

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr S Miller (SM) (Chairman)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr S Kendrick (SK)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)

ALSO PRESENT: 1 Member of the Public, and Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

EPC would like to thank Brian Tolson for his diligent watering of the trees round Eversley Cross. His dedication is very much appreciated.

ACTION

1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED

Cllr S Miller was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations.
Cllr S Miller accepted the nomination and was elected as Chairman.

2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman

RESOLVED

Cllr S Miller signed the Acceptance of Office form in the presence of all, and the Clerk countersigned as witness.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr E Batup for personal reasons
No apologies were received from Cllr S Stephens

4 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

5 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 4th March 2025** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SM

6 Public Participation

Chequers Green – Is the area where the molehills are to be left as a wildflower area? It is something that EPC is considering and will be on a future agenda for discussion.

7 Hedges and Ditches

Longwater Road - The hedge outside Longwater House is very overgrown and encroaching onto the pavement. Pedestrians are reporting difficulty in walking this section, particularly if pushing a pushchair or wheelchair. The Clerk will write to the homeowner to request that the hedge is cut back.

Clerk

- 8 Watering
The quotes were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED
The quote for £100 per week for watering the plants along the Reading Road between the end of May and the end of September was approved.
- 9 Plants
RESOLVED
The budget request for £400 for new plants, baskets and compost to hang along the railings close to the Golden Pot Pub was approved.
- 10 Play Area Incident Log
The Incident Log was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
DEFERRED
a) To note a new incident occurred at the play area at Centre Green caused by the hot weather we have been having.
b) As the investigation is ongoing to establish what occurred and how it can be prevented from occurring again, this item has been deferred.
- 11 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)
RESOLVED
It was agreed to purchase replacement batteries from Westcotec at a cost of £84.00 + VAT each plus £7.50 + VAT for delivery.
- 12 Meeting Dates
RESOLVED
It was agreed to keep the meeting times in the evening but to bring them forward to 7.00pm.
- 13 Pond
The quote was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED
It was agreed to ask the Pond Volunteers assistance with removing and resolving the issue.
- 14 Grass Strimming
The quote was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED
The quote for £59.00 + VAT for strimming the triangle at Marsh Lane was accepted, and to use the Lengthsman Scheme to fund it.
- 15 Overgrown path
The quote was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED
The quote for £685.00 + VAT to clear the pavement back, from the Village Hall to The Street was accepted, and to use the Lengthsman Scheme to fund it.
- 16 Litter pick equipment
The quote was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED
a) The quote for £116.82 including VAT for 12 more EPC High Vis waistcoats and 6 children's sized waistcoats was accepted.
b) The quote for £30.02 including VAT for 4 more litter picks and 4 more litter pick hoops was accepted.

17 Banners

The quote was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- a) The quote for £34.46 for a banner to advertise litter pick volunteering sessions was accepted.
- b) The quote for £34.46 for a banner to advertise pond volunteer sessions was accepted.

18 Planning applications

To decide a consultee written response on the Planning applications as follows:

- 1) REF: 25/00886/FUL Charles Kingsley's School, Glaston Hill Road
Erection of a bike shelter within the school grounds
EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:11PM

Chairman.....Date.....

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
10 th June 2025	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
17 th June 2025	Full Council Meeting
1 st July 2025	Full Council Meeting