

Hyde Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021



Have you taken a photo that you would like to share with the rest of the parish? Please send to the parish clerk by 8th October. This one is cattle resting in the Ditchend meadows.

Welcome to Hyde Parish's new Parish Clerk, Sue Thurston, who took up her Parish Clerk duties on 1st June. Sue is the Governor's Clerk at Ringwood Junior School and a Trustee, Treasurer and Clerk at Ringwood Meeting House. She lives in Ringwood and is looking forward to getting to know Hyde. Contact details on back page.

celebrate the end of lockdown
HYDE COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Sunday 8th August
1.00 pm to 5.00 pm**

by the Hyde Cricket Pavilion

see flyer, inside, for full details

INSIDE: Mast update - donkeys - your parish council contact details - events -- St. John's Farm update - ragwort - roadside waste - Partnership Plan for the Forest

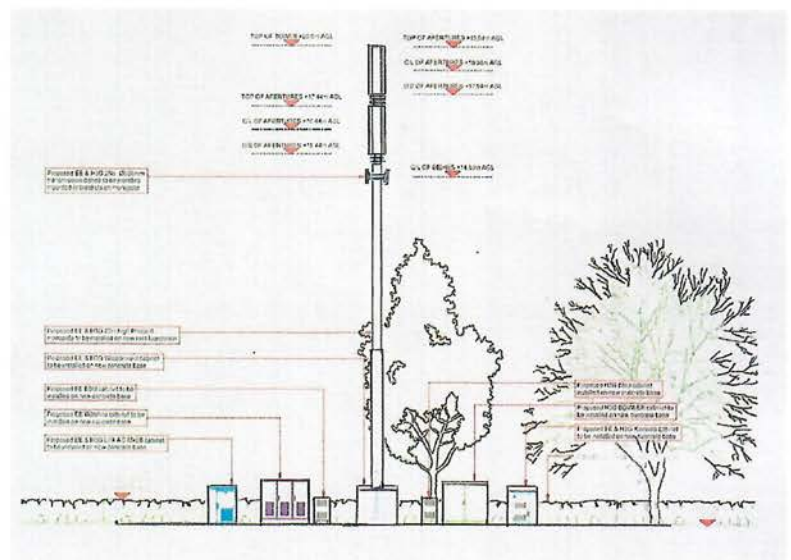
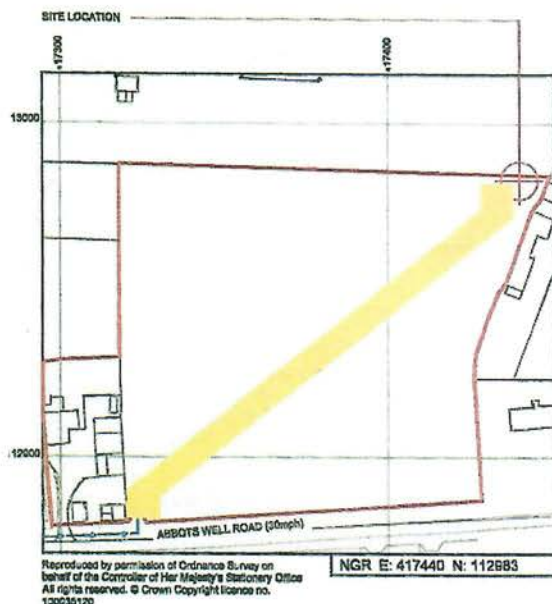
The Mast update

Yes, that ugly structure currently blotting the landscape in the centre of Hyde, whilst giving some of us a good signal.

Councillors have continued to urge the telecommunications operators to find alternative ways of providing signals to all homes in the parish, or to find an alternative location for the mast that is away from houses whilst maximising signal coverage without damaging the environment. The Parish Council has asked the NFNPA and HCC to help, as individuals feel helpless and the PC has no powers - but no help has been forthcoming.

Meanwhile, parishioners might have been alarmed by government proposals to raise the height limit for masts by 5m to 30m/98ft! The PC understands that the limit in national parks will be 25m/82ft. The current temporary mast at Hyde Garden Shop is 18m/59ft.

The operators need to replace the temporary site, and Waldon Telecom Ltd, acting for EE and 3G, has submitted a 'Pre Application Consultation' letter to the Parish Council, for comments by 30 July, with a view to submitting a planning application to the NFNPA by early August. This is for a permanent, 20m/65.6ft mast in the NE corner of Harry's Field - see illustrations, below. The consultation letter is on the parish website www.hydeparish.net. Parishioners are strongly advised to respond to the consultation, whether they support or oppose. The Parish Council will await a planning application.



In addition, GallifordTry, acting for Telefónica and Vodafone, consulted the parish council in March on a proposal for a 20m mast on land owned by HCC and designated as SSSI, near where the temporary mast was previously located. The PC understands that HCC and just about everybody else opposes this, and that no planning application has yet been submitted. The consultation letter can be seen on www.hydeparish.net.

