

Minutes Eversley Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 7.00pm

Venue: Eversley Village Hall

Attendees

39

Welcome

Fiona Dixon (FD) thanked everyone for attending the meeting. FD explained that Eversley does not currently have a NP and without one we cannot have a say about the housing developments planned for our village. This was looked at by Eversley Parish Council a few years back but unfortunately there was not enough interest. FD told the meeting that we cannot change the past and we need to act now to get a NP in place ASAP. Sadly we are unlikely to be able to stop the proposed developments but we could stop future developments.

FD asked for the meeting to be positive as we cannot change the past.

What a NP can and cannot do

FD explained that Eversley having a NP cannot stop the proposed developments in the Village but we can have a say regarding size and location.

It can take up to 3 years to get the NP agreed. Yateley's plan took 4 years.

FD suggested that if we went for a simpler plan we could hopefully get it approved within 1 year.

NP can be overruled by Hart.

We need 50% of the Village to back the referendum.

We could get an outside consultant in to do a lot of the work.

Some development is needed in the village but a lot less than what is being proposed. What would be acceptable?

Eversley Parish Council (EPC) will contribute some funds to help with the NP.

Sarah Allen (SA) compiled the proposed a NP for Eversley back in 2021 – this could now be adapted so much of the work has already been done.

Comments from attendees

There were many discussions & questions regarding the process of producing a new NP.

- How much is it going to cost?
- We need to get surveys done by professions, ecology, drainage, transport
- We could get outside consultants to help us.
- A drainage survey is needed first.
- Have an initial survey – how much will it cost? **ACTION – Gin Clydesdale to speak to her contact for advice.**
- Could we set up some crowd funding?
- How much is EPC going to contribute?
- What skills do we have in the village? A lawyer, a planning specialist, etc
- Could we be eligible for some grants?
- The idea of protestors outside the Firgrove Consultation on Wednesday
- We need to act now!
- Set up 2 groups, 1 to be actively shouting now and the other to be working on the NP.
- Are EPC going to back us? There was some confusion, but Liz Batup said the EPC will formally vote for NP and it's on the agenda for the next meeting on 01.07.25.
- Will EPC help us crowdfund and control the finances?
- The NP can be overruled by Hart.

Firgrove Farm Consultation

Currently proposing 400 homes

Public Consultation with Berkeley Home is to be held next week, on Wednesday 25th June, 3pm to 8pm at The Tythings.

They are advertising the development as in Yateley and not Eversley.
 Please do not complete their feedback forms as we expect it only to give positive options. It would be advised to spoil the forms.
 It was suggested that volunteers stand outside The Tythings to give residents advise on how to complete the feedback forms.
 If Berkeley homes have the total number of houses reduced they may sell the land on to another developer, as if under 400 homes it is not deemed as financially viable for them.

FD spoke about a local map.

ACTION – FD to bring the map to the next meeting

ACTION – FD to share map with Yateley Society. Send to Neil Rickard.

ACTION – ALL ask your friends and neighbours to complete the Yateley Society Gap survey.

Hollybush Farm Consultation

Currently proposing 190 homes

Pre application was in 2017 for 180 homes

They are using Bluebell Woods as their SANGS

Sarah Allen (SA) questioned why they are listing SANGS as there are already 2 fields on the Reading Road that are SANGS, why more?

Cemex have booked Eversley Village Hall on 5th July so we a presuming there will be a public meeting announced soon,

What has already been done

SA complied the proposed NP back in 2021 – this could now be adapted so much of the work has already been done.

Can we get advice from Yateley Society? Did they outsource their plan? How much did their NP cost? SA looked it up and it was £18,000 in 2021.

Should we oppose 2 of the development’s more strongly and the 3rd one mildly? So we get the one we prefer? Gin Clydesdale disagreed with this strategy and advised we should take each development as it stands as surveys may identify other issues later on during the process.

Roles and responsibilities

The below roles were agreed

Position/Responsibility	Name
Chairman	Roland Moore
Secretary	Wendy Lewis-Nelson
Community	Karin Rutter/Michelle Chitty /Saskia ?
Planning	Gin Clydesdale
Data/Analysis	
<u>Local Business Owners</u>	
<u>Non profitable organisations</u> WI EVH LOMEC Bramshill Trust	
<u>Community</u>	

CKS Produce show TRI Ladies St Marys Church Eversley Parish Council	Lily Jary ?
Transport	Outsource
Economic	
Graphic Design	Paddy Halfhide
Document Manager	
Fund raising	
Treasurer	
Grants	Sandra Miller ?

NP Working Group terms of Reference

The people below volunteered to become the Core Working Group

Roland Moore
Sarah Allen
Fiona Dixon
Michele Chitty
Jon Chitty
Karin Ritter
Nick Jones
Rosie Twine
Ken McWilliam
Ralph Morris
Laura Donnelly
Karim Souissi
Wendy Lewis-Nelson

Next meeting for NP working group to work on Terms of Reference on Thursday 3rd July, 7pm at Eversley Village Hall.

AOB

ACTION – Sandra Miller to contact the MP, Alex Brewer.

ACTION – ALL reply to Fiona Dixon’s email to confirm where you live in the village and if you want to remain in the group and are happy for your email to be shared.

ACTION – Annie Clarke to report back to Bramshill Parish Council.

ACTION – Rose Twine to set up a new email account.

ACTION – Rose Twine to set up a new Facebook page.

ACTION – Fiona Dixon would like the minutes of the next meeting to reflect that the Trustees of Eversley Village Hall have confirmed that all future meetings to discuss Eversley Neighbourhood Plan can be held at the hall on a Thursday evening (apart from 2nd Thursday of each month) free of charge, as this is a community project for the benefit of the village, which is precisely what the hall was originally built for.

Date of signature: - 07/07/2025

Roland Moore.
Chairman elect.

