

MINUTES OF **FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL** HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY SCHOOL
AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026**

PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens (SD) (Chairman)
Cllr S Kendrick (SK)
Cllr E Batup (EB)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)

ALSO PRESENT: Seven Members of the Public, R Quarterman (HCCLlr), and J. Street (Clerk)

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTIONS

46 Election of Chairman for this meeting

RESOLVED

Cllr S Dickens was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations.
Cllr S Dickens accepted the nomination and was elected as Chairman for this meeting.

47 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S Miller, Cllr S Stephens, and Cllr P Todd.
Apologies were also received from Dr A Crampton (HDCCLlr).

48 Declarations of Interest

A non-pecuniary declaration was made by Cllr E Dixon on item 62(3).

49 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 9th June 2026** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

50 Public Questions and Comments

Warbrook House – The temporary marquee is still in use and the noise is disturbing neighbours. The Planning Inspectorate determined that further conditions needed to be met and agreed with HDC before the marquee was used again. The Clerk will email into HDC's enforcement team also to request further information on how they intend to proceed.

Warbrook Lane – Residents of the houses that have had a ditch filled in by previous owners have received letters from HCC advising that they will monitor the flooding in the area, but no further actions are planned. Other residents are not happy at the precedent that this is setting and that they are being left open to flooding incidents without this ditch being reinstated. The Clerk will write to HCC requesting further information on this decision.

Up Green – It has been noted that there is a mobile home that is sited on common land at Up Green that is being used as a dwelling. The Clerk will report to HDC's Enforcement Team.

51 Hart District Council / Hampshire County Council

HCC – The Councillor Community Grant Scheme is now open. Any interested community groups should contact Cllr Richard Quarterman to discuss their project and for application details.

HDC – HDC have approved their Community Transfer Asset Policy so it is now possible for parishes to apply for the ownership of HDC assets should they wish. The Here for Hart Grant Scheme is also now open.

52 Neighbourhood Plan

AECOM are putting the final revisions of the Design Code in place, and it should be with the working group soon. Once received it will need signing off by EPC so it can be adopted by HDC. The Housing Needs Assessment is being written by Action Hampshire and postcards are to be dispatched via Royal Mail this week.

Green Spaces and Local Views documents are also being written up and are almost completed. All documents will soon be available for residents to view on the new Neighbourhood Plan website that will be launched soon. It is still unclear whether a Call for Sites is required, the working group need further information from HDC on this.

53 Financial Report

The Responsible Financial Officer's reconciliation for June 2026, the schedule of payments for July and August 2026, the Year-to-Date update, and the bank statements had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

- The reconciliation for June 2026 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for July 2026 was accepted.
- The schedule of payments for August 2026 (when the Council does not meet) was accepted.
- The Year-to-Date update was accepted.
- The bank statements were accepted.

54 Data Audit

The Data Audit was previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

The Data Audit was reviewed and accepted.

All members and officers were reminded to regularly check the data that they hold and delete it if it is no longer required.

55 Village of the Year 2026

RESOLVED

It was agreed to enter the Hampshire Association of Local Council's Village of the Year 2026 Competition.

56 Outdoor Fitness & Wellbeing Project

RESOLVED

It was agreed to apply for the funding for some outdoor fitness equipment for location at Chequers Green.

57 Defibrillator for Lower Common

RESOLVED

It was agreed to apply for the funding for a solar powered defibrillator cabinet and a defibrillator, to be located by the parish noticeboard in Lower Common.

58 The Prostate Project

RESOLVED

- a) It was agreed to donate £500 towards the talks and prostate testing being offered at the Village Hall on Saturday 24th October 2026 by The Prostate Project.
- b) It was agreed to speak to local establishments in the parish to see whether they will adopt a scheme to put incontinence bins in the men's toilets.

59 Newsletter

RESOLVED

- a) It was agreed to produce another newsletter, with the aim of distributing it in October.
- b) It was agreed to discuss this offline, amongst all Councillors, to ensure all relevant articles are added and published.

60 Garden Plots Working Group

RESOLVED

- a) It was agreed to set up a Garden Plots Working Group.
- b) Cllr P Todd was elected as a representative to the group.
- c) The set of Terms of Reference for the Working Group were agreed.

61 Wildflowers

DEFERRED

The locations for the wildflowers was unclear, and as they need to be specific for the application of a Cultivation Licence, more information is required.

62 Planning Applications

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

1) REF: 26/00900/AMCON Rommat, Warbrook Lane

Application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) of Planning Permission 25/01983/HOU
Erection of a two-storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension, single storey side extension to garage, conversion of garage into games room to include alterations to the fenestration and alterations to existing garage roof

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC notes that the whole of the front of the garage block is, now, to be moved forward and rebuilt with cavity walling and that the rear of the garage block is being replaced by bifold doors despite the original single skin wall being shown as remaining on the floorplans. This leaves only a very short length of single skin walling and the real possibility of the garage and games room being used as a separate residential unit. EPC requests an additional planning condition to prevent the subdivision and use of the property as two residences.