VACANCY

Would you like to join the Parish Council? There is a vacancy following the resignation of Emma Mulcahy. If you are interested in protecting our local and wider environment, community and amenity issues and support for National Park initiatives, email the Parish Clerk for information about council activities and responsibilities. You must be an elector of the parish, or have occupied (as owner or tenant) any land or premises in the parish in the last year, or work in the parish as your principal place of work.

NEWSLETTER

What do you want to see in your Newsletter? By law the Parish Council must produce a minimum of four newsletters each year. To keep costs down, councillors deliver by hand. Because it's only quarterly, many newsworthy items will be out of date. How about a quarterly update of news? Letters to the Editor? Competitions? Advice notes? Please let us have your thoughts about content and presentation (for example, is the type large enough?)

Snippets

New Forest Tour Sportive - This cycling event - *not* a race - will pass through the parish on the weekend of 18th and 19th September. The route passes Godshill on the B3078, then left at the petrol station along Stuckton Road, Hyde Lane and Ringwood Road as far as Moyles Court, then heads off toward Linwood. For details, see ukcyclingevents.co.uk.

St. John's Farm update - In April the NFDC refused plans for 78 dwellings and 20 retirement homes on a 4.5 hectare area of grazing land in Stuckton Road. Hyde Parish Council acknowledged that NFDC has an up-to-date local plan that has been through full consultation which has identified sufficient housing for the local area, and considered that no additional housing was required over the plan period. Furthermore, the PC agreed that the proposals were not compliant with the Local Plan; the development would cause harm to agricultural land and the adjacent National Park; would cause serious traffic problems; and was not compliant with a number of policies. Many local residents also objected. The applicants have since sought to narrow down the issues in dispute, but the NFDC has taken a strong line and advised that it is open to the applicant to submit a revised application - but an appeal seems likely. For full details, search for 19/10881 on the NFDC website.

Ragwort (right) This prolific plant appears in our fields, commons and roadsides every year. It is toxic to livestock, and volunteers clear the ragwort from public areas. If you see any on your land, do pull it before it seeds, and dispose of it in the ragwort bin in Buddle Hill. Don't mix with other garden waste.

Roadside waste - There have been reports of waste bins/bags left on the roadside long before collection is due. Animals can get at it, which can be dangerous to them, as well as unsightly. Please check your collection day, and store waste securely.

Plan for the New Forest - NF partners have drawn up a draft Partnership Plan to 2026, to secure the future of the NF and champion the recovery of the climate, nature and ourselves. The focus is on: Nature Recovery (creating a network of restored and expanded habitats enabling wildlife to thrive); Net Zero with Nature (delivering nature-based climate solutions through local partnerships); Thriving Forest (sustaining a living, working landscape with communing at its heart); An Inclusive National Park (pride in the New Forest and connection with nature for all); and Team New Forest (communities, organisations and businesses working together and all contributing - being greater than the sum of the parts). See the NFNPA website for full details.

Grass verges - these are an important part of the Forest landscape, have a high conservation value, and are legally protected. Please do not park on grass verges. This applies to all of us, both locals and visitors. It's up to us to protect our beautiful Forest location.



OUR SPECIAL PLACE

The Donkeys. Not many places have the privilege of free roaming donkeys outside their gates. Donkeys were important for hundreds of years before the advent of the internal combustion engines by moving goods locally with a donkey cart. Walking back from the local town, all your goods would



adorable, but please don't feed them

come back with you, at a steady pace. Donkeys are a Mediterranean animal and are not best suited for the climate of Northern Europe. Their coats are not waterproof and during the winter months they need shelter from the worst of the weather. Also their feet are very different from a horse's hoof, and they have long toes to dig into the sand and stones of a dryer climate. Their feet also grow faster as they are adapted to be worn away and need trimming regularly. They are browsing animals and Hyde Common has a smorgasbord of green shrubs to chew on in the summer.

Your parish council

meets at 7.00pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Hyde Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Your councillors are:

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Giles Dolphin	01425 658027
Maggie McKenzie	01425 839643
Bernadette Tully	01425 652470

MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR (1)

Cllr Tina Woodley (Vice-Chair) My family have lived and worked in the parish for many generations and I feel very lucky to have been able to give my two children the same wonderful upbringing as myself, parents and grandparents enjoyed. Attending the unique Hyde School, being part of the Church family, practising as commoners with our ponies and cattle roaming their local haunts and being able to pass on the local knowledge that we learnt from our grandparents about places and people in the parish. Being a Parish Councillor enables me to share how wonderful and rare our small part of the forest is and help to preserve it for the future. I especially feel for the next generation who find it virtually impossible to bring up their families in the parish they grew up in due to the lack of affordable housing that is a constant threat to our New Forest communities. Even being at the lowest level of government, the PC gets its opportunity to comment on all manner of issues that affect the area and its inhabitants. Every voice is important and even my very small one sometimes makes a difference which is why I am a Parish Councillor.



Your parish clerk is:

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For more information about the parish, rules and regulations, current business, agendas and minutes, etc., see the website hydeparish.net