

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.02PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

EPC would like to thank Collards for their generous donation of gravel to improve the road beside the Eversley Cross play area and pond.

ACTION

68 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S Hughes for personal reasons. No apologies were received from Cllr E Dixon.

69 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

70 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 14th October 2025** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SM

71 Public Participation

Eversley Cross – While the road beside the play area is much improved there are still some large potholes there, will they be filled in also? EPC plans to obtain more gravel to finish filling in the potholes as best we can.

72 Hedges and Ditches

Fallen tree in ditch – The tree in the ditch that runs to Marsh Lane is still there. It is on private land but the ditch that it's in is a vital feed to the village pond. EPC will continue to communicate with the landowner to get this blockage removed.

Reminder – To remind all residents of their riparian obligations with regards to ditches on their land. The ditches especially round Eversley Cross are a vital feed into the village pond and without them this vital habitat for many species, including some rare ones, would be lost. EPC will write to any landowners that we are aware of that have blocked ditches requesting them to be cleared. EPC therefore would like to appeal to all residents to please keep all ditches flowing.

73 Ditches around Marsh Lane

RESOLVED

To continue to raise concerns, and escalate where possible, to obtain a satisfactory resolution to the lack of ditch maintenance here by HDC and HCC, especially as this is a known flooding hotspot.

74 Rubbish at the Garden Plots

The details of the quote was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to clear the rubbish left at the garden plots site at a cost of £375.00 + VAT. It was also agreed to advise the plot holders that any further rubbish left there would be split and added to their renewal invoices.

75 Hedge by the ford

The details of the quote was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to cut back the hedge between the bridge and the bin beside the ford at a cost of £60.00 + VAT.

76 Chequers Green footpath

The details of the quote was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to spray the whole footpath twice yearly (Spring and Summer) to try and prevent the invasive weeds from ingrowing through the surface at a cost of £75.00 + VAT.

77 Memorial Plaque at Chequers Green

The details of the quote was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to cut back all the Cherry trees that overhang the memorial plaque at a cost of £250.00 + VAT.

78 Hedges at Chequers Green

The details of the quote was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to cut back the hedges round the perimeter of the field at Chequers Green at a cost of £100.00 + VAT.

79 Wildlife Scarers

RESOLVED

To include in the rules of the Burial Grounds that the use of wildlife scarers is now prohibited.

80 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 was likely to be disclosed.

81 Finance Item

As per confidential notes.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40PM

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
2 nd December 2025	Full Council Meeting
6 th January 2026	Full Council Meeting
13 th January 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting