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Parish Council Update - Autumn 2023

SS8 - Land off Hordle Lane for 155 homes

In July, Bargate Homes submitted its application for 155 homes on land of Hordle Lane. The Parish Council voted to object to the application due to concerns about the high 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.

The application will now go to NFDC’s Planning Committee for a decision—we will bring you details here and on our website and Facebook page as soon as we have it.

SS9—97 Homes off Everton Road

Bargate Homes has confirmed that construction is scheduled to commence in Summer 2024, although some preparatory work may occur before then. Again, we will bring you more details when we have them.



Football Focus

The Parish Council has purchased replacement nets for Hordle Spurs’ goals at Hordle Rec, which the team kindly leaves out between matches and training sessions for the whole community to use. They have seen lots of use during the school holidays, despite the weather. The club is back to training on the rec and Milford on Sea Youth Football Club are back training at Everton Rec. The Parish Council has arranged for verti-draining to take place at both recs to help improve the playing surface over the winter.

Improvements to Recreation Grounds

The Parish Council has arranged for a new, gravel path to be established at Dudley Avenue Rec, linking the toddler play area

to the BMX track. This area gets very wet in the winter and the current unofficial “desire line” is narrow and rutted. We hope this will encourage even more people to use this great facility. A new bench will also be installed at Hordle Rec in response to residents’ requests.

New library at Hordle Rec

The Parish Council’s Groundsman has used his skills to create the area’s newest library facility at Hordle Rec—a dog stick and ball library. Thank you to the HCA for the old table and to Tara the black lab for the supply of tennis balls!



Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council is arranging for all its hedges to have their annual cut in the coming weeks. This is a perfect time of year for everyone with hedges to give them a good trim, especially if they border the highway. In addition, residents with ditches bordering the highway should clear them at this time of year to prepare for the coming winter, under their Riparian responsibilities.

Cango Bus Service

Hampshire County Council has confirmed that despite investigating several options, the Cango bus service has moved to a fixed route service from Monday to Saturday from September. The new 120 service has a reduced timetable after the County Council sought to make savings of £800,000 from its passenger transport budget. For timetables, visit www.travelinesw.com.



Remembrance Service

The parish-wide service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial, Everton Road at 10.30am on 12th November this year. The Parish Council has purchased from the Royal British Legion, a “Tommy” silhouette to commemorate the parish’s fallen residents from past conflicts, which will be placed at the memorial throughout November. Everyone is welcome to attend this significant event.



Community Grants available from NFDC

Local groups and charities can now apply for grants from NFDC’s Community Grants programme which supports a variety of local groups in a range of activities including wellbeing, mental health, disabilities, arts & recreation. There are 2 grants schemes: *Revenue Grants* – support for the ongoing running costs of organisations that support and benefit our residents and *Capital Grants* – support for one-off projects to improve community facilities. For further information please see [Community grants - New Forest District Council](#). Applications must be made by 31st October 2023.

Summer Fayre Thanks

The Parish Council would like to thank Hordle Community Association and its intrepid team of hardworking volunteers for organising a hugely successful Summer Fayre. It was great to see it back and the Parish Council enjoyed meeting residents at its stand.

Next Meetings

Tuesday 17th October, 21st November & 19th December at Hordle Pavilion, Vagg Lane @ 7.15pm. See the website & noticeboards for agendas and minutes.

