORDLE, LYMINGTON, SO41 0HG	Oak – Reduce
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The Council noted the Tree Warden's Report. **Resolved:** to leave the decision to the Tree Officers. **Resolved 9 For, 1 Abstained.**

TPO/ 24/0014	15 Cypress Grove, Everton, Lymington, SO41 0ZL	Oak x 2 - Fell Beech x 1 - Reduce
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The Council noted the Tree Warden's Report and the concern about felling the oak trees, which Councillors agreed with. **Resolved:** That only necessary work should be undertaken but the decision be left to the Tree Officers. **Resolved Unanimous.**

6. **Planning Matters.** None

7. **To agree the bank reconciliation and statements for December 2023.** This had been circulated in advance and was **Agreed Unanimous.**

8. **To agree the monthly payment schedule for January 2024.** This had been circulated in advance and was **Agreed Unanimous.**

9. **To note the quarterly out-turn budget report for Q3. Noted.**

10. **To agree a Councillor Representative on the Community Speedwatch Group.** Cllr Morgan will be stepping down from this group. Cllr Morgan explained how the group functions and said she had found the sessions enjoyable. She said they are effective in slowing down of traffic. She invited interested councillors to contact the office and or attend the next sessions with the group. It was noted that a Councillor needs to be part of the group in order for it to be viable. The Chair thanked Cllr Morgan for her efforts over the past year.

11. **To consider an application to register various community spaces as Assets of Community Value.**

The Clerk outlined the key points of the scheme and explained that nominated land may be listed by New Forest District Council (NFDC) and if so, when it is sold, local community groups will have a fairer chance to bid for it on the open market. NFDC will inform the community if a listed asset is put up for sale and give them time to make a bid. The Clerk stated that evidence from the community showing why the asset should be registered is required to be submitted as part of the application. The Clerk explained that to manage office resources, each application must be done separately. After much discussion regarding potential assets in the parish, the **Recommendation** that Hordle Parish Council applies to list The Crown Public House, Everton as an Asset of Community Value and will seek letters of support and other relevant evidence from the community to this end. **Agreed Unanimous.** Parish Office to inform local residents via usual communication methods with regards how residents can support this and progress as appropriate.

- 12. To agree to support the ‘Tube Map’ Coast to Forest cycling network.** Cllr Warne Holland outlined the proposal to create sustainable cycling networks throughout the New Forest. **Recommendation:** That Hordle Parish Council supports the ‘tube map’ Coast to Forest cycle network and will work with its partners to make Hordle Parish a “cycle-friendly” area. **Agreed Unanimous.**
- 13. To consider Parish Council Health and Safety Issues.** Light switch in Hordle Pavilion not secure. Hedging near Westmoreland Court needs cutting. Both items to be actioned by office.
- 14. To receive the Clerks’ report and correspondence.**
The report was previously circulated and is available on the council website.
- 15. To receive the Chair’s report.** Nothing to report.
- 16. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.** Cllr Carpenter thanked HPC for planting the memorial tree for Cllr Alan Rice in Everton Orchard. She reminded those present to comment on the HCC budget consultation and also the Minerals and Waste Plan, from which Yeatton Farm has been withdrawn. Cllr Ward encouraged the meeting to comment on the Angel Lane mineral site being considered near Angel Lane in Barton. She also has some grant money still available for bids.
- 17. Matters for Information.** Cllr Sambrook passed on a member of the public request for a gate at Dudley Rec exit onto Heath Road, to prevent dogs escaping. The Clerk explained that dogs are required to be kept under control at all times in a public open space.
- 18. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting – 20th February 2024.**
- 19. Closed Session. Recommendation:** That Hordle Parish Council adopts new nationally agreed SLCC/ NALC mileage rates for casual users from January 2024. **Agreed Unanimous.**

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

Signed

Dated