MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL AT 7.31pm ON **TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025**

PRESENT:	Cllr S Dickens	(SD)	(Chairman)
	Cllr S Kendrick	(SK)	
	Cllr S Stephens	(SS)	
	Cllr E Dixon	(ED)	
	Cllr S Hughes	(SH)	
	Cllr E Batup	(EB)	

ALSO PRESENT: 9 Members of the Public, and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:
HDC – Hart District Council
HCC – Hampshire County Council
EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

53 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S Miller and Cllr P Todd for personal reasons. Apologies were also received from Dr A Crampton (HDCllr), Tim Davies (HCCllr).

54 Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Dickens declared a personal interest in item 68.

55 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 1st July 2025** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman. **SD**

56 Public Questions and Comments

Warbrook House – Their application for a further 5-year temporary marquee permission was refused and went to appeal, are there any updates? If an update isn't available on the planning portal it is recommended that you contact HDC's planning department for more information.

Village signs – Can the signs denoting the parish border be moved along the Reading Road (B3272), as they are in the wrong place when travelling from Yateley into Eversley. We will ask HCC if they can be moved.

Firgrove Road – What is happening with the Lego style blocks that have been placed in a field entrance along the Firgrove Road. EPC has been in contact with the landowner, and they will be removed in due course.

Berkeley Homes – HDC have listed Berkeley Homes as a strategic partner, yet they are ruling on Berkeley Homes' proposed development - is this not a conflict of interest? Possibly, but this is marked on an old documented (dated 2019) so it is unclear whether this is still the case.

Hedges – There are some hedges around the village where ownership is unclear. In these cases does HCC have a duty of care? Or is it HDC? HCC does have a duty of care if these hedges encroach onto the highways. They do contract some of this work out to HDC.

Footpaths – There has been some activity in Yateley where HCC have started clearing the edges of the footpaths along the main road. There are footpaths in Eversley that need this doing as well, are we going to get the same? We will have to ask HCC whether Eversley is on the schedule to be cleared as well.

57 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council

HCC - A reduction in the speed limit is being proposed along The Street to assist in combating the speeding issues that have been occurring here. The suggestion to cut Chequers Lane into two has been well received by Highways but is unlikely to happen any time soon.

58 Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG) initially started with 13 members and quickly grew to 19 members. Unfortunately some have left the group, with many citing frustrations at the slow process a neighbourhood plan will take to put into place as the main reason for them withdrawing from the group. There is now 11 members left in the group. The Chairman of EPC thanked all members of the group for their hard work and dedication so far.

The NPWG have been busy holding meetings with other bodies such as HDC, Yateley Town Council, and other local Town and Parish Councils to better understand the scale of the task ahead. Many thanks to all the Town and Parish Councils that responded and gave some valuable advice.

The NPWG have also been holding a series of meetings with consultants, who have been advising the group on the processes required. The NPWGs preferred consultants are Locality.

Through a series of meetings with Locality, the group better understands the processes and now understand that there is no fast-track system for this type of plan. It will take 2-3 years of work to achieve but Eversley will be in a better place when one is in place.

The NPWG requested a budget be set so they can fully engage with Locality and the initial phases of the plan can start. A vote was held and a budget of £15,000 was unanimously agreed by all Councillors, to come from the general reserves.

59 Financial report

The Responsible Financial Officer's reconciliation for July and August 2025, the schedule of payments for September 2025, the supporting bank statements, the new NALC national pay scales and spend made under delegated powers during August when the Council doesn't meet had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for July and August 2025 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for September 2025 was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements were accepted
- The new NALC national pay scales, backdated to April 2025, were noted.
- The spend made under delegated powers, whilst the Council didn't meet was noted (Appendix A).

60 Churchyard Management Plan

RESOLVED

Cllr S Stephens was appointed as the representative to liaise with St Mary's Church and HDC with the aim of agreeing a management plan for the churchyard and burial grounds.

61 Burial Grounds extension

RESOLVED

a) The findings of the PEA on the proposed burial grounds were noted.
b) The quote for £12,993.75 + VAT for the next phase was accepted. A budget of £13,000 was unanimously agreed, to come from general reserves.

62 Independent Traffic Counts

The details of the areas that ideally need surveying was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

As part of the delegated spend (item 59.5), it was resolved to fund one location. It was agreed to further fund the second location, so we have our own traffic data.

63 Internal Audit

RESOLVED

To appoint Do the Numbers Ltd as the Parish Council's internal auditor for the 2026/27 period

64 External Auditor Appointments

RESOLVED

That EPC wishes to remain as part of the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) sector led appointment scheme.

65 Notice of Conclusion of Audit for the year ended 31st March 2025

The Audited Annual Return had been received from the External auditors. The Completion of Audit Notice had been published on EPC's noticeboard and website on 4th September 2025 and will remain there for at least 12 months. There were no issues which required a further report. EPC thanked the Clerk for steering the audit through so successfully.

RESOLVED

To accept and approve the audited annual return for 2024/25.

66 Grant application

The grant application from Citizens Advise Hart for £750 was previously circulated to all Councillors with supporting documents.

RESOLVED

To offer a grant of £500.

67 Delegated Decisions

RESOLVED

To note decisions made under delegated authority when the Council could not meet (See Appendix A)

68 Planning applications

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

1) REF: 25/01556/HOU Copse Corner, Chequers Lane

Erection of a single storey side extension, single storey front extension, replacement of velux with a dormer to rear roof with Juliet balcony and insertion of two windows to the first-floor front elevation.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objection as long as the additional unit remains incorporated into the main residence and no separate utility supplies or external entrance doors are required.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:29pm.

Chairman……Date……

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th October 2025.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
9th September 2025	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
7th October 2025	Full Council Meeting
14th October 2025	Open Spaces Committee Meeting

Appendix A

Decisions

25/01237/HOU and **25/01238/LBC** for Erection of a timber framed conservatory replacing existing conservatory to rear elevation, replacement non-original windows to rear elevation. at Yew Tree Cottage, The Street

Comments by **28th July**

EPC Comments: No comment

25/01260/HOU for Erection of a two-storey side extension, single storey front extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage and conservatory at 1 Chapel Mead, Eversley

Comments by **28th July**

EPC Comments: EPC is concerned that this development would ultimately result in loss of parking in an area where parking is at a premium already. EPC would request a caveat added that the garage remains as such and cannot be converted to living accommodations at a later date.

25/01380/FUL for Redevelopment of site to include demolition of two dwellings and erection of three dwellings at Parfitts Farm Cottages, Hollybush Lane

Comments by **25th August**

EPC Comments: EPC has no objections provided that the three parking spaces indicated in the plans are adhered to rather than the two parking spaces indicated in the Planning Statement (para 4.7). Due to the impossibility of parking safely on that part of the highway it is essential that three spaces (or more) are provided for each plot.

Spend

Independent traffic counts during first 2 weeks of September - £485 + VAT

Dragon's teeth at Cross Green - £742.50 + VAT

Dragon's teeth at Up Green - £315.00 + VAT

SID Charger - £35.48

Felling of dead Mountain Ash tree at Cross Green - £85 + VAT

Spraying of weeds at the pond - £130 + VAT