

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms J Street (Clerk)

*Abbreviations:*

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

**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

None were received.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr E Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13.

5 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**SM**

6 Public Participation

Plover Lane – The footpath at the bottom of Plover Lane is very wet and messy. The Parish Council will look at available options to tidy this footpath up.

7 Hedges and Ditches

Hollybush Lane - The hedge at Hollybush Lane towards Chequers Lane needs cutting back.

The Fielders – The hedge at the junction of The Fielders and Sparvills is encroaching onto the footpath.

8 Play Pyramid at Lower Common

**DEFERRED**

It is noted that the hand and foot holds are on the wrong way around and therefore this piece of equipment cannot be easily used in the manner it was designed. The Parish Council will looking into options to replace this with something similar.

- 9 Anti-Ram Bollard  
The quotation details were previously circulated to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED**  
The quote for £151.13 was accepted for a new anti-ram bollard for Chequers Green.
- 10 Speedwatch  
Cllr J Barnett is interested in taking on the role of Speedwatch Co-ordinator and will contact the current one for further information.
- 11 Speed Indicator Device  
The quote details were previously circulated to all Councillors.  
**DEFERRED**  
The Councillors would like to look at further types of speed indicator device to purchase the best type for our village.
- 12 Hampshire & IOW Village of the Year 2024  
**DEFERRED**  
It was felt that it wasn't right to enter this year with the current projects we have running. Hopefully we will be able to enter next year.
- 13 Tree Survey  
The quotation details were previously circulated to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED**  
The quote for £1,100 was accepted for a visual tree survey of the land owned by the Parish Council.
- 14 Tree Face  
The quotation details were previously circulated to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED**  
The quote for £25.49 was accepted for a tree face for the dead tree on the island in the pond.
- 15 D-Day Celebrations  
**RESOLVED**  
The celebrations will be designed into an afternoon tea style event with people encouraged to bring their own food. A band and entertainer will be available to entertain, and 1 1940's vibe will be encouraged with a raffle and prizes sourced for categories such as best dressed.
- 16 Pond Volunteer Day  
It was noted that the next Pond Volunteer Day would be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- 17 Waders  
The quotation details were previously circulated to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED**  
The quote for six pairs of waders was deemed excessive. However, it was acknowledged that more were required so the purchase of three pairs was approved at the cost of £107.97.
- 18 Coffee Flasks  
The quotation details were previously circulated to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED**  
The quote for £57.98 for two coffee flasks was accepted.

19 Garden Plots

The pictures of all the plots were previously circulated to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED**

To remind all plot holders of the rules and to request them to clear any invasive weeds found present there.

20 Planning Applications

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

1) 24/00547/FUL Parfitts Farm, Chequers Lane

Erection of 2 four-bedroom dwellings following demolition of existing barn with parking and associated works.

EPC Consultee Comment: As a Parish Council we would prefer to see applications for smaller dwelling units as the village has an imbalance of too many larger dwellings. EPC is also concerned about the traffic between residents and the traffic utilising the businesses within the industrial units currently sited there.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:51PM

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

**Forward Plan**

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Full Council Meeting	
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Open Spaces Committee Meeting	