MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.01PM

PRESENT:	Cllr E Dixon	(ED)	(Chairman)
	Cllr S Kendrick	(SK)	
	Cllr S Stephens	(SS)	

ALSO PRESENT: Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:
HDC – Hart District Council
HCC – Hampshire County Council
EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

25 Election of Chairman for this meeting
Cllr E Dixon was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations.
Cllr E Dixon accepted the nomination and was elected as Chairman for this meeting.

26 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr's E Batup and S Miller.

27 Declarations of Interest
None were declared.

28 Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meetings of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 4th June and Thursday 2nd July 2026** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.
RESOLVED
That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman. **ED**

29 Public Participation
None were made or received.

30 Hedges and Ditches
EPC would like to remind all residents that the leaves are starting to fall earlier this year, after the very dry summer we have had, and they will quickly fill pipes, drains, and ditches that could cause flooding later in the year. Please clear leaves and ditches responsibly.

31 Bins
RESOLVED
a) It was decided to consider increasing the frequency of the bins being emptied to twice a week during the school holidays. The Clerk will speak to the Grounds Contractor for prices. **Clerk**
b) It was agreed to change the bin by the park at Cross Green at a cost of 3346.70 + VAT and use this bin to replace one by the Frog and Wicket pub that needs replacing.

32 Community Litter Pick
RESOLVED
It was agreed that the next Community Litter Pick should be held on Saturday 26th September 2026.

33 Litter Pick banner

RESOLVED

It was agreed to purchase a banner with a roadside message about not dropping litter at a cost of £90 + VAT

34 Pond survey

The permission granted to Bennu Environmental for an aquatic survey to take place on the condition that the results were shred with EPC was noted.

35 Christmas Tree

The successful application made to HDC for the removal of the dead Christmas tree and the installation of a new one was noted.

36 Cross Green trees

The details of the quotes were previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

a) It was agreed to proceed with Quote B for £570.00 + VAT for the removal of the dead apple and birch trees at Cross Green

b) The successful application made to HDC to allow the removal of these trees was noted.

37 October's meeting

The change of meeting date from Thursday 1st October to Thursday 8th October 2026 was noted.

38 Dragon's teeth

RESOLVED

It was agreed to arrange a walk round the parish to note all areas that the dragon's teeth need repairing or replacing so quotes can be obtained. It is anticipated that the quotes may need to be considered at Full Council. **Clerk**

39 Gate at Cross Green Play Area

The details of the quote was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to accept the recommendation of the contractor and proceed with the repair to the gate at the Cross Green play area by resetting its foundations and adjusting its closing speed at a cost of £752.00 + VAT.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:38pm.

Chairman……Date……

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
6th October 2026	Full Council Meeting
8th October 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
3rd November 2026	Full Council Meeting
5th November 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting