

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL ON **TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2026** WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr S Miller (SM) (Chairman)
Cllr S Stephens (SS)
Cllr S Kendrick (SK)
Cllr E Batup (EB)

ALSO PRESENT: Ten members of the public, and Ms J Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr E Dixon.

15 Declarations of Interest

None were declared

16 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 12th May 2026** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SM

17 Public Participation

Garden Plots improvements – EPC will liaise with plot holders to ensure that the improvements made are suitable and appropriate. They will be added as an agenda item at a later meeting for discussion.

Plot boundaries – Can posts for the plot boundaries be installed after the improvements have been agreed. Yes, these need to be agreed at another meeting. Should any works, such as the installation of these pegs, be agreed then plot holders will be advised when the works are to be carried out.

Waiting list – How many are currently on the waiting list? There are currently four Eversley residents on the waiting list for a garden plot.

Clearance work at the garden plots – A resident commented that the amount spent on the clearance works at the garden plots was excessive. EPC understands this but as little work has been done at the site for several years feels that the amount spent was proportionate.

Ash tree – A resident advised that there is an ash tree in the north-east corner of the plots that has a beehive in it. They requested that this tree is looked after. EPC welcomes the news of a resident beehive so close to the garden plots and confirmed that no works are planned on this tree.

Car park – There are rumours of a car park to be built for the garden plots. EPC can confirm that there are no current plans for a car park here.

Garden Plots contracts – A resident suggested that the new contracts for the garden plots are too long and could perhaps be shortened. EPC will investigate, and if so seek to amend them for April 2027.

18 Hedges and Ditches

Footpath 16 – There has been a hedge removed and a platform built over ditch that has had a pipe laid in it. There is concern that this work has been undertaken without the correct permissions. This has been reported to HCC for investigation.

Marsh Lane – A resident has reported that some potential sabotage has occurred to one of the pipes along Marsh Lane. HCC are aware and looking to rectify the damage done.

19 Gate at Cross Green play area

The quotes were previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to carry out a full inspection of the mechanism first at a cost of £80 + VAT. If the mechanism can be repaired, the cost of £752.00 + VAT was approved. If removal and replacement is required, the cost of £1,935.00 + VAT was approved.

20 Christmas Tree

The quotes were previously circulated to all Councillors.

DEFERRED

It was agreed to defer this item so that all quotes could be received and the cost of a new tree sourced by EPC and planted by the Community Payback Scheme was investigated. It will also give time to notify HDC of the intended swap.

21 Centre Green Play Area

RESOLVED

a) The quote for £375.00 + VAT to trim the dead wood out of the Oak tree closest to the entrance of the play area was agreed.

b) It was agreed that as no wildflowers look to be present in this grassed strip that it would be better to trim it.

22 Community Litter Pick

RESOLVED

It was agreed to cancel the next Community Litter Pick on Sunday 14th June at 10.30am and to agree a new alternative date at the next Open Spaces Committee meeting.

23 Boundary posts

The quotes were previously circulated to all Councillors.

DEFERRED

It was agreed to consider this item with any other prospective changes at the garden plots site together at a later date.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:01PM

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
9 th June 2026	Full Council Meeting
2 nd July 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
7 th July 2026	Full Council Meeting