



Hordle Parish Council

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Parish Council Update – Autumn 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 into the office to say hello if you are passing.

SS8 - Land off Hordle Lane for 155 homes

The Parish Council recently voted to object to Bargate Homes' application to build 155 homes on land off Hordle Lane (SS8). Although the provision of affordable homes was welcome, the Parish Council had concerns about traffic and highway safety, car parking, footpaths & connectivity, housing density, community safety, allotment provision, education provision and the effect on ecology and protected species. The full response can be read on our website – www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Councillor Vacancy – your parish needs you!

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council, and we are keen for Tiptoe to be represented on the 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. Deadline for applications is 8th September.



Cango Bus Service

Hampshire County Council has confirmed that despite investigating several options, the Cango bus service will move to a fixed route service from Monday to Saturday from 1st 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.

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.

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 19th September, 17th October & 21st November at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane @ 7.15pm. Agendas and minutes will be on the website and noticeboards.