

MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL
AT 7.34pm ON **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2024**

PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens (SD)
Cllr P Todd (PT)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr S Miller (SM)
Cllr J Barnett (JB)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr T Davies (HCCllr), two 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 and accepted from Cllr A Crampton (HDCllr) due to conflict with an HDC meeting.

54 Declarations of Interest
None were declared.

55 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 2nd July 2024** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

56 Public Questions and Comments
Chequers Lane/ Hollybush Lane – These lanes are becoming very overgrown and therefore getting dangerous to walk down. The Clerk will request Hampshire Highways and landowners to remedy as soon as possible.

Warbrook Lane – The ditch along there is causing concern to residents as nothing seems to have been done to reinstate the filled in sections of ditch. Residents are concerned that this will cause further flooding during bad weather. The Clerk will chase Hampshire Highways to find out what is happening.

Chequers Green Fitness Trail – One member of the public thanked the Parish Council for getting the new fitness trail installed. A significant number of people of all ages are utilising it, which is fantastic to hear.

The Fielders – One member of the public requested to know whether the hedges are to be cut back along The Fielders. The Clerk advised that landowners have been requested to cut theirs back and have confirmed that they will do so. Any on Parish Council land have also been arranged to cut back after bird nesting season finishes.

57 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council
Hampshire County Council – There are a number of roadworks planned for in and around Eversley during September. Any affected homes should be notified accordingly. HCC are discussing a devolution deal again with the government, so there may be a referendum on this soon. HCC also plan to pull out of all catering commitments as third parties can generally provide this service at a lower cost per pupil. A consultation is currently underway.

58 Financial Report

The Responsible Financial Officer's reconciliation for July and August 2024, the schedule of payments for September 2024 had been previously circulated along with copies of the bank statements.

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for July and August 2024 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for September 2024 was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements for May 2024 were accepted.
- The delegated spend of £100 + VAT was noted for return of a SID to the manufacturer for a repairs assessment

59 Enforcement

The Marquee at Warbrook House is now past its temporary planning period but still in use. The Clerk will contact the Hart Planning Department for clarification.

60 Damaged Bench

RESOLVED

It was noted that the insurance company requires the purchase of a new bench for the price of £661.00 including the VAT and £230 + VAT for the removal of the old and installation of the new one before the claim will be settled.

61 Tree Survey

The quotations were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- a) The quotation for £2,590 + VAT was accepted.
- b) The tree works report was accepted from HDC
- c) The decision at which budget line this should come from was deferred.

62 Remembrance Day

RESOLVED

- i) To appoint a Cllr E Dixon to represent EPC at the Remembrance Day Service.
- ii) To approve purchase of a wreath and/or a donation, under S137, at a cost of up to £100.

63 Website

The quotations were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- a) The quote for £385 + VAT was accepted.
- b) The website content will be updated with many great ideas being suggested. The Clerk will look to action them accordingly.

64 Newsletter

The quotations were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting

RESOLVED

- a) To produce a newsletter informing the residents what the Council has been doing and asking for their input.
- b) A budget of £1,000 was agreed for the publication and delivery of the newsletter to all residents within the parish.

65 Grant Application

The grant application from Citizens Advise Hart for £1,000 was previously circulated to all Councillors with supporting documents.

RESOLVED

To offer a grant of £500.

66 Internal Audit

RESOLVED

To appoint Do the Numbers Ltd as the Parish Council’s internal auditor for the 2023/24 period

67 External Auditor Appointments

RESOLVED

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

68 Notice of Conclusion of Audit for the year ended 31st March 2024

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 2024 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 2023/24.

69 Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, relating to individuals, specifically existing staff, was likely to be disclosed.

70 Staffing Item

As per the confidential notes.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:04pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1ST October 2024.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
10 th September 2024	Open Spaces Committee
1 st October 2024	Full Council Meeting
8 th October 2024	Open Spaces Committee

