



Hordle Parish Council

Serving the communities of Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 21th November 2023 at the Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle.

Councillor Name		Councillor Name	
Maggie Hill (Chair)		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	Malcolm Warne Holland	P
Sheila Nash			

P = Present.

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

- 1. Apologies for absence** Councillors Hill and Nash. In the absence of Councillor Hill, Councillor Ferguson chaired the meeting.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda. None.**
- 3. To confirm minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 17th October 2023. Confirmed unanimous.**
- 4. Public session for items on the agenda. None.**
- 5. To consider registering for the Greening Campaign and supporting a parish-wide Greening Group.**
The Clerk outlined meetings which have taken place with the Eco Church Group from Hordle Church with a view to starting a parish-wide Greening Group, using the national Greening Campaign initiative to kick start the initiative. Representatives and Clerk confirmed to councillors that local stakeholders and all 3 villages would work together to meet the campaign and community-derived goals.

Agreed all 3 recommendations unanimous.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

6. Planning.

NFDC Ref	Works	Address
23/11063	27 PINWOOD ROAD, HORDLE SO41 0GN	Single-storey front extension
This application was discussed. Parish 1. Recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by Planning Officers. Resolved Unanimous.		
23/11073	BARN COTTAGE, HORDLE LANE, DOWNTON, HORDLE SO41 0LF	Detached oak framed 2 bay garage

<p>This application was discussed at length as there were grave concerns that the garage could be subject to conversion into accommodation or other change of use at a later date. There was agreement to the findings in the Conservation Officer's report.</p> <p>Parish 5. Happy to accept the decision reached by Planning Officers. 3 For, 6 Against.</p> <p>Parish 2. Recommend refusal but would accept the decision reached by Planning Officers. Resolved 8 For, 1 Abstained. Agreed.</p>		
23/11112	PINE TREES HOUSE, COTTAGERS LANE, HORDLE SO41 0FE	Change of external facing materials to slate, rainscreen cladding and render; installation of solar PV panels
<p>This application was discussed. Parish 2. Recommend refusal but would accept the decision of the Planning Officers. Resolved 8 For, 1 Abstained. The Parish Council considers this application to be detrimental to the street scene and that it would negatively impact the rural character of Cottagers Lane.</p>		
23/11144	MAPLE TREE COTTAGE, VAGGS LANE, HORDLE SO41 0FP	Single-storey rear extension
<p>This application was discussed. Parish 1. Recommend permission but would accept the decision of the Planning Officers. Resolved Unanimous. The Parish Council considers this application to be in keeping with surrounding properties.</p>		
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
<p>This application was discussed. Parish 4. Recommend refusal. Resolved 6 For, 3 Abstained.</p> <p>The Parish Council notes that Shepherds Way Residents Association had no concerns regarding the altered location of the bin stores and likewise has no objections to the relocation of bin stores. However, the Parish Council does have concerns regarding the alteration of the plans to make a significantly larger house. The alterations are not in keeping with the locality and are a detrimental change of character to the street scene. Most pertinently it considers this application to be overdevelopment of the site. It notes that should the dwelling be granted the 4 bedrooms it will no longer comply with the parking allocation requirements which stipulate 3 spaces on plot and would set a precedent for the other dwellings on the site. The Parish Council is also concerned by the narrow size of the access road for other dwellings on site.</p> <p>Councillors Sambrook and Rook have volunteered to attend the NFDC Planning Committee meeting.</p>		
Tree work		
TPO/23/0520	131 EVERTON ROAD, HORDLE, LYMINGTON, SO41 0HA	1x Oak Reduce
<p>The Tree Wardens report was received and the application was discussed. There was agreement that the tree should be managed to prolong its life. Decision to be left to the Tree Officer. Resolved Unanimous.</p>		
TPO/23/0564	21 Sycamore Road, Hordle, SO41 0YF	1x Oak Reduce
<p>The Tree Wardens report was received and the application was discussed. There was agreement that as the tree was not a Health and Safety issue work was not needed. Decision to be left to the Tree Officer. Resolved Unanimous.</p>		

