

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr S Miller (Chairman) (SM)
Cllr D Deane (DD)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)
Cllr Dixon (ED)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens, Cllr P Todd and Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

46 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED

To approve apologies from Cllr Neville due to personal commitments.

47 Declarations of Interests

None.

48 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 18th October 2022** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SM

49 Public Questions and Comment

Burnt Out van It has been reported that a burnt out van has been abandoned on Coopers Hill

Silent Soldier Statues Cllr Neville will take down the 2 statues this week that mark Remembrance.

50 Progress on actions

The Clerk had previously circulated a list of progress on actions.

The committee noted progress on the actions.

RESOLVED

- To note the list and for all to make progress on the actions for which they are responsible.

ALL

51 Cross Green pond

It was noted, with thanks, to all the volunteers and members that helped in the maintenance of the pond on Saturday 19th November.

RESOLVED

- i) To approve the cost of £582 for the removal of brambles and associated works around the pond area

52 Village Gates

It has been previously proposed to add in gates to the three main access points into the village.

RESOLVED

- Cllr Dickens will take the lead in chasing HCC for dates when the gates will be installed.

SD

- 53 Christmas Lights
RESOLVED
 i) To obtain a quotation for a tree to be planted by the Cross Green Pond **Clerk**
- 54 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches
RESOLVED
Footpath on Lower Common It has been noted that the grassy area around the bin by the ford isn't always trimmed fully. The Clerk will remind the contractor that this area always needs trimming fully so access to the bin is fully maintained.
Ditches on Marsh Lane It was noted that the ditches on the East side of Marsh Lane require clearing. The Clerk will check that the Environment Agency has been advised as this area is their responsibility.
Clerk
- 55 Fly-Tipping
Coopers Hill It was noted that there has been some asbestos and a burn out van abandoned on Coopers Hill.
- 56 Public Rights of Way
 i) There were no issued that required attention.
 ii) The Clerk checked the Lengthsman scheme balance for Eversley, which currently stands at £2315.
- 57 Play Area Inspections
RESOLVED
 To approve the fitting of the new swings at Chequers Green.
- 58 Planning Applications
RESOLVED
 To note receipt of the following and, where appropriate, to forward the comments listed below to HDC or HCC.
- i) 22/01532/FUL Safari Engineering Ltd, Reading Road. Use of land for the siting of a mobile home for residential purposes.
 EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to the planning application, because the red line encloses a very large area, when it ought to be limited to the immediate site of the mobile home, including sufficient area for parking and whatever outside seating/garden area is appropriate. The application area ought, also, to include a road access. There is vehicular access only from the adjoining plot, which is not part of the application site. A permission to use the land that is currently included in the application for the siting of a mobile home for residential purposes would appear to grant a right to put any sort of mobile home anywhere on the site, which is clearly not the applicant's intention.
- ii) 22/02483/FUL Dorneys, Chequers Lane. Erection of 4 detached five-bedroom dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and other ancillary works.
 EPC Consultee Comment: EPC would have wished to see a more balanced development including smaller dwelling units, rather than a development restricted to five bedroom units only, of which there is already a very high proportion in the village. EPC notes that a gate is included on the 'site compound layout' drawing, which is missing from the 'site layout' drawing. EPC has no objection to a security gate during construction, but would object to any permanent gate, creating a "gated community". The Planning Inspector's decision on creating a gated community at Eastwood Place (21/00904/FUL) supports

EPC’s view that this type of development is inappropriate in the village. EPC considers that this is a sensitive site within a Conservation Area, so Permitted Development Rights should be removed and any external lighting anywhere on the site ought to require separate planning permission.

- iii) 22/02661/FUL Church Farm West, Bramshill Road. Retention of agricultural cold store building featuring mezzanine office space with external staircase, retention of external planet, car parking and concrete pads and retention of detached single storey control room.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to the visual impact of this unnecessarily high building in the open countryside. EPC also notes that there is a Public Footpath which crosses the application site and notes that there appears to be no measures to protect the users of this Public Footpath from vehicular traffic using the access track and the car parking area.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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

Forward Plan

| Date | Meeting | Draft Items |
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| 28 th February 2023 | Open Spaces Committee Meeting | |