2) REF: 24/00547/FUL Parfitts Farm, Chequers Lane

Erection of 2 four-bedroom dwellings following demolition of existing barn with parking and associated works (Amended Plans)

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC notes that a downstairs room in each proposed dwelling is labelled 'study/bedroom' but considers that the reduction from four to three dedicated upstairs bedrooms does go some way towards achieving EPC's desire to see a shift to the provision of smaller residential units in the parish.

3) REF: 24/00975/FUL Bramshill House, Bramshill Park

Landscape works including historic garden / parkland restoration, wider ecological enhancement / management, external works to the Stable Block, Newsam and Nuffield Hall and the Conference Centre, demolition and re-build of Gardeners Cottage, demolition of the former shop and lean-to buildings, addition of a new boathouse and associated engineering works including earthworks and the addition of a ground source heat pump.

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC welcomes restoration and enhancement of the Registered Park and Garden and buildings associated with the Grade I Listed manor house.

4) REF: 24/00748/HCC Eversley Recycling, The Welsh Drive

Phased extraction of soft sand and sand and gravel, and mobile welfare facilities with temporary staff parking, with subsequent restoration using in situ material and inert materials and soil forming materials (amended description)

EPC Consultee Comment: EPC notes that the amendments arise from HCC's 'Regulation 25 Request' of 9th December 2024 for further evidence from the applicant. That request stated that "The applicant will be aware that the extraction sites covered by this application were submitted as part of the 'Call for Sites' for the 'Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan - Partial Update'. The submitted proposals were assessed by HCC's technical specialists and were deemed unsuitable for allocation in the 'Partial Update' based upon the information provided at the time ..."

The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan – Partial Update (HM&WP-PU) can be seen, on the one hand, as giving confidence to applicants that applications on allocated sites will be considered favourably and, on the other hand, as giving confidence to residents that those on non-allocated sites will not.

EPC can find no reason why unallocated mineral reserves should be excavated, over and above County requirements, simply to create valuable void space that it is proposed to fill with inert waste. (The proposals appear to show that the voids will be over-filled in a "land-raising" operation.) The HM&WP-PU seeks to achieve a more sustainable future where the conversion of inert waste into recyclables is maximised, thereby negating the need for filling void spaces or for land-raising. The creation of more secondary aggregates from inert waste will also reduce the need to extract primary aggregates in the first place.

EPC made several objections to this application on 8th May 2024. The applicant's new 'Appendix 02-Response to Regulation Request' addresses 5 of those in 'Table 4 Consultation Responses (statutory)'. The Appendix notes that the applicant failed to carry out any pre-application consultation with EPC, despite clear advice in the HM&WP that this was advisable and best practice. It draws attention to the fact that EPC was not sent a copy of the Scoping Report in September 2020. It fails to mention that the applicant has not, yet, sought to rectify the lapse by consulting with EPC. The Appendix fails to address the EPC's next two objections – (i) that the proposal to continue mineral extraction and infill for a further 20 years will have a profound impact on close residents and (ii) that the traffic generated by the proposal will have a significant adverse impact on all residents; on their quality of life; and on their appreciation of the rural character of the community. It is not known whether this failure is simply an aberration, whether it is because the applicant does not believe such considerations should be part of the planning process or whether the applicant just doesn't care about the profound impacts on immediate neighbours and the significant adverse impacts on anyone else. The fact that the additional lorry traffic can be accommodated on the highway network is irrelevant. Eversley has suffered enormously from multiple concurrent mineral sites, waste infill sites and recycling sites in the parish and on its borders for many decades and it deserves some relief from relentless HGV traffic. The Appendix notes that heathland has failed on two of the proposed phases of extraction where the land was designated as permanent heathland as mitigation for the loss of land to extraction elsewhere on Warren Heath. It states that a revised restoration scheme of woodland and mixed habitats is now proposed. EPC does not have confidence in any new restoration proposals if the previous planning obligation to establish permanent heathland can be so easily set aside due to failure. It is not revealed whether it was the heathland's failure or the land manager's failure. EPC sees nothing in the additional papers that would make it wish to withdraw any of its previous comments. EPC would also like to take the opportunity to support those objectors who have

referred to the adverse impacts on those who use Eversley Footpath 10 (part of the Three Castles Walk), on those who use Eversley Bridleway 11 (part of The Welsh Drive) and on those who use the Bramshill Forest (a broad swathe of recreation land) on foot, bicycle and horse.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:26pm.

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

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting
1 st September 2026	Full Council Meeting
3 rd September 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
1 st October 2026	Open Spaces Committee Meeting
6 th October 2026	Full Council Meeting