

MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT
7.31pm ON **TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Six Members of the Public, Cllr R Quarterman (HCllr), and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

68 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr S Dickens and Cllr E Batup. Apologies were also received from Cllr Dr A Crampton (HDCllr).

69 Declarations of Interest
None were declared.

70 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Thursday 23rd July 2026** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SS

71 Public Questions and Comments
Welsh Drive – Is there any upcoming resolution to the blocking of the Welsh Drive at the British Car Auctions site and Blackbushe Airport. We are aware that HCC's Countryside team are working to obtain a resolution on this issue but are having trouble getting all the necessary stakeholders to agree to any solution. Cllr R Quarterman advised that he will try and get updates and will advise accordingly at EPC's Full Council meetings.

Up Green - When will the enforcement order be applied for the mobile home in Up Green (and the number of cars regularly parked outside the house) at Gorse Cottage? This issue is currently being assessed by HDC's enforcement team and is subject to their processes.

Traveller encampments - How can the Parish Council be proactive that the village is not vulnerable to illegal traveller encampments (as seen in South Warnborough this bank holiday weekend)? There is talk that Hart District Council are NOT doing all they can (compared to Basingstoke & Deane). EPC protects our open space as much as possible. Eversley has had illegal encampments occur before, so EPC is aware of the processes required to remove them. EPC would like to take this opportunity to request the residents to remain vigilant and to report anything suspicious.

Chequers Lane - Who is now the lead on the Traffic Working Group? I have raised several times trying to change Chequers Lane to a 'No Through Road' and Diane Meyers and I were in contact - however, my emails now return as address not known. Unfortunately with the resignation of Diane Meyers from EPC, the lead Councillor position for the Traffic Working Group is still vacant. However, there are meeting in place with representatives from other local authorities in the pipeline where this suggestion can be raised.

Reading Road – What progress has been made to prevent the poor parking choices of some residents along the Reading Road. As the verges are part of the public highway, permanent placements appear to breach the Highways Act 1980 regarding wilful obstruction, illegal driving over footways, and potential structural damage to the pavements. This issue has been raised with the Police, who are investigating. HDC are also investigating, as per Cllr Dr. A. Crampton's report in minute 72.

72 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council

HCC – A new pot-hole filling strategy has been approved. Hampshire Highways, however, claim that they have no budget to do anything further.

A simplification of the process to lower speed limits where necessary has been requested.

A motion is being drafted to reverse the telephone booking system for the tips that was scrapped, considering not everyone wants to, or can, use the internet booking form.

HDC – There is little to report from Hart other than the ongoing LGR saga which I can update you all on next month. I was saddened that despite all the objections and Cllrs Southern and Forster voting against it, that the Hollybush Lane development application was granted. I have no evidence but still strongly believe that there will be insufficient sites for the Local Plan, but we are assured we will be given more information in October.

There will be significant road works due to a new gas pipe being laid on the A30 up by Dilly Lane.

I have also taken up the issue of the parking opposite the Golden Pot with Licensing and HCC with no success. I do have a face-to-face meeting with the local police next month where I will raise the residents' concerns.

73 Neighbourhood Plan

a) Following on from the Full Council meeting on 23rd July, where the Design Code was approved, the consultation period started. This is due to finish on the 14th September 2026. There was trouble getting the postcards for the Housing Needs Survey sent through Royal Mail, but thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in posting replacement cards through letterboxes. The results are now being collated and will be published soon. The draft Plan is coming together. The Local Views document is currently being finalised and will be available on the website soon.

b) A briefing note was previously circulated to all Councillors. It was noted that this may be a controversial element of the Neighbourhood Plan, but to complete it will give greater protections from developmental pressures over the longer term. It was unanimously voted to approve the Call for Sites as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

74 Burial Grounds Extension

We are waiting for the last few reports from our consultants, and the land gift transfer to be completed so we can then consider applying for the full Planning Permission. We will then start to look at tendering for the fencing and landscaping required. The aim is for us to be at this stage for the end of this financial year.

75 Ecological Report

The request for £600 made by The Yateley Society towards the cost of an Ecological Survey that they are commissioning at Firgrove Farm was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The request for £600 towards the cost of the Ecological Survey was agreed.

76 Financial Report

The Responsible Financial Officer's reconciliation for July and August 2026, the schedule of payments for August and September 2026, and the supporting bank statements had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for July and August 2026 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for September 2026 was accepted.

- The actual schedule of payments for August 2026 (when the Council did not meet) was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements were accepted.

77 Delegated Decisions

The list of delegated decisions and spend was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The decisions and spend made whilst the Council didn't meet was accepted.

78 Internal Audit

RESOLVED

To appoint Do the Numbers Ltd as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for the 2027/28 period.

79 External Auditor Appointments

RESOLVED

That EPC wishes to remain as part of the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) sector led appointment scheme.

80 Notice of Conclusion of Audit for the year ended 31st March 2026

The Audited Annual Return had been received from the External auditors. The Completion of Audit Notice had been published on EPC's noticeboard and website on 3rd September 2026 and will remain there for at least 12 months. There were no issues which required a further report. EPC thanked the Clerk for steering the audit through so successfully.

RESOLVED

To accept and approve the audited annual return for 2025/26.

81 Planning applications

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

1) REF: HCC/2026/0441 Bramshill Quarry, Warren Heath

Proposed variation of Conditions 1, 31 and 39 of planning permission 14/00063/CMA so as to allow an extension of time to complete extraction, processing and to remove plant, machinery and buildings until 30 June 2026, together with minor amendments to the restoration scheme and submission of the aftercare scheme [Variation of condition 1 (Timescale) of PP: 20/03153/HCC]. Proposed variation of Condition 1 of planning permission 14/00060/CMA so as to allow the extended use of the conveyor bridge, with its removal by 30 June 2026 [Variation of condition 1 (Timescale) of PP: 21/00052/HCC]. Proposed retention of existing concrete batching plant and ancillary development until June 2026 [Variation of condition 2 (Time Limit) of PP: 20/03158/HCC]

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objections but does have concerns over the proposed levels of heavy traffic, particularly around school pickup and drop-off times. EPC would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with the applicants.

2) REF: 26/01196/HOU and 26/01197/LBC Yew Tree Cottage, The Street

Erection of a timber framed conservatory replacing existing conservatory to rear elevation, replacement non-original windows to rear elevation.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objections subject to the Conservation Officers comments.

3) REF: 26/01301/AMCON Warbrook House, Reading Road

Application to vary condition 2 (plans/documents), vary and discharge condition 3 (specification details), vary and/or discharge condition 4 (noise mitigation measures) and discharge of condition 6 (external illumination) of planning permission 24/01730/FUL dated 08/01/2026 - Retention of existing marquee for further 5 years (temporary planning permission)

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to this application. Please refer to the detailed resident's complaints that EPC wholeheartedly supports.

4) REF: 26/00997/HOU 4 Mud Lane Cottages, Mud Lane

Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension, single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of loft into habitable accommodation to include rear dormer and insertion of one roof light to the front roof slope

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects as this application would change the visual look of this group of houses, which are recognised in the Conservation document as a group of houses with a similar style.

5) REF: 26/014406/LBC Eversley Cross House, Eversley Cross

Repair, alteration and refurbishment of an existing stable block to provide an improved car workshop area and ancillary spaces for use by the main house

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objections providing the car workshop and ancillary spaces remain tied to the main house and are not used for commercial purposes.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:03pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th October 2026.

Forward Plan

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