MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL AT 7.32pm ON **TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025**

PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens (SD) (Chairman)

CIIr S Miller (SM)
CIIr S Kendrick (SK)
CIIr L Batup (LB)
CIIr S Stephens (SS)

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

Abbreviations:

HDC - Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

130 Apologies for absence

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

131 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

SK declared an interest in item 137 at took no part in the discussion.

132 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 4th February 2025** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

133 <u>Co-option</u>

- i) Interest had been noted from 2 candidates for the 2 vacancies. The candidates were residents and gave satisfactory introductory presentations.
- ii) L Batup and S Stephens were proposed and seconded and voted for unanimously.
- iii) L Batup and S Stephens were co-opted onto the Council and signed the Acceptance of Office.

134 Public Questions and Comments

<u>Flooding</u> – The Reading Road is looking much better, many thanks to the Working Group for their dedication and hard work. There are some other areas around the parish that require attention that will also be looked at.

<u>Marsh Lane</u> – The junction with Fox Lane and Marsh Lane also has flooding issues. A plant pot was found jammed within one of HCC's culverts. EPC would request that such items are disposed of properly.

<u>Bramshill Forest</u> – There have been a significant number of reports of illegal riding of both motorbikes and quad bikes within the forest, at times dangerously putting people and animals lives at risk. The Police and the Forestry Rangers are aware and are increasing patrols to try to catch these individuals. However if any residents spot them within the Forest please report on 101 as soon as possible, but if anyone is at immediate risk please call 999.

<u>Plover Lane</u> – There is a sunken drain along Plover Lane that is becoming dangerous. The Clerk will report to HCC.

135 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council

<u>Hart District Council</u> – HDC have had their budget meeting and will be increasing Council Tax by the maximum allowed of 2.99%. They have managed to balance their books this year thanks to the higher interest rates but are concerned going forward that savings will need to be made. This may mean staff redundancies. The re-organisation is still a big topic, with a unitary council comprising Hart, Rushmoor, and Basingstoke and Deane looking possible. The Governments deadline for initial plans to be submitted is the 21st March with final submissions required in September. There is likely to therefore be a public consultation on the changes at some point in the summer.

136 Financial Report

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

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for February 2025 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for March 2025 was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements for February 2025 were accepted.

137 Eversley and Bramshill Annual Show 2025

The grant request was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The grant request for £200 was approved.

138 Risk Assessment and Financial Controls

The current policies were previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- i) The Risk Assessment was reviewed and approved.
- ii) The Internal Controls were reviewed and approved.
- iii) The Financial Regulations were reviewed and approved.

139 Assets

RESOLVED

- i) The asset register was reviewed and accepted.
- ii) There were no disposals required.

140 Policies

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

RESOLVED

- i) The Grievance Policy was reviewed and approved.
- ii) The Annual Leave Policy was reviewed and approved.

141 Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, relating to individuals, specifically existing staff, was likely to be disclosed.

142 Staffing Item

As per the confidential notes.

143 Planning applications

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

1) REF: 25/00286/FUL Copse Farm

Erection of an agricultural barn for the housing of cattle and the storage of machinery.

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

2) REF: 25/00308/HOU 30 Kingsley Road, Eversley

Erection of a part two storey, part single rear extension.

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

3) REF: 25/00331/AMCON Hazeley Lodges, Bramshill Park

Variation of Condition 9 (surface water drainage) attached to Planning Permission 24/00629/FUL dated 14/06/2024 – Demolition and re-build of the existing single storey side extensions and refurbishment works to Hazeley Lodges, addition of new gates and brick walls, the erection of a car port and associated engineering works including foul and surface water drainage infrastructure and landscaping including tree removal.

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

There being no	further items	for discussion	the Chairman c	losed the med	eting at 8:59pm
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The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April 2025.

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