

MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL
AT 7.31pm ON **TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2024**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. A. Crampton (HDCllr), two members of the public, and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

92 Apologies for absence
None were declared.

93 Declarations of Interest
Cllr E Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 100 and took no part in the discussion. Cllr P Todd also declared a non-pecuniary interest but in item 108(2) and took no part in that discussion.

94 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 5th November 2024** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

95 Co-option
This item was deferred until the next meeting.

96 Public Questions and Comments
Reading Road – One member of the public wanted to know when the footway beside the Reading Road, between The Fielders and Lindum Nurseries as the regular flooding is causing damage to it. They wanted to know whether HCC has a statutory duty to ensure that footways are kept open. The Clerk advised that HCC does have a statutory duty to maintain the footways and will therefore chase the HCC to repair the footway.

Lower Common – It has been reported to the Council that there is a tree at the entrance to the play area at Lower Common that is leaning at a 45-degree angle. The Clerk will investigate.

Webbs Corner – A resident reported that Webbs Corner has been tidied up and new plants and bulbs have been planted ready for next spring. EPC would like to thank the Gardening Club, and all residents involved for their hard work.

Warbrook Lane – A resident reported that there was some flooding along Warbrook Lane after the heavy rain, due to the ditches being unable to contain it all. The Clerk asked for any resident with any pictures to send them in so this issue can be taken up again with HCC.

New Mill Lane – One member of the public advised that there are some huge potholes beside the turning point in front of the road, some of which are nearly 20cm deep. The Clerk advised that this issue has been reported many times to HCC with no report back from them yet. The Chairman suggested that aggregate be delivered to the area but would need residents in the area to rake it over. The Clerk will find out whether residents would be happy with this suggestion.

Animal Trap – An animal trap has been found again along footpath 18 (opposite the Kingsley Hotel running up between the play area and houses on Kingsley Road). There is concern that poisoned meat is being used to bait it and at least one dog has been very unwell after getting a taste of the bait meat. Dog walkers are advised to keep their dogs on leads in this area for the time being.

Nursing Home – EPC has been made aware of several rumours regarding the possible building of a nursing home within the village. EPC is aware that a pre-application is imminent but are not involved in this project in any way. EPC is only a statutory consultee on planning matters and will make appropriate comments when the application is received.

97 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council

Hart District Council – Central Government have suggested that they are looking at a ‘fairer finance’ calculation that would allow more money to go to more deprived areas of the country. HDC are still waiting to hear how this will impact their budget. The White Paper on devolution has been delayed, hopefully this will be released at some stage next week. Weekly food waste collections are planned to start in October 2025.

98 Flooding

The culvert underneath the Reading Road, on the stretch between The Fielders and Lindum Nurseries, has been found to be full of tree roots. This issue was found by HCC and is being dealt by them. They have sent a robotic tree root cutter down the culvert and have managed to get it working at 50% capacity. They have advised that they have raised an order for further works. The Clerk is trying to find out what this work entails and when it will be completed. Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

99 Financial Report

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

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for November 2024 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for December 2024 was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements for November 2024 were accepted.
- The cashback available on the Lloyds Bank Charge Card was noted and accepted.

100 Delegated Spend

The spend of £98.50 for the printing of the parish onto an A1 board to assist in meetings was noted.

101 Enforcement

None were declared.

102 Affordable Homes in New Developments Consultation

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

RESOLVED

EPC supports the concept of socially rented homes that allow residents to stay within their rural villages.

103 Biodiversity Policy

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

RESOLVED

The Biodiversity Policy was reviewed and approved.

104 Burial Grounds Fee Review

The proposed updated fees were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

The Burial Grounds fees were reviewed and approved. It was agreed to implement them from 1st January 2025.

105 Dragon's Teeth

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

RESOLVED

The quote for £448.50 + VAT for 23 dragon's teeth to be installed at Cross Green was approved.

106 Centre Green

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

RESOLVED

The quote for £175.00 + VAT to cut the holly bushes back around the entrances to Centre Green Play Area was approved.

107 Budget 2025-26

The current draft of the budget was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

It was felt that the proposed budget line of £1,000 for tree work was too low as further tree works are planned around the parish. There is a proposed nationwide waste management price increase planned from January 2025, therefore this budget line may need to be increased as well. The Clerk will investigate.

108 Planning applications

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

1) REF: 24/01734/HOU 1 Chapel Mead, Eversley

Erection of a two-storey side extension, single storey front extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage and conservatory.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objections if a planning condition is imposed that the garage remains as such, for the purpose of parking vehicles.

2) REF: 24/02226/HOU Bakers Farm, The Street

New 1.8m fence along footpath (part retrospective).

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

3) REF: 24/02271/HOU 4 Eversley Centre, Eversley

Erection of a front porch, flat roof canopy over the rear patio area, removal of the pitched roof over the existing garage and replaced with a new flat roof and front canopy extension (partially retrospective).

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:48pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Forward Plan

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