

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

PRESENT: Cllr C Edge (Chairman) (CE)  
Cllr D Deane (DD)  
Cllr E Dixon (ED)  
Cllr S Hughes (SH)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr A McNeil and Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

*Abbreviations:*

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

**ACTION**

1 Election of Chairman

**RESOLVED**

Cllr C Edge was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations. Cllr C Edge accepted the nomination and was re-elected as Chairman.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr K Neville as he had too self-isolate.

3 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021** had previously been circulated to all Councillors. It was noted that the bins still need to be installed and that the 'Tommy' statues arrived too late for VE day and will be installed late October in time for Remembrance Day.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**CE**

5 Public Questions and Comments

Litter It has been noticed that there was a lot of litter around The Ford.

Goal post It had been commented that it would be nice to have a permanent goal post at Chequers Green. This will be added to a future agenda.

Footpaths A member of the public had contacted the Council regarding 2 overgrown footpaths. This will be addressed under item 12 (See Min: 12)

6 Cross Green

Members discussed what actions to take regarding rejuvenation and enhancement of the pond and the whole of the surrounding Green. Prior to the meeting, members of the open spaces committee had met with staff from HDC who had made recommendations for the area. It was noted that there could be an opportunity to obtain a grant from The Prince's trust for replanting trees for Queens Jubilee.

**RESOLVED**

- To draw up an action plan. **CE**
- To ask Grounds maintenance contractor to record which trees require attention in this area and to seek permission from the Tree Officer to take action. **Clerk**
- To get quotes for the next meeting to tidy the borders and to cut the brambles back by an extra metre around the park. **Clerk**
- To speak to a nearby landowner regarding the pond levels. **AM**

- To investigate how to treat the weed growing in the pond.

CE

7 New Play Area at Cross Green

i) Taking into account responses to the residents' survey and the budget agreed by FC, the committee discussed what play equipment for Cross Green should be installed.

**RESOLVED**

That the equipment to be included should be:

- A flat seat or birds nest swing set.
- A jungle gym.
- A toddler swing set.
- A double tower
- A resin picnic bench
- That the current bin will be re-used.
- That quotes should include recommendations on surfacing.
- That quotes should include options with and without fencing.
- That the current gate should be reused if possible.
- That the equipment should be mainly wooden in nature.

The committee also discussed funding and noted that the price of play equipment has recently increased and may exceed the allocated budget.

**RESOLVED**

- To approach local businesses to ask if they would like to make a donation towards the cost of the new play area.

CE

ii) The Committee discussed the scope of the tender document.

**RESOLVED**

That Open Spaces Committee will issue the tender documents and bring recommendations on suppliers to Full Council.

8 New Slide

**RESOLVED**

- To approve final design of a 2m slide.
- To decide to use Playscene for the new a new slide at Lower Common Play Area at a cost of £7,225+VAT (note cost already approved by Full Council on 6.7.2021).
- To locate the slide at Lower Common to the right between the swing and zip wire.

9 War Memorial

The Committee discussed the need to refurbish the War Memorial with cappings.

**RESOLVED**

- To obtain costs for cappings to fully weatherproof the War Memorial.
- To defer further decision until the next meeting when costs are known.

Clerk

21.9.2021

10 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

The Fielders It was noted that the hedge by The Fielders is very overgrown and obstructing the footway. The Clerk will contact the landowner.

Clerk

Drainage ditches The issue of the clearance of drainage ditches was discussed. It was noted that it is the landowner's responsibility to clear them and that Highways/Hampshire Flood Authority should enforce it.

- 11 Fly-Tipping  
Reporting Fly Tipping It was noted that anyone can report fly tipping on the website fix my street. It is helpful to have a picture and location.  
<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Hampshire>  
HDC now have Environmental Enforcement Officers and you can report Litter hotspots using the link below. [www.hart.gov.uk/report-litter-hotspot](http://www.hart.gov.uk/report-litter-hotspot)
- The Ford Litter has been left from a large number of visitors to the Ford. The Grounds maintenance contractor will be asked to clear around the bin so it is more visible. **CE**  
There are also containers, possibly of hydrogen chloride, which will be reported to HDC to clear. **Clerk**  
Advertising signs Signs for an event have been placed around the village. The Clerk will contact the company to ask that they are removed following the event. (*shortly following the meeting the company apologised for not having sought permission and confirmed they would be removed after the event.*)
- 12 Public Rights of Way
- Footpaths A member of the public had contacted the Council regarding 2 overgrown footpaths: footpath 8 and 23.
- RESOLVED**
- To check if Footpath 8 is due to be cut by HCC and if not to investigate costs to clear. **Clerk**
  - To obtain a price to clear footpath 23. **Clerk**
- 13 Rights of way Booklet update:
- Some Councillors still need to walk their assigned paths. **ALL**
  - The Clerk will obtain further quotes for printing. **Clerk**
- 14 Covid-19 Risk Assessment  
The Committee reviewed the Covid-19 Risk Assessment for Play Areas in light of changes to legislation.  
**RESOLVED**  
To keep the Covid-19 Risk Assessment and mitigations for Play Areas in place for now.
- 15 Play Area Inspections  
The play area inspections for April and May 2021 for the 4 play areas had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors reviewed the inspection reports.  
**RESOLVED**
- i) To accept the play area inspection reports.
  - ii) To note that there were no safety issues.
- 16 Planning Applications  
**RESOLVED**  
To note receipt of the following and, where appropriate, to forward the comments listed below to HDC or HCC. **Clerk**
- a) 21/01656/LBC Firgrove Manor, The Tank House Firgrove Road Restore and repair two balustrade structures  
EPC consultee comment: No comment.
  - b) 21/01709/FUL Land At Eversley Centre Reading Road Erection of a new barn  
EPC consultee comment: Eversley Parish Council would ask for removing permitted development rights.
  - c) 21/01270/LBC & 21/01270/LBC The Chequers Ph Chequers Lane Extension of existing paved patio area to the frontage and altered access to the public highway

EPC Consultee comment: EPC objects on the grounds of reduced parking and believes this would lead to dangerous parking on Chequers Lane. EPC would also draw attention to the fact that it appears part of the proposal crosses onto land owned by a third party and not owned by The Chequers Public House. EPC suggests that The Chequers Public House may wish to enquire whether they could obtain additional parking in the nearby Gawthorpe Estate.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 9.23pm.

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

**Forward Plan**

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept at 7.30pm at Charles Kingsley's School	Open Spaces Committee	