

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025** WHICH COMMENCED AT 8.59PM

PRESENT: Cllr S Miller (SM) (Chairman)
Cllr S Dickens (SD)
Cllr S Kendrick (SK)
Cllr L Batup (LB)
Cllr S Stephens (SS)

ALSO PRESENT: Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

88 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from SH, PT, and ED due to personal reasons.

Since not all of the committee was present it was decided to co-opt on Cllrs S Dickens, S Kendrick, L Batup and S Stephens for this meeting only.

89 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

90 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 7th January 2025** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SM

91 Public Participation

No comments were received.

92 Hedges and Ditches

None were reported.

93 Community events

RESOLVED

It was agreed to hold the following events:

- a) A summer picnic on Saturday 7th June at the Village Hall.
- b) A Christmas event on Saturday 6th December at the Village Hall.
- c) Volunteer litter pick, with dates to be confirmed.
- d) Pond volunteer days, with dates to be confirmed.

94 Pond Weed

RESOLVED

It was agreed to use the Dyofix C Special dye within the pond to try and eliminate the non-native invasive weed present in the pond, subject to permission from the Environmental Agency. This is an environmentally friendly dye that limits the amount of light that reaches the bottom of the pond and therefore reducing the growth of this weed without harming other wildlife present in the pond. A budget of £500 was agreed to purchase the dye.

95 Pond Equipment

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

RESOLVED

A budget of £350 was agreed to purchase the required equipment for the pond volunteers.

96 Molehills

RESOLVED

It was agreed to request the Payback Team to rake over the molehills.

97 Longwater Road

RESOLVED

It was agreed that a drainage map for Longwater Road was required so the Clerk would request one from Thames Water.

98 Duck House

The quote was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

The quote for £462.49 + VAT to replace the duck house at Cross Green was accepted.

99 White Gates

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

RESOLVED

- a) The quote for £275.00 + VAT for an initial clean was accepted.
- b) The quote for £175.00 + VAT for cleans every two months after the initial clean were accepted.

100 Play Inspection Reports

The reports and quote were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- a) The annual play inspection reports were received and accepted.
- b) The quotation for £5,099.40 + VAT for the repairs was accepted.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30PM

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
3 rd April 2025	Annual Parish Assembly
8 th April 2025	Full Council Meeting
13 th May 2025	Annual Parish Council Meeting and Full Council Meeting