

MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL
AT 7.31pm ON **TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2025**

PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens (SD)
Cllr S Miller (SM)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr P Todd (PT)
Cllr S Kendrick (SK)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Tim Davies (HCCLr), seven members of the public, and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

109 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dr. Anne Crampton (HDCCLr) due to personal reasons.

110 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

111 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 3rd December 2024** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

112 Co-option

- i) Interest had been noted from 1 candidate for one of the 3 vacancies. The candidate was a resident and gave a satisfactory introductory presentation.
- ii) S Kendrick was proposed and seconded and voted for unanimously.
- iii) S Kendrick was co-opted onto the Council and signed the Acceptance of Office.

113 Public Questions and Comments

Warbrook Lane – Flooding has been reported here again due to ditches being filled in so the water spills out onto the road. As the road is in the shade for most of the day at this time of year, and so will freeze easily and stay frozen. Residents in this area are concerned that a serious accident will occur here. HCC has previously asked for photographic evidence of the issues which have now been provided to the Clerk to pass onto HCC.

Flooding – One resident asked who to contact when flooding occurs. HCC is the lead flooding authority, contact details are on their website. EPC also has links on their website to the relevant pages. However if anyone is in danger during a flooding event, please call the Police on 999.

Reading Road – Two residents have been looking deeper into the flooding issues and feel that the best way to resolve all issues is by requesting HCC to carry out a full survey of the area, especially focussing on all the pipes and culverts. EPC was happy to accept this advice and has requested HCC to undertake this.

Sewerage – One resident was concerned that there could be sewerage in the flood waters present along the Reading Road. Any concerns such as this should be directed to Environmental Health on [01252 774421](tel:01252774421) or eh@hart.gov.uk for investigation.

Bus Stop – One resident asked whether the large puddle in front of the bus stop where the children get picked up for school can be removed so the children can safely board the bus in the mornings. It is felt that by identifying and resolving the flooding issues along Reading Road then this issue will also be cleared.

114 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council

Hampshire County Council – Cllr Tim Davies has every sympathy with all the flooding issues experienced recently by Eversley residents and wants to assure all that he will do all he can to assist. HCC has already sent a root cutter down the pipe underneath the Reading Road before Christmas and feel that 50% of the pipe is now clear. HCC plan to send it down again at some point soon but no date has been given yet.

There are ongoing discussions on the complete reorganisation of the whole of HCC but currently how this would look is unclear. The devolution process, currently being suggested by central Government, would currently see Hampshire divided up into 4-5 Unitary Councils. It would see East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, Test Valley, and Basingstoke and Deane merged into one of these Unitary Councils, with a Mayor elected to oversee all Unitary Councils. There will be full Hampshire County Council meetings soon to discuss this whole issue.

115 Financial Report

The Responsible Financial Officer's reconciliation for December 2024 and the schedule of payments for January 2025 had been previously circulated along with copies of the bank statements.

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for December 2024 was queried. The Clerk will check the figures and resubmit at the next meeting.
- The schedule of payments for January 2025 was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements for January 2025 were accepted.

116 Budget 2025-26

The draft budget was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The final budget for 2025-26 was approved.

117 Precept 2025-26

RESOLVED

- i) To make a demand to HDC for a Precept of £87,603 for 2025-26 which should result in a 5% increase for households in the parish.
- ii) To agree to the signing of the Precept form 2025-26 with a request for £87,603.

118 Consultation on Revised Validation List including Local Requirements

The consultation details were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

EPC notes the changes proposed within the consultation.

119 Planning applications

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

1) REF: 24/02459/HOU Paddock House, Lower Common

Erection of a two-storey side extension, part two storey part single storey rear extension and single storey front porch extension with change to fenestration.

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

2) REF: 24/02471/FUL Eversley Storage Services, Brickhouse Hill

Erection of four self-standing adverts for the premises and new wording/image for existing signage.
EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objection to the replacement of the existing signage. However, EPC does object to the new additional lit signage on an otherwise dark road, that is adjacent to the countryside, as it could have an adverse impact on local wildlife as well on the street scene.

3) REF: 24/02480/HOU and 24/02481/LBC Yew Tree Cottage, The Street

Erection of a timber framed rear conservatory replacing existing conservatory and replacement non-original windows to rear elevation.
EPC Consultee Comment: No comment.

4) REF: 25/00015/HOU Garden Cottage, Up Green

Replacement of roof tiles.
EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objection as long as the roof tiles are acceptable for the conservation area.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:57pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th February 2025.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
4 th February 2025	Full Council Meeting
4 th March 2025	Full Council Meeting and Open Spaces Committee