



Hordle Parish Council

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Parish Council Update – Spring 2023

Elections - 4th May: Save the date!

This year is election year and Parish Councillors will be up for re-election. There is also one vacancy on the Parish Council at the time of writing. If you would like to make a real contribution to our community, why not consider putting yourself forward to become a Councillor? It's a very rewarding role and you can find full details on our website - just scan the QR code. The deadline for nominations is 4pm on Tuesday 4th April.



Please also be aware that from this year, registered voters will also need to provide **photographic ID** such as a driving licence or passport when they come to vote. If you don't have this you can apply for free photographic ID by calling 0800 328 0280 or electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or you can visit NFDC's offices in New Milton or Lymington.



Mineral Extraction at Yeatton Farm, Hordle

The Parish Council lodged a comprehensive objection to the proposals in Hampshire County Council's Mineral and Waste Plan Update for new gravel and sand extraction at Yeatton Farm, Hordle. The 11-page document can be viewed on the Parish Council's website (scan the QR code below) but the main points of its objection were:

- Close proximity to the village with its primary school.
- Increased levels of air pollution.
- Noise pollution concerns.
- Detrimental to the character of the area.
- Impact on Green Belt.
- Traffic concerns on the A337.
- Flood risk.
- Impact on biodiversity.
- Impact on local economy.
- Impact on heritage assets.



Royal Commemorative Trees

A willow has been planted at Everton Rec to commemorate the late Queen's Jubilee which we hope will grow to a beautiful size for children to play and families to picnic under. A Sweet Chestnut will also be planted to commemorate the Coronation of Charles III. We hope the community will enjoy these lovely trees as they grow and mature for years to come.

Precept

The Precept for 2023-24 will be £158,000, which is an increase equivalent to 28p per week for a Band D property.

Nominate your Hordle Parish Heroes

The Parish Council is seeking nominations for its annual Parish Heroes awards, to be presented at the Parish Assembly on 23rd May. If you know someone who has gone above and beyond for the benefit of their community over the past year then drop an email with the details to the Parish Office: clerk@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk.



Speedwatch Team Targets Volunteers

The Parish Council has taken on the management of the Community Speedwatch Team. We are looking for more volunteers to join this friendly team, which records speeding vehicles at locations around the parish, to keep our roads safe. Full training is given – for details visit the volunteering page of our website or contact the Parish Office.

In addition, you may have noticed the new location for our VASLR speed recording device, on Everton Road near the junction with Farmers Walk. It was positioned here in January for 3 weeks where it captured the movements of 25,629 southbound vehicles and 23,475 northbound. Pleasingly, the average speed was 27mph in both directions, although 9050 vehicles were above the 30mph speed limit – about 18%. The stats will help the Speedwatch team.

Next Meetings

Tuesday 18th April, 16th May (Annual Meeting) & 23rd May (Parish Assembly), 20th June, 18th July & 15th August at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane@ 7.15pm. Agendas and minutes will be the website and noticeboards.