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Parish Council Update - Summer 2023

New Parish Office Staff

Hannah Izod has joined the Parish Council team as Deputy Parish Clerk. Hannah has a wealth of experience of the parish which she brings to the role and will be a great asset to the team. Hannah will be working every weekday morning—do pop in to the office to say hello if you are passing.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are passionate about where you live and would like to make a difference to your community, why not apply? All the details are on our website (scan the QR code) or contact the Parish Office. Closing date for applications is 7th July 2023.



Parish Assembly

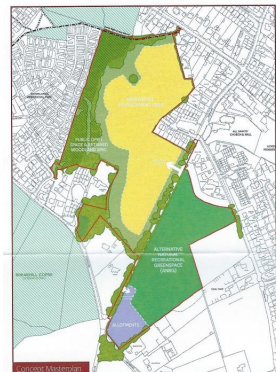
The Annual Parish Assembly was held on 23rd May at Hordle Pavilion. Over 40 local residents attended and heard about the work of the Parish Council over the past year. Children from Hordle Primary School also gave presentations about the charities for which they have raised over £1100 so far this year. In addition, the Parish Hero Awards were presented to 25 people who have gone above and beyond for our community over the past year. Well done to everyone who received an award—we

are lucky to have you as our neighbours. For a full list of awards visit our website.

SS8 - Land off Hordle Lane for 155 homes

At its meeting on 16th May, the Parish Council discussed the Public Consultation from Bargate Homes for the SS8 site off Hordle Lane. Bargate representatives were present at the meeting, along with members of the public. The Parish Council has submitted its response to Bargate Homes, which included concerns about the high proposed density of housing, the future of the “retained land” to the north of the site, lack of footpath access from the public open space to Vicarage Lane, highway safety issues about congestion and parking and the small number of allotments proposed (15). The full response can be found on our website.

Bargate Homes has said it expects to submit a formal planning application over the summer—we will bring you details here and on our website and Facebook page as soon as we have it.



Clean for the Coronation

The parish-wide litterpick on 29th April was a great success, with over 20 bags of rubbish collected from the streets of Everton and Hordle. Many thanks to everyone who came along to help.



Parish Council Van

The Parish Council has acquired a van for use by the Groundsman on his duties. The van has been paid for through funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Look out for it around the parish.

New Bin at Parish War Memorial

The Parish Council has installed a new bin at the War Memorial. Unfortunately, it has been noticed that some of the bins around the area are being filled with domestic waste and recycling. Please use your weekly household collections for this rather than our bins, which get filled up quickly and can overflow as a result.

Annual Accounts

The Parish Council's Annual Accounts for the 2022-23 financial year are now available on the Parish Council website and noticeboards or at the Parish Office.

Wilding Progress

In response to feedback from the public on last year's mowing regime, the Parish Council has made some changes for this year. Acacia Triangle and Dudley Avenue Public Open Space are being left long to help our pollinators, but a series of paths have been mown through to allow the public to enjoy the area. The longer grass will then be cut in July.

Acacia Kickabout will be mown monthly

and the recreation grounds at Everton and Hordle will continue to be cut fortnightly, with the edges outside of the footpaths left longer to help wildlife (although there will be a greater margin between the path and longer grass in response to public comments).

Parish Council hedges will be cut as usual outside bird nesting season in the autumn. (Roadside verges are the responsibility of NFDC and will now be cut following "No Mow May").



At Golden Hill triangle, the longer grass has led to several rare orchids blooming. The Parish Council's wildflower bed by the WI Hall is blooming brilliantly again this year and the wildflower beds at the Community Orchard in Everton have been extended.

The highly-invasive Three-Cornered Garlic in the War Memorial Gardens is being cut back to control it and a new flower bed has been established here to further improve the area. Hedges were radically cut last autumn to let more light into this area.



If you would like to get involved with more green initiatives all around the parish, please contact the Parish Office.

Next Meetings

Tuesday 20th June, 18th July, 15th August and 19th September at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane @ 7.15pm. Agendas will be on the website and noticeboards.

