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Parish Council Update - February/ March 2024

Worried about speeding traffic?

We are looking for more volunteers to join our friendly Community Speedwatch group. The group meets weekly at various



points around the area with SID—our Speed Indicator Device. They monitor traffic speeds and refer the details of vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit to the police, so the offending drivers can be sanctioned. Full training is given—

if you can spare an hour or two a month to help make our roads a safer place to be, please contact the Parish Office or see the Speedwatch page on our website.

New CCTV at Hordle Pavilion & Rec

The Parish Council has substantially upgraded the CCTV system at Hordle Rec. New high quality cameras enable more of the playing fields and pavilion to be covered, ensuring a safer environment for all users.

War Memorial Gardens

You may have noticed that two trees have recently been felled at the War Memorial Gardens in Everton Road. This was in

response to a request from our insurance company. There is now lots more light in the area and the Parish Council will be replanting with wildlife-friendly shrubs and a smaller blossoming tree to keep the area verdant. More details to follow.

Sign of the Times

The Parish Council has installed new signage at all it public open spaces. The new signage

have a QR code which downloads the Dog Walkers' Charter, as well as *What 3 Words*

locations in case of emergencies plus Parish Council contact information.



Cycling Map Powers On

The Parish Council recently voted to unanimously support a new "Tube" style map of cycling routes across the district. The routes aim to provide safe but direct routes for cyclists to easily get around the area. Hordle is in the centre of many of the routes, making it a key location. Cycling is great way to enhance fitness as well as being good for the planet.

SS8 Planning Application for 155 homes

At its meeting on 19th December 2023, the Parish Council voted unanimously to recommend refusal for NFDC for Bargate Homes' application to build 155 homes off Hordle Lane (reference 23/10661). The Parish Council had many concerns about the plans, including highway safety & car parking, paths & connections, housing density, allotment provision and community safety. You can read HPC's full response on our website here: <https://bit.ly/SS8Dec23>



New Forest area played a key role in this pivotal campaign and the Parish Council is keen to compile a record of local peoples' involvement. If you or someone you know has a story to share and would like it recorded for posterity, please contact the Parish Office.

Grants for Local Charities and Groups

Grants for local charities and organisations are available from the Parish Council. The Next round for awards (usually under £500) is 28th February 2024 and application forms are on our website. Past recipients include Hordle Volunteer Driver Group, Hordle Art Group, Hordle Community Association, Hordle Scouts & the Twinning Association.

Yeaton Farm Mineral Site

We are pleased to report that following the Parish Council's objection to plans for gravel extraction at Yeaton Farm in Hordle, the site has been removed from Hampshire County Council's Mineral and Waste strategy update. Thank you to everyone who took the time to register their comments. The site proposed for Downton Manor Farm, off Angel Lane in Barton-on-Sea, remains in the proposals.

Precept

The Parish Council's Precept for 2024-25 has been set at £172,000, which is an increase equivalent to 11p per week for a Band D property.

Asset of Community Value

In response to residents' requests, the Parish Council has agreed to apply to NFDC to have the Crown pub in Everton listed as an Asset of Community Value. This means that should the premises ever be sold for another use, the community will have time to put together a bid to keep the premises running as a pub. To do this, we need residents to tell us why the Crown is so important to the community so we can present this in evidence. Just drop the Parish Office an email or visit our website for more details: <http://bit.ly/assetcv>.

Hants County Council Budget Consultation

HCC is consulting on how spend their limited resources over the coming year. Please have your say before the deadline of 31st March at: www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation

Full Fibre Broadband comes to Hordle?

At its meeting on 19th March, a representative from Wessex Internet will outline its plans to roll out full fibre broadband to homes and residents in Hordle before September 2024. Everyone is invited to come along and hear the plans and have their questions answered.

D-Day 80th Anniversary

This June will be 80 years since D-Day. The

Next Meetings

Tuesday 20th February, 19th March and 16th April at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane @ 7.15pm. See the website & noticeboards for agendas and minutes. The full list of meeting dates for 2024-5 is now available on our website.

