

MINUTES OF **ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES
KINGSLEY SCHOOL AT 7.31pm ON **TUESDAY 05TH MAY 2026**

PRESENT:

Cllr S Dickens	(SD)	(Chairman)
Cllr D Meyers	(DM)	
Cllr S Kendrick	(SK)	
Cllr S Stephens	(SS)	
Cllr S Miller	(SM)	
Cllr E Dixon	(ED)	
Cllr P Todd	(PT)	

ALSO PRESENT: Two Members of the Public, and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED

Cllr S Stephens was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations. Cllr S Stephens accepted the nomination and was elected as Chairman.

2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman

RESOLVED

Cllr S Stephens signed the Acceptance of Office form in the presence of all and the Clerk countersigned as witness.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dr A Crampton (HDCllr) and Cllr T Davies (HCCllr).

4 Declarations of Interest

- a) The Declarations of Interest were reviewed and amended where necessary.
- b) None were declared.

5 Electronic Agenda Dispatch

All members agreed to receive only an electronic copy of the agenda and papers for meetings. (The Local Government (Electronic Communication) (England) Order 2015 came into force on 30 January 2015. It allows a Summons to a meeting to be deemed served, if sent to a nominated electronic address.)

6 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 14th April 2026** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

7 Public Questions and Comments

Warbrook House – A planning application has been put through to HDC to approve some of the noise conditions agreed during the appeals process. Please contact HDC for further information.

Eversley Centre – There have been several incidents of antisocial behaviour. Landowners are recommended to secure their fencing, and residents are reminded to report any incident to the Police

on 999 or 101 as required. The Police can build up a clearer idea of the issues residents are facing and can then act accordingly.

8 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council

No reports were submitted.

9 Neighbourhood Plan

Another Housing Needs Assessment needs to be done. HDC have suggested contacting Action Hampshire for their assistance. HDC have also indicated that they may be able to provide a grant to fund this survey. This will be explored further.

A draft Design Code is now with the working group and will be distributed to all Councillors for their comments shortly.

10 Burial Grounds Extension

a) The pre-planning application is still with HDC for their comments.

b) The quote for £3,000 + VAT for the solicitors to progress the land gift was approved.

11 Policies

i) The Council reviewed the Standing Orders

RESOLVED

To adopt the Standing Orders as previously circulated.

ii) The Council reviewed the Publication Scheme

RESOLVED

To adopt the Publication Scheme as previously circulated.

iii) The Council reviewed the Code of Conduct

RESOLVED

To accept the Code of Conduct as previously circulated.

12 Delegation

i) Delegation arrangements to Committees

RESOLVED

To accept the delegation arrangements as previously circulated.

ii) Delegation arrangements to Proper Officer

RESOLVED

To accept the delegation arrangements as previously circulated.

iii) No further delegation arrangements were considered necessary.

13 Committees

i) Open Spaces Committee

Open Spaces Terms of Reference

RESOLVED

To approve the Terms of Reference with no changes.

Open Spaces Committee

RESOLVED

That the members elected to the Open Spaces Committee would be:

Cllr S Miller

Cllr E Dixon

Cllr D Meyers

Cllr S Stephens

Cllr E Batup
Cllr S Kendrick

ii) Personnel Committee

Personnel Committee Terms of Reference

RESOLVED

To approve the Terms of Reference with no changes.

Personnel Committee

That the members elected to the Personnel Committee would be:

Cllr S Kendrick

Cllr S Stephens

Cllr S Miller

14 Working Groups and Panels

No new groups were created.

(i) To elect member/s to working groups:

a) Road Safety and Traffic Working Group

RESOLVED

That the group would comprise the following members:

Cllr D Meyers

EPC would also welcome residents to join the group.

b) Budget Working Group

RESOLVED

That the group would comprise the following members:

Chairman – Cllr S Stephens

Cllr S Miller

Cllr L Batup

Cllr P Todd

The Responsible Financial Officer would also be part of the group but need not be elected.

c) Affordable Housing Working Group

RESOLVED

That the group would comprise the following members:

Chairman – Cllr S Dickens

Cllr L Batup

The Clerk would also be part of the group but need not be elected.

d) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

RESOLVED

That the group would comprise the following members:

Cllr E Batup

Cllr E Dixon

e) Flooding Management Working Group

RESOLVED

That the group would comprise the following members:

Cllr P Todd

Cllr S Miller

f) Cemetery Working Group

RESOLVED

That the group would comprise the following members:

Cllr E Dixon

Cllr P Todd

Cllr S Dickens

Cllr S Stephens

15 Insurance

The Council reviewed its insurance provision.