7. Planning Matters: None.

8. To agree the bank reconciliation and statements for October 2023. These had been circulated in advance and were **Resolved Unanimous.**

9. **To agree the monthly payment schedule for November 2023.** This had been circulated in advance and was **Resolved Unanimous**.
10. **To note the outcome of the interim audit.** This had been circulated in advance and was **Noted**.
11. **To agree to alter the date of payment of interest accrued from the Nationwide Saver account to the HSBC BMM Account.** The Clerk explained this was due to the timing of the payment at the end of the financial year. **Agreed Unanimous**.
12. **To note the Minutes of the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee on 31st October.** These had been circulated in advance and were **Noted**.
13. **To agree the litter and dog waste bin servicing contract for 2024-2025** The Clerk explained that several alternatives had been explored and noted that this price increase is a district-wide issue. Cllr Sandford asked District Councillors if the increase is in order to recoup previous years losses or to cover the increased delivery cost for this incoming year. District Councillor Reid stated that the rise in costs is to cover the incoming years increased costs. After lengthy discussion the contract was **Agreed Unanimous**.
14. **To agree the Project List for 2024-2025** This had been circulated in advance. The list was discussed and **Agreed Unanimous**.
15. **To agree the Budget and Precept for 2024-2025** The Budget and Precept request of £172,000 for 2024-25 had been circulated in advance. The Clerk noted that the increase for this year equates to 11 pence per week for a Band D property in this parish. The increase which is in part due to increased costs for external contracts (eg. NFDC bin emptying and NFDC arboreal inspections). After discussion, the budget and precept level of £172,000 for 2024-25 was **Agreed Unanimous**.
16. **To agree the contractor to replace the public open space signage.** Information had been circulated in advance. The Clerk explained that the current signage needs to be updated, to incorporate the dog charter as previously agreed by Council. Additional useful information such as What 3 Words locations and QR codes for the Parish Council website and would present a unified, professional corporate branding for the Council. After discussion the recommended contractor with lowest quote received of 3 at £1500 (ex VAT) was **Agreed Unanimous**.
17. **To consider registering all parish footpaths (Cllr Sambrook).** Cllr Sambrook explained that there is a need for footpaths to be registered. She is hoping to identify any known paths that are not currently registered so that they can be submitted to become registered and preserved. Cllr Morgan to share Geo-Cache maps with Cllr Sambrook and Cllr Warne Holland volunteered to assist. If any paths are known but not mapped then they will need to be registered.
18. **To note the outcome of Councillor Planning training on 7th November.** Cllrs reported that the training had been beneficial.
19. **To consider Parish Council Health and Safety Issues.** There continues to be problems with blocked drains on highways locally and flooding by the Post Office and Frys Lane in Everton. These have been reported to Highways. Groundsman has been installing bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicular access around the Acacia Triangle and cycleway by the exit of Woodlands Park, Hordle.
20. **To receive the Clerks' report and correspondence.**

The report was previously circulated and is available on the council website.

21. To receive the Chair’s report. Nothing to report.

22. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

Cllr Carpenter reported that the ongoing issue with flooding on Wainsford Road, Everton has been escalated to Director of HCC Highways. The meeting was made aware of the need for cuts to be made at county level in the future and that discussions were ongoing.

Cllr Hawkins reported there is a Coastal Erosion meeting on Thursday at Appletree Court – all welcome.

Cllr Reid informed us that the community grants meeting is next week and that the Waste Strategy is being updated to encourage more recycling.

Cllr Ward informed us that NFDC are exploring options to address need for low-cost housing.

The Clerk asked if there were any update on the HCC Minerals and Waste Plan. Cllr Carpenter said that Yeatton Farm is included for consideration but no decisions have been made yet.

23. Matters for Information. Cllr Rook informed those present that Deputy Clerk’s performance review was positive and that her probationary period is complete, her contract made permanent. The Deputy’s hours have changed to 20 hours per week from 1st November.

24. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting – 19th December 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Dated