

MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL
AT 7.31pm ON **TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2026**

PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens (SD) (Chairman)
Cllr S Kendrick (SK)
Cllr S Stephens (SS)
Cllr P Todd (PT)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr E Batup (EB)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr A Crampton (HDCllr), Tim Davies (HCCllr), 3 members of the public, and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

118 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr S Miller.

119 Declarations of Interest
Cllr S Kendrick declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 132.

120 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 6th January 2026** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

121 Public Questions and Comments
Warbrook Lane – An HCC Officer has been spotted on-site at Warbrook Lane inspecting the area with the filled in ditches, has EPC had any updates? No EPC has not had any updates yet but will seek one.
Flooding – The flooding at Hollybush Lane and Reading Road has been much better than in previous years. A lot of litter has been seen flowing through the culverts under the Reading Road, with concern that this will cause blockages and more flooding incidents. Unfortunately there is little that will be done until this occurs.

Firgrove Heath - Does EPC intend to call a dedicated meeting to ascertain the opinions of the residents for incorporation into the formal EPC response to HDC? If so, can a date be agreed and it would also be interesting to know when EPC's formal response will be sent. EPC understands that the planning application is with HDC for validation. Once this process is complete then the application will be out for consultation. When this phase is open, EPC plans to hold an extra-ordinary meeting to gather residents' views and agree our response.

122 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council
HDC – There are three main topics concerning HDC currently. The first is Local Government Reorganisation, where we are likely to hear from Central Government what the plans are for the Unitary Councils in Hampshire. The second topic is the Local Plan, where the timetable to produce it is considered ambitious. HDC have consultants in place to assist with the process. The call for sites is also going well with more than sufficient housing sites being submitted for consideration. HDC now need to sift through them to weed out those that would be unsuitable. The last topic is HDC's budget, with their budget meeting occurring later in February. There is likely to be a deficit within the budget, but this should be covered by reserves rather than any cuts in services.

HCC – There was a special meeting relating to Local Government Reorganisation a few weeks ago where a letter was approved for submission to Central Government that confirmed HCC did not want to postpone this May's Councillor elections. This has been acknowledged by Central Government. A proposal for a new cycle route from Fleet to Yateley is currently live, however there has been no budget assigned to this project so it's unclear when it would be delivered if approved.

123 HCC Repairs

DEFERRED

A letter detailing all outstanding issues that HCC are responsible for was handed to Cllr Tim Davies for chasing and actioning. An update will be given when possible.

124 Neighbourhood Plan

The group have been concentrating on analysing the results of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey and preparing them for the drop-in Feedback Open Morning. This is to be held on Saturday 28th February 2026 at the Village Hall between 11am to 3pm. This event will explain where the group is in the process and why they are doing it.

125 Burial Grounds Extension Update

- a) The working group has been working with our consultants and the landowner to get the paperwork ready for pre-planning application submission. A planning statement has been produced along with site plan layout have been produced.
- b) The pre-planning application documents were reviewed and approved.

126 Financial reports

The Responsible Financial Officer's reconciliation for January 2026, the schedule of payments for February 2026, the Year-To-Date update, the supporting bank statements had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for January 2026 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for February 2026 was accepted.
- The Year-To-Date update was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements were accepted

127 Policies

The draft policy was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The Grants Policy was reviewed and approved.

128 Fees Review

RESOLVED

- i) The Burial Grounds fees were reviewed and an increase of 10% was approved, effective immediately.
- ii) The Garden Plots fees were reviewed and an increase to £60 per plot per year, effective from 1st April 2026.

129 Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly date of Thursday 5th March 2026 was noted.

130 Community-Led Transport Scheme

RESOLVED

- a) It was agreed to submit a joint grant application with Yelabus for a trail shopper trip to The Meadows for Eversley residents.
- b) Cllr Susan Kendrick was elected as Lead Councillor.

131 S106 Projects

The draft projects list was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The list of projects was reviewed and approved. The document is a live one, however, and could be subject to regular amendments

132 Community Awards

- a) The list of nominations were approved.
- b) A budget of £500 was agreed for the prizes

133 Planning applications

To decide a consultee written response on the Planning applications as follows:

1) REF: 25/02565/HOU Coopers End, Coopers Hill

Erection of single and two storey extensions and extension to the existing garage

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

2) REF: HCC/2024/0088 Busta Triangle (Eversley Quarry)

The importation of inert materials to deliver a long-term sustainable restoration landform to enable the establishment of high-quality nature conservation habitat and commercial forestry, including for the maintenance and use of existing points of access to and from Eversley Quarry and the establishment and use of ancillary facilities

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC is in support of the infill and the end result. However, EPC does have concerns over flooding and the impact this could have on the local roads, and the impact additional vehicles could cause to the roads and verges. Could additional features be put in place as mitigation?

3) REF: 26/00106/HOU Ridgeview, New Road

Erection of a single storey rear extension and an open porch to front, insertion of one window to one side and two windows to other side

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

EPC noted the resignation of Cllr Susan Hughes and thanked her for her hard work and diligence throughout her term.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:51pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2026.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
3 rd March 2026	Full Council Meeting
5 th March 2026	Annual Parish Assembly
10 th March 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
7 th April 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
14 th April 2026	Full Council Meeting