



Hordle Parish Council

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Parish Council Update – Spring 2024

Councillor Vacancy – your parish needs YOU!

Following the resignation of Cllr Floss Morgan, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to make a real contribution to your 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:

www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk or email clerk@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk.

We would like to thank Cllr Morgan for her contribution to our community over the past 5 years.



Little library opens for business

Following a request from a local resident, The Parish Council is delighted to install a new little-library at Everton Pavilion. The library has been made from largely recycled materials by our talented groundsman and it was officially opened by the person who helped suggest it – 5 year old Clayton. There is a selection of books for all ages groups – do pop along and enjoy!

Parish Council objects to Planning Application for 20 Homes on Land of Everton Nurseries

A revised application to build 20 new homes on land of Everton Nurseries was again objected to by the Parish Council. The Parish Council's previous concerns about the impact on highway safety, the character and appearance of the area, effect on the openness of the Greenbelt, impact on public open space and also the ecology of the area, were all still relevant. For more details visit the website.

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. We are 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.

Sign of the Times

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



Pitch Improvements at Recs

At Everton Rec, the Parish Council has undertaken verti-draining work to improve the playing surface for the football teams. This treatment improves drainage as the ground has a tendency to become very waterlogged here. The commemorative weeping willow planted last year will also hopefully help with the ground conditions. We have more improvements in the pipeline and we will keep you updated with developments. We have also installed the new picnic table by the zip wire – we hope you will enjoy using it (phot credit: S. Nash).



Asset of Community Value

In response to residents' requests, the Parish Council has applied to NFDC to have the Crown Inn 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. Thank you to the 91 residents who wrote in support of this application. We are waiting for the result and will let you know in a future edition.

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>

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.

D-Day 80th Anniversary

This June will be 80 years since D-Day. The 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 groups are available from the Parish Council. The next round for awards (usually under £500) is June and application forms are on our website. Past recipients include Everton Pavilion Management Committee, the Volunteer Driver Group, Art Group and Scouts.

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.

Full Fibre Broadband comes to the parish?

At its meeting on 16th April, a representative from Wessex Internet will outline its plans to roll out full fibre broadband to homes and residents in Hordle parish before September 2024. Everyone is invited to come along and hear the plans and have their questions answered.

Next Meetings

Tuesday 19th March, 16th April, 21st May & 18th June at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane @ 7.15pm. Annual Parish Assembly is on 14th May at 7.30pm. See the website & noticeboards for agendas and minutes. The full list of meeting dates for 2024-5 is now available on our website.



T.H.E. Greening Campaign: *Tiptoe. Hordle. Everton.*

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COME AND GET INVOLVED – EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The National Lottery is funding the Greening Campaign and its expert partners to provide advice and support to 20 new communities in Hampshire to tackle Climate Change.

We have been chosen to be one of those communities!

Hordle Parish Council in conjunction with Hordle Eco Church are inviting you and any representatives from local groups and organisations to attend a Public Meeting to learn more about T. H. E. Greening Campaign and to have your say about what happens next!

The Greening Campaign is a blueprint for community action on Climate Change which brings expert support to a programme of activities. This programme has the support of our County Council and Wildlife Trust and we are following in the footsteps of 250 other communities! Our aim is to take this hugely successful campaign and introduce it in Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton (T.H.E).

To kick off the campaign, we are holding a **Public Meeting at 7.30pm on 30th April** where the programme will be explained in detail by Terena Plowright, founder of The Greening Campaign. The focus is on 5 pillar areas: Space for Nature, Health Impacts of Climate Change, Waste Prevention, Energy Efficient Warmer Homes and Cycle of the Seed.

This article is a **personal invitation** to you and all community groups, everyone who lives in our villages to come along and find out more. All businesses, churches and faith groups, schools, interest and leisure groups plus residents are welcome. We believe this is an important campaign that could benefit us all – Individuals, families, organisations, businesses. We would be delighted to see you at the event.

Light refreshments

We aim to make this a concise 1 hour meeting with drinks and nibbles. There is no need to RSVP, but if you are certain that you, or any representative will be attending, please let us know so we can plan for refreshments. Simply phone **01425 611 119** or e-mail: admin@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk

