MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026**

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| PRESENT: | Cllr S Stephens | (SS) | (Chairman) |
| | Cllr S Kendrick | (SK) | |
| | Cllr S Dickens | (SD) | |
| | Cllr S Miller | (SM) | |
| | Cllr E Dixon | (ED) | |
| | Cllr P Todd | (PT) | |

ALSO PRESENT: Two Members of the Public, Cllr Dr A Crampton (HDCllr), and J. Street (Clerk)

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

**ACTIONS**

82 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr E Batup.

83 Declarations of Interest
Cllr S Dickens declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 97(3).

84 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 1st September 2026** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.
**RESOLVED**
That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman. **SS**

85 Public Questions and Comments
None were received.

86 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council
HDC – There has been a lot of effort put into Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) by both HDC's Officers and Councillors. Cllr Dr A Crampton tabled a motion, that was unanimously passed, to request full reimbursement from Central Government for the full amount that has been spent on it.
The sites put forward for HDC's Local Plan will be published soon for those sites put forward before the 5th June. Any sites put forward after this date don't need publishing until mid-2027.

87 Neighbourhood Plan
The Housing Needs report, commissioned from Action Hampshire, has been received back and shows a requirement for affordable housing particularly for 1 bed and 2 bed houses. The report recommends using social housing schemes, but notes that these schemes aren't easy for HDC to set up and run. It was also noted that there are currently 44 people on the housing register with connections to Eversley. There has been no progress with the Call for Sites as it was decided to wait for HDC's results that should be out later this month and proceed from there. There is concern that the parish isn't on board with the idea of any new homes being built here, but a lack of understanding of the issue may be playing a factor.
The Chair, John Chitty, resigned but is staying on as a member of the working group. The Vice Chair is currently leading the group until a new Chair is voted in. EPC thanked John Chitty for all his dedication and hard work as Chair.

88 Welsh Drive

The update from HCC, advising that Forestry England are willing to progress the re-routing of the Welsh Drive was welcomed.

A suggestion was made to leave the current route as it is (unusable due to the obstructions) and dedicate a new right of way around the obstructions, as currently being considered. The Clerk will email this suggestion to see whether it is feasible. **Clerk**

89 Financial Reports

The Responsible Financial Officer's reconciliation for September 2026, the schedule of payments for October 2026, the supporting bank statements, the new NALC national pay scales, the VAT refund details and the Year-To-Date update had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED**

- The reconciliation for September 2026 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for October 2026 was accepted.
- The supporting bank statements were accepted.
- The new NALC national pay scales backdated to April 2026 were noted.
- The VAT refund submitted and received for £5,540.51 was noted.
- The Year-To-Date update was noted.

90 Burial Grounds Extension

**RESOLVED**

a) It was agreed that Cllr S Stephens and Cllr P Todd should sign the title deeds for the burial ground's extension site in the presence of the Clerk.

b) It was agreed to cover the seller's legal charge of £200.

91 Village of the Year Competition

**RESOLVED**

a) The fantastic results where Eversley achieved first place in Best Community Health Scheme and were runners-up in Best Small Village was noted. The resident who received an Inspirational Individual Award was also commended. All volunteers who assisted in making these results possible were thanked.

b) It was agreed to use the £100 prize money won for the Best Community Health Scheme Award for a community blood pressure device.

92 Meeting Dates

**RESOLVED**

To note the following meeting dates:

a) 5th January 2027
b) 2nd February 2027
c) 2nd March 2027
d) 6th April 2027
e) 11th May 2027
f) 27th May 2027 for the Annual Parish Assembly
g) 1st June 2027
h) 6th July 2027

93 Remembrance Day

**RESOLVED**

i) To appoint a Cllr E Dixon to represent EPC at the Remembrance Day Service.

ii) To approve purchase of a wreath and/or a donation, under S137, at a cost of up to £100.

94 Community Funded Initiative

The details of the initiative and the possible project were previously circulated to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED**

It was agreed to send in the application form for the dragon's teeth to be installed along the verges from Marsh Lane to Kingsley Road. As costings are unavailable until HCC have processed the application, it was agreed to bring this back to a Full Council meeting when they were available.

95 Developer Engagement Policy amendment

The policy amendment was previously circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

The amendment to the Developer Engagement Policy was reviewed and approved.

96 Development Management Committee Representative

The decision to nominate Cllr P Todd as EPC's representative at HDC's Planning Committee meeting on 17th September 2026 where 26/00145/OUT, Firgrove Farm development, was discussed was noted.

Cllr Todd and The Yateley Society were thanked for their hard work in putting together a great presentation for this meeting.

97 Planning applications

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

1) REF: 26/01477/LBC Chesters, The Street

Works to facilitate the identification and treatment of dry rot fungus. Opening up works to identify extent of works required. Remedial works to the bathroom, windows and within the hall and landing.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC has no objections and commends the homeowners for their work in conserving this listed building.

2) REF: 26/01507/HOU Land at Crosby Gardens

Erection of eight dwellings (6 no 3 bed and 2 no 4 bed) with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to this application for several reasons.

Firstly there is no SANG identified within this application, which was identified in the pre-application as required.

There are TPO's on most of the trees surrounding the site which are a habitat for bats. The proposal to build underneath the trees is unsustainable as the trees would require pruning back on a regular basis. This could damage the trees and impact on the bats.

There is also concern for run-off surface drainage water. It is understood that there is currently a surface water drainage system that runs through the site that has been known to block resulting in flooding. It is unclear how this would be mitigated.

3) REF: HCC/2026/0644 Copse Farm, Brickhouse Hill

Small scale open windrow composting facility

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC objects to this application. There is no evidence included on how the increase in number of HGV's would impact on the B3272 and the A327 considering there is a large volume of these vehicles using these roads already, particularly as there is a Primary School in this area with children walking to and from it daily.

The impact on the ancient woodland that borders the site is also unclear.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:20pm.

Chairman……Date……

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

**Forward Plan**

| Date | Meeting |
|---|---|
| 3rd November 2026 | Full Council Meeting |
| 5th November 2026 | Open Spaces Committee Meeting |
| 1st December 2026 | Full Council Meeting |
| 5th January 2027 | Full Council Meeting |