

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.41PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens and Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

- 59 Apologies for absence
None were received.

The resignation of Cllr J Barnett was noted. The Proper Officer at HDC has been notified. There is therefore a casual vacancy on the Council. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten registered Electors from the Parish of Eversley give notice in writing requesting such an Election to the Proper Officer within 14 working days of the notice of 9th October 2024. If after this time a by election has not been called, then the Council may fill the vacancy through co-option.

EPC wishes to thank Cllr Barnett for her service to the community.

- 60 Declarations of Interest
None were declared.

- 61 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 10th September 2024** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SM

- 62 Public Participation
Reading Road – The flooding along the Reading Road, between The Fielders and Chapel Mead, is getting worse and more frequent. The Clerk reports every incident to HCC and will try to escalate it.

- 63 Hedges and Ditches
Lower Common – One member of the public advised that a house in Lower Common had filled in a ditch, potentially without permission. All residents are reminded that all watercourses are protected and require permission from HCC before filling in can occur. If this permission is not sought, then it is possible that HCC will require the watercourse to be reinstated at the landowner's expense.

- 64 Football area at Chequers Green
RESOLVED
There is some backing available for the basketball post that can be attached to convert it into a football post. It was agreed to investigate what has happened to this and fit it if it is still available.

- 65 Lengthsman Scheme
RESOLVED
 a) The £1,100 funds available to us in the Lengthsman Scheme was noted.
 b) It was agreed to use this fund to cut the hedges, that the Parish Council is responsible for, back along Firgrove Road.
- 66 Fencing at Cross Green
 The manufacturers guidelines and the quote were previously circulated to all Councillors.
RESOLVED
 It was agreed to monitor the area and re-look at this quotation should the need arise.
- 67 Chequers Green car park
 The quotes were previously circulated to all Councillors.
RESOLVED
 Quote A was chosen with a report requested as to what work was undertaken or what further work may e required.
- 68 Planning Applications
 To decide a consultee written response on the Planning applications as follows:
- 1) 24/01918/HOU Chesters, The Street
 Installation of a single electric vehicle (EV) car charging point.
 EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objections as we welcome initiatives such as this.
 - 2) 23/01919?LBC Chesters, The Street
 Installation of a single electric vehicle (EV) car charging point. The works comprise:
 - a) Drilling one hole through an external wall
 - b) Laying electric cable alongside the exterior of the house at the foot of the building
 - c) Attaching a small and discreet EV charging point to an external wall, out of sight
 EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objections as we welcome initiatives such as this.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:05PM

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

Forward Plan

| Date | Meeting | Draft Items |
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| 5 th November 2024 | Full Council Meeting | |
| 12 th November 2024 | Open Spaces Committee Meeting | |
| 3 rd December 2024 | Full Council Meeting | |