

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY 10TH JUNE 2025** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr S Miller (SM) (Chairman)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr S Kendrick (SK)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)
Cllr E Batup (EB)
Cllr S Stephens (SS)

ALSO PRESENT: 6 MemberS of the Public, and Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council
HCC – Hampshire County Council
EPC – Eversley Parish Council

EPC would like to thank Collards for the provision of the safety barriers for the Summer Picnic at the Village Hall on Sunday 8th June as well as the WI and all residents who dropped off the delicious cakes.

ACTION

19 Apologies for absence
None received

20 Declarations of Interest
None were declared.

21 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 20th May 2025** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SM

22 Public Participation
Pre-applications – It was asked at why EPC had not commented on the pre-applications that relate to the proposed developments at Firgrove Farm and Hollybush Farm. The pre-application process doesn't unfortunately allow for external comments (i.e. outside of HDC) as the process is essentially a fact-finding process designed so the developer can understand whether their proposal would likely be accepted or not. When full applications are made EPC will submit appropriate comments.

Neighbourhood Plan – It was asked why a Neighbourhood Plan hadn't been created before now. Neighbourhood Plans are a community lead process that the associated Council(s) support. EPC tried to put one in place approximately five to six years ago. Unfortunately there was a very small percentage of the community that came to the presentation held in the Eversley Cricket Pavillion and so was deemed at the time that there was no appetite for a Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to volunteer to assist in producing one now, please contact the Clerk on clerk@eversley-pc.gov.uk

23 Hedges and Ditches
Hollybush Lane - The hedge along Hollybush Lane is very overgrown and encroaching onto the road. The Clerk will report to HCC and the landowner.

Marsh Lane – The ditches along Marsh Lane are full of branches and logs, which need clearing. The Clerk will report again to HCC for clearance.

Reading Road – The flashing school lights outside of Charles Kingsley’s Primary School are no longer flashing during school times. The Clerk will again report to HCC for charging.

24 Christmas event

RESOLVED

It was decided to book Miss Bubblina from Bubble Inc at a cost of £550 + VAT, as well as asking the Vox Skool Choir whether they are available to sing some carols and ask either the Rotary Club or the Yateley Lions whether Father Christmas is available to attend our event.

25 Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

RESOLVED

It was agreed to submit a response agreeing that assisting the recovery of nature wherever possible should be encouraged. If any resident would like to have their say too, please visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/LNRS-2025>

26 Pond dredging

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

DEFERRED

It was agreed to defer this project until next year.

27 Village in Bloom

DEFERRED

It was agreed to defer this project until next year.

28 Oak tree at Centre Green

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

RESOLVED

It was agreed to accept the quotation of £290.00 + VAT to deadwood the oak tree at Centre Green, as it’s above a bench and some play equipment.

29 South Central Probation Grant

RESOLVED

It was agreed that EPC currently has no projects that fit this grant’s criteria.

30 Duck Feeder

RESOLVED

It was decided not to put Cross Green Pond forward as a location for the Feed the Ducks Initiative.

31 Planning applications

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

1) REF: 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: EPC is concerned over the density of the housing planned within a relatively small plot. Also this site is located next to a listed building and within a conservation area, have these been taken into consideration?

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:53PM

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
17 th June 2025	Full Council Meeting
1 st July 2025	Full Council Meeting
8 th July 2025	Open Spaces Committee Meeting

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