

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2022**

PRESENT: Cllr P Todd (Chairman for this meeting) (PT)
Cllr D Deane (DD)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens, 2 members of the public and Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

1 To Elect a Chairman

RESOLVED

Since not all of the committee was present it was decided to elect a Chairman just for this meeting. Cllr Todd was proposed and seconded and elected unanimously as Chairman for the meeting.

2 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED

To approve apologies from Cllr Dixon due to illness.

3 Declarations of Interests

Cllr S Hughes declared an interest in item 11 (see Min: 7) the request from Eversley Gardening Club, as she is a member.

4 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 19th April 2022** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

ED

5 Public Questions and Comment

Jubilee Planting EPC wished to thank the Eversley Gardening Club for the beautiful planting around Cross Green to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Burial Ground A resident had mentioned that the water butt at the Burial Ground was blocked and that there was a problem with moles.

Cross Green It was noted that further work may be required in the Coppice area at Cross Green. This will be included on a future agenda.

Christmas Lights and Trees A councillor reminded the committee that it had been agreed to look at this project around June. This will be included on a future agenda.

Chequers Green Play Area A discussion regarding new equipment at Chequers Green Park will be put on a future Open Spaces Agenda for discussion.

Road Signs A member of the public noted that there a lot of redundant road signs cluttering up the village. It was noted that this can be reported on <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

It was also noted that many of the permanent road signs needed cleaning.

6 Change to order of the Agenda

RESOLVED

It was agreed to discuss item 11 before item 6 as this was of particular interest to the members of the public present.

7 Gardening Club Request

RESOLVED

- In principle to grant permission for the Eversley Gardening Club to plant on EPC land based on the status of the land and noting that land in the conservation area often requires additional permissions from HDC for certain work. The Club will liaise with the Clerk in these instances.
- To check whether Highways permission is needed for planters on the Village gateways. **Clerk**

8 Progress on actions

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

The committee noted progress on the actions, in particular:

- The Village gateways project is progressing and a design has been sent.
- That HCC had completed repairs to footpath 24.
- The sign thanking businesses for donations to the new Play Area had been completed and was just awaiting delivery.

RESOLVED

- To note the list and for all to make progress on the actions for which they are responsible. **ALL**
- To create a separate spreadsheet of possible projects to explore before bringing to the Committee/Council. **Clerk**

At 8.14pm 1 member of the public left the meeting.

9 Membership of Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust (BVCT)

RESOLVED

To become a member of the BVCT at an annual cost of £10.

10 Burial Ground

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £285+VAT to cut back overhanging trees, once the bird nesting season has passed.

11 Lengthsman scheme

- i) To note that the Lengthsman scheme was used for £95 to clear the footpath alongside Charles Kingsley School.

RESOLVED

- ii) To approve clearance of footpath 22 using the Lengthsman scheme if HCC cannot clear.

12 Community Litter Pick

RESOLVED

To hold the next community litter pick on 10th Sept or a later date in Sept/Oct subject to councillors' availability.

This is to be publicised in advance of the event. **Clerk**

13 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

- i) Tree at Chequers Green

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £395.00+ VAT to cut a tree to ground level at Chequers Green.

- ii) Brambles at Chequers Green

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £295.00+VAT to cut back brambles to ground level at Chequers Green.

- iii) There were no other issues.

14 Fly-Tipping

Changes to Household Waste charges for DIY waste

EPC noted that now the household waste tips do not charge households for disposing of DIY waste.

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 to whom litter hotspots can be reported using the link below. www.hart.gov.uk/report-litter-hotspot

Chequers Lane A fridge had been dumped by the telephone mast. And Also flooring further down the lane. This will be reported. **Clerk**

15 Public Rights of Way

- i) Footpath 8 It was noted that this footpath requires clearing but as it is on HCC's cutting list they will be asked to clear. **Clerk**

- ii) Rights of way Booklet

- The walks have been done and written up.
- Need final booklet costs in writing.
- The Clerk will check if metal QR signs can be put on HCC signposts and how much they would cost. **Clerk**

16 Hampshire and the Isle of Wight's Village of the Year competition 2022

RESOLVED

Not to enter the competition for 2022 but to look at it for 2023.

17 Annual Play Area Inspections

RESOLVED

The repair work was decided and the committee approve costs of £2,084.50.

18 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for April 2022 and May 2022 for 3 play areas had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors reviewed the inspection reports.

RESOLVED

- To accept the play area inspection reports and to note that there were no issues.
- The new Play Area at Cross Green will be covered in the June inspections onwards.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 9.13pm.

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
12 th July 2022	Open Spaces Committee Meeting	