RESOLVED

That the amount of cover for 2026/27 was adequate.

16 Subscriptions

RESOLVED

To approve the following subscriptions:

- Hampshire Assoc. of Local Councils (HALC) – £478.00
- National Assoc. of Local Councils (NALC) – £114.00
- Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) - £240.00
- Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC) - £100.00
- Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) - £60.00
- Parish online - £522.00
- Blackwater Valley Trust - £10.00
- Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) - £110.00

Clerk

17 Direct debits and standing orders

RESOLVED

To approve the direct debits and standing orders:

- Tesco Mobile – Monthly approximately £9.50
- Royal Mail – Monthly approximately £45.00
- Ready Steady Store - £410.15 annually
- ICO - £45.00 annually
- Lloyds Bank - £116 annually

18 Representation on outside bodies

It was requested that anyone attending a meeting of an outside body should provide a brief report back to Full Council.

RESOLVED

To make the following appointments:

- a) Hart District Association of Parish & Town Councils - Chairman or any delegated Cllr
- b) Eversley Village Hall Management Committee - Cllrs E Dixon, S Miller, and E Batup
- c) Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee - Cllr P Todd or any delegated Cllr
- d) Eversley Sports Association Executive Committee - Cllrs E Batup and S Stephens
- e) Policing Priorities Meetings - Cllrs S Miller and E Batup

19 Appointment of Lead Councillors

RESOLVED

To elect members to the following roles or responsibilities:

- a) Planning Liaison - Cllr P Todd, Cllr E Dixon
- b) Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership – Cllr S Miller, Cllr S Stephens
- c) Burial Ground – Cllr S Stephens, Cllr P Todd, Cllr E Dixon
- d) Charles Kingsley’s School – any delegated Cllr
- e) Flooding and Sewerage – Cllr P Todd, Cllr S Miller
- f) Emergency Plan – Cllr S Kendrick

20 Draft Annual Financial Review

RESOLVED

- a) To approve the draft accounts (unaudited) for the year ended 31st March 2026.
- b) The Council’s reserves were reviewed and felt to be sufficient.

21 Budget 2025/26

RESOLVED

Amendments were made to the reserves for unfulfilled projects:

- a) Burial Grounds extension - £2,006
- b) Neighbourhood Plan - £7,024

A virement was also made to EPC projects, increasing it from £1,000 to £10,000

22 Financial Report

The Responsible Financial Officer’s reconciliation for April 2026, and the schedule of payments for May 2026 had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for April 2026 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for May 2026 was accepted.
- The successful grant award of £28,664 for two replacement bus shelters to be installed by Paul’s Field and the White Hart Pub was noted.

23 Open Spaces Committee Meeting Dates

RESOLVED

It was decided to move Open Spaces Committee meeting dates to the first Thursday of each month.

24 Grant Application

The grant request from the Eversley and Bramshill Annual Show for £200 was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The grant request for £200 was approved.

25 Planning Applications

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

1) REF: New Street Trading Consent Various locations

To sell Ice cream, Ice lollies, cans of drink, bottles of water at various locations in Yateley, Church Crookham, Eversley and Fleet Central on a route not yet defined.

EPC Consultee Comment: No comment

2) REF: 26/00554/CON Warbrook House, Warbrook Lane

Approval of Condition 3 – noise management plan – Condition 4 – noise mitigation measures and Condition 6 – night time external illumination – pursuant to 24/01730/FUL (appeal reference number APP/N1730/W/25/3365471) – Retention of existing marquee for further 5 years (temporary planning permission).

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC is very concerned that this planning application is presented as if it is a request for approval (discharge) of pre-conditions attached to the extant planning permission, yet it is clearly not.

The applicant is seeking approval (discharge) of a different set of pre-conditions, which are not explicit but are said to achieve a similar control and outcome to the pre-conditions that exist.

If the applicant wishes to take advantage of the extant permission, but under a different set of pre-conditions, the first step must be an application to amend the existing pre-conditions. Only if, and when, that application is granted can the applicant seek approval (discharge) of the new pre-conditions. Furthermore, until that further application is approved the planning permission cannot be implemented.

Incidentally, EPC would require noise mitigation pre-conditions that rely on readings taken from monitors at critical sites during real time events and are not based on readings taken when an event is being simulated without any guests on a still day and the monitors are placed at completely different sites in order to offset any background noise associated with day-time traffic. EPC could not accept amended pre-conditions that are based on entirely hypothetical situations and are, therefore, unenforceable in practise.

24 Exclusion Of Public

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, relating to negotiations were likely to be disclosed.

25 Staffing Item

As per confidential notes.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:58pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June 2026.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
12 th May 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
4 th June 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting

