

MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL
AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024**

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

ALSO PRESENT: 3 Members of the Public, Tim Davies (HCllr), and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

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

ACTIONS

105 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED

Apologies were received from Cllr S Hughes and Dr Anne Crampton (HCllr) due to personal reasons. No apologies were received from Cllr K Neville.

106 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

107 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 6th February 2024** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

108 Public Questions and Comments

Lodge Farm Logistics – Villages Oppose Warehouses (VOW) presented on the planning application being made on Lodge Farm, just outside of Hook. They are vigorously opposing any plans due to several significant environmental factors, including the negative impact it would have on the river Whitewater. It would also have huge impacts on traffic movements in the area, especially around Junction 5 of the M3. VOW are requesting all Parish Council's in the area along with all concerned residents to oppose the plans. Tim Davies (HCllr) also requests EPC and all concerned residents to oppose it on the same grounds.

Warbrook Lane – The residents of Warbrook Lane would like to give thanks for the speed indicator device that has been placed along there, as they have seen a significant decrease in speed on the side of the road that it's placed on. They would also like to request another for this area, but a suitable pole would need installing to fit one. The Clerk will investigate.

Chequers Green – A member of the public advised that the footpath across Chequers Green is becoming dangerous and is requesting when something will be done about it. The Clerk will chase with Hampshire Highways.

Flooding – There are several flooding hotspots around Eversley, including Hollybush Lane, Glasdon Hill Road, Reading Road, Warbrook Lane, Longwater Road, Coopers Hill, Bramshill Road, and Marsh Lane. These areas will be taken up again with Hampshire Highways.

109 Financial Report

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

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for February 2024 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for March 2024 was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements for February 2024 were accepted.

110 Enforcement

No new cases were reported.

111 Fitness Trail at Chequers Green

RESOLVED

The quotation for £17,833.50 + VAT for a new fitness trail to be installed around Chequers Green was accepted.

112 Play Area Repairs

RESOLVED

The quotation for £8,914.50 + VAT for the repairs to all play areas as highlighted by the annual inspections report was accepted.

113 Internal Audit

RESOLVED

The date of Thursday 13th June 2024 for the Internal Audit was noted.

114 Social Media

The proposed policy was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- i) The usage of the website was noted to fall under this policy, along with the creations of FaceBook and Instagram pages to assist with community engagement.
- ii) The policy was reviewed and approved with the correction allowing members of the public to comment on posts but requiring approval from the admins of the page (namely the Clerk) for posting.

115 Risk Assessment and Financial Controls

The current policies were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- i) The Risk Assessment was reviewed and approved.
- ii) The Internal Controls were reviewed and approved.
- iii) The Financial Regulations were reviewed and approved.

116 Meeting dates

RESOLVED

- i) The meeting dates of 7th May (to include the Annual Parish Council meeting), 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December, 7th January 2025, 4th February, and 4th March were noted and accepted.
- ii) The Annual Parish Assembly date of 20th March 2025 was noted and accepted.

117 Assets

RESOLVED

- i) The asset register was reviewed and accepted.
- ii) It was agreed to remove and dispose of the answer machine as the Council no longer has a landline number to attach this machine to.

118 Auto Speedwatch

RESOLVED

- i) The settlement offer for the sum of £339 (£589 minus £250 excess) was accepted.
- ii) The purchase of a new Auto Speedwatch camera for £589 was approved.

119 Planning Applications

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

1) REF: 23/02482/FUL 47 Kingsley Road, Eversley

Demolition of existing garage and erection of a 3-bedroom dwelling.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to another large house within an overdeveloped area of the village, when our need is for smaller more affordable housing. EPC is also concerned over the current parking pressures within Kingsley Road, that is resulting in many parking on and blocking pavements, and the addition that this type of development would add to this burden.

2) REF: 24/00338/HOU Corners, Up Green

Amendment to planning permission 20/00247/HOU and retrospective application for internal reconfiguration of floor plan and changes to windows.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to the addition of all elements and requests that all items are reinstated to fit with the requirements on properties located within the conservation area. The loss of the internal garage and therefore parking spaces are also objected to as parking is already at a premium within this area.

3) REF: 24/00405/AMCON The Old Rectory, Church Road

Variation of Condition 1 (time limit), Condition 2 (windows), Condition 3 (materials), Condition 4 (insulation, plasterboard) and removal of Condition 5 (details of cleaning) attached to Planning Permission 22/02497/LBC dated 05/05/2023.

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

4) REF: 24/00410/AMCON The Old Rectory, Church Road

Variation of Condition 1 (time limit), Condition 2 (approved plans), Condition 3 (windows) and Condition 4 (external materials) attached to Planning Permission 22/02496/HOU dated 05/05/2023.

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment. However, EPC would like to commend the applicant for the sensitive conservation of a historically important house for the parish.

5) 24/00254/HOU Nutley, Eversley Road

Erection of an infill porch, blocking up of one crossover with a wall and 1.8m high fence, installation of a 1.8m high fence and 1.8m high electronic driveway gates to the other crossovers.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to the closure of one "crossover", because the 'Parking Plan' fails to show how it would be possible for all vehicles to arrive and leave the site in a forward gear. Reversing into or out of the site from or on to a busy highway with limited sight-lines will cause a

hazard to road users and pedestrians.

EPC notes that the 'Heritage Statement' refers to the site being within the Yateley Green Conservation Area, but does not state that paragraph 4.4 of the 'Character Appraisal and Management Proposals', dated 2011 July 7th, states, at paragraph 4.4 on Boundaries, that "In parts of the Conservation Area ... householders have installed gates and new boundaries which do not enhance the rural character of the area. These include such urban features as over-elaborate metal gates, sometimes mechanically operated, large brick gate piers ... and ... too tall close boarded or panelled timber fences.' EPC objects to the 1.8m high fence and electronic driveway gates which would be detrimental to the street-scene. EPC would prefer to see low-level gates and, if necessary, a locally characteristic hedge planted behind the low wall, rather than a 1.8m fence.

120 Exclusion of the 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.

121 Contractual Item

As per the confidential notes.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:59pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
2 nd April 2024	Full Council
9 th April 2024	Open Spaces Committee
25 th April 2024	Annual Parish Assembly
17 th May 2024	Full Council and Annual Parish Council Meeting