

Minutes Eversley Neighbourhood Plan Meeting
Thursday 20th August at 7.30pm
Venue: Eversley Village Hall

Attendees:

John Chitty (JC), Rosie Twine (RT), Liz Batup (LB), Fiona Dixon (FD), Sally Plank (SP), Annie Clarke (AC), Ed Dixon (ED), Patricia Lambert (PL), Kim Russell (KR), Malcolm Benjamin (MB)
Dave Chapman (DC) - Locality

1. Apologies:

Karim Souissi (KS), Sarah Allen (SA), Neil Rickard (NR), Wendy Lewis-Nelson (WLN)

2. Minutes of last Minutes: Agreed

3. Call for Sites:

Update from meetings with DC, JC, SP and LB today to understand the situation with Call for Sites given:

- Current planning applications and the approval of outline planning for Hollybush subject to S106 could alter our approach. If both sites are approved this would fulfil our indicative housing number of 260 houses and we will not need to allocate.
- Hart have not completed their Call for Sites, can't share that information and are still compiling their Spatial Strategy. Our indicative housing number may go up and for all we know Eversley may be a "strategic Location". This info will be available at the earliest in October.
- We can't wait and see what is going to happen and therefore we should progress with a call for sites, giving us the ability to control our own destiny versus other speculative applications.
- The Housing Needs Survey will provide us with the mix, type and tenure of houses that the community need. Our Call for Sites will home in on Market Housing sites for sale. Therefore, we will start the Call for Sites in October after the delivery of the HNS report. (LB to clarify the date we will receive this).
- Publicity – DC said we need to contact local press / talk to landowners & agents / local surveyors / parish magazine / Hart Website and EPC Website. We need to spread 'the net' as far as possible as not all landowners live in the village.
- DC explained Landowners who responded to Hart call for sites will have to respond to our call for sites.
- The path we need to take will impact on our timeline. If Hollybush and Firgrove come forward, then our indicative housing number will be met, and we would be on track to complete the NP in May 2027. If we need to allocate sites it will extend the process as our site allocations will need to be assessed which will add several months to the process. This could mean a completion date in early 2028.

Next step EPC meeting on 1st September for Full Council approval of the approach and then call for sites can start in October. The process will be managed from the EPC Website providing the pre-requisite forms and processing responses.

Communicating with residents will start at our stand at the Autumn Show, an article on the website where comments can be provided and another face-to-face event in September (TBA). LB has created a generic leaflet to be used at events.

Call for Sites Process

- The process is to provide a standard form for respondents to complete and return to EPC.

- Each application is compared against set criteria (available from Hart). The land needs to be available within 5 years.
- Physical site visits – a physical visit is required to support the assessment.
- Eventually we will have a list of sites which qualify to go forward. Landowners to say how many houses to fit onto site, but this would need to fit with what is in the Design Code. We can specify type of house and tenure from HNS when calling for sites.
- Following identifying suitable sites, we would be able to assess if this would meet the housing requirement figure of 260.
- If there are several suitable sites, then we would go to the Community to agree the preferred sites to go forward.
- ED will help process the information received, assist with sites visits and provide maps. DC expects approximately 15/20 landowners to come forward.

4a) Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Following sections have been completed:

Community – Sally

Transport – Rosie

Heritage – Kim

JC has looked at the submissions and we now have a draft plan. We need to ensure the information from the community survey clearly supports the analysis and chosen policies in the NP (LB working on the Consultation Statement Document). Dave has highlighted things we hadn't thought of today and some analysis points that need to be included.

Draft Plan has identified following policies:

1. Housing
 - a) Mix, type and tenure
 - b) Site allocation
2. Local Green Spaces (Sites from Green Space document)
3. Rural Exception Sites
4. Design Code (list "musts" from the DC document)
5. Trees Woodlands and Hedgerows (draw from the Natural Environment Policies, canopy cover, climate change DC completing)
6. Supporting the Local Economy
7. Key Views (DC completing)
8. Active Travel (walking, cycling, footpaths, connectivity DC to send some words)
9. Environmental Protection and sustainability (wildlife corridors, riparian buffers)
10. Heritage – heritage sites and conservation areas.

These policies build on national policies but specifically how they relate to our environment.

MB to provide information on flooding based on the findings and investigation done in early 2026. ED has a flood area map and we need to highlight areas that are susceptible to flooding.

4b) Local Green Spaces Assessment

DC has viewed this document and is now complete and will be published on website for comments from community.

4c) Key Views Assessment

Basically, completed needs to be added to website.

Both documents need to show DRAFT until approved

4d) Housing Needs Survey

Action Hampshire have confirmed 143 responses with approximately 8 paper responses to be processed. Their report will be completed for September.

5. Autumn Produce Show Popup

WI have agreed we can have a stall outside the village hall for the Autumn Show (6th September).

We need to brief the community why we are calling for sites and encourage feedback on the Design Code, Green Spaces and Local Views documents. Aim is to reach out more widely into the community and get more registrations on the website.

The leaflet LB has created has details on how to communicate with ENPWG. What we're doing. Explain we need to carry on despite planning apps. Encourage people to get involved. LB to send out a brief to the team who are supporting on the 6th to agree logistics and approach.

6. Website Backup / Admin Support

RT & JC to help LB with website support.

LB ensuring we can use the email list to start to communicate to the wider NP group and all who register on the website.

Next Meeting Date 17th September 19:30 EVH

Next meetings for the diary

- 15th October
- 19th November
- 17th December