

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

PRESENT: Cllr C Edge (Chairman) (CE)  
Cllr D Deane (DD)  
Cllr E Dixon (ED)  
Cllr K Neville (KN)  
Cllr P Todd (PT)

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

*Abbreviations:*

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

**ACTION**

100 Apologies for Absence

None.

101 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

102 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman. *(note these will be signed electronically and signed in person at the next Council meeting held in person).* **CE**

103 Public Questions and Comments

Flooded footway B3272 A resident has complained about the state of the footway and road on the B3272 between the turnings for The Fielders and Hollybush Lane. This area has been flooded for several weeks and now the water has cleared the roads and pavements are in a shocking state with mud and gravel all over them.

104 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

Flooded footway B3272 Councillors and residents have noticed the state of the road and footway, as mentioned in minute 103, and that there are still barriers closing off the footway. The Council noted that with Children returning to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March this footway would be vital to enable children to get to school safely and by remaining closed and covered in mud and soil this would be impossible. The Council noted that Highways have a responsibility to make the footway passable and safe. The Chairman has asked already HCC to take urgent action on this matter and also drew it, in the strongest terms, to the attention of Simon Cramp, the Strategic Manager – Environment at Hampshire.

105 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)

Warbrook Lane Amazon bags and a bike carrier had been dumped. The Clerk has reported to HDC.

Warbrook roundabout Cones had been left by the roundabout. The Clerk has reported to HDC.  
Love Lane A large amount of plastic has been dumped on Love Lane. This will be reported.

**Clerk**

106 Repairs

i) Garden Plots Fence – The committee had received a quote to replace the 19 posts that required replacing.  
**RESOLVED**

To also get a quote to replace all the posts and to defer the decision between the 2 costs to Full Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

ii) Picnic table at Centre Green

**RESOLVED**

Not to pay to repair the table but to reuse the top from a table in storage.

107 Cross Green Play Area Project

**RESOLVED**

To undertake public consultation and to produce a survey to assess which options residents would prefer.

**Clerk**

108 Bins

**RESOLVED**

To site the 2 new bins :

1. At Chequers Green By Yeomans footpath junction.
2. By The Ford at Lower Common. (Cllr Dixons is to send a sketch of the exact location.)

109 Public Rights of Way

Rights of way Booklet Councillors have been walking the footpaths but a lot are currently impassable due to flooding.

Footpath 24 HCC have said that they are aware of the need to resolve the reoccurring flood issue. It has been added to a capital works programme for 2021/22. The Clerk will continue to chase HCC as to what they are planning to do to address the flood issue.

**Clerk**

The Bluebell Wood/ Lower Eversley Copse A representation of the Three Castles Path had asked about access to the Bluebell Woods. The Chairman will continue to chase the landowner CEMEX to enquire about this.

**CE**

Bridleway 502 A resident had contacted the council as they had been unable to access Bridleway 502 from Hall's Way. The committee noted that Hall's Way is a private road and so there would be no right of access and to do so would be trespassing. Bridleway 502 should be accessed by footpath 1, Moulsham Green, in Yateley north across the river. It was noted that it would be an idea to have Hall's Way dedicated as a right of way or a bridleway and the Chairman will continue to chase the landowner CEMEX to consider doing so.

**CE**

Broken stile A broken stile has been noticed on footpath 15. This will be reported to HCC.

**Clerk**

110 Annual Play Area Inspections

i) The committee reviewed the Annual Play Area Inspection reports. It was noted that all the items were low risk. Costs had been obtained for the repairs.

**RESOLVED**

- To note the Grounds Maintenance contractor about strimmer damage.
- To approve the cost of repairs, apart from the picnic bench, basketball backboard and the fence at Centre Green, at a total cost of £2,135. (*Shortly following the meeting it became apparent that an incorrect quote from last year had been sent and therefore the committee will review and approve the correct costs at the next meeting.*)
- The Covid-19 Risk Assessment will be reviewed again after 21<sup>st</sup> June when Covid restrictions change.

**20.4.2021**

**Clerk**

111 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for January 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 but that the swings had been greased.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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

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**Forward Plan**

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
20 Apr 2021 Virtual Meeting	Open Spaces Committee	