

Minutes Eversley Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on 15th October 2026 at 19:30

Venue: Eversley Village Hall

Attendees

Liz Batup (LB), Sarah Allen (SA), Malcolm Benjamin (MB), Ed Dixon (ED), Wendy Lewis-Nelson (WLN), Sally Plank (SP), Rosie Twine (RT), Patricia Lambert (PL), Annie Clarke (AC), John Chitty (JC), Jo Street (JS)

1. Apologies for absence

Neil Rickard (NR), Karim Souissi (KS), Fiona Dixon (FD), Kim Russell (KR),

2. Minutes of the last meeting – approved and signed off by WL-N

3. Liz introduced Jo Street, who is the Parish Clerk and welcomed her to the Working group. Jo has offered to join the group to support us going forward.

Liz thanked John for all his work and effort as Chairman, and for getting the ENP this far. Liz reassured the group that we will continue to get the NP completed. Liz asked the group if anyone wanted to take on the position of Chair. Liz agreed to step up and was proposed by SP and seconded by RT.

Sally stressed to all the members of the working group that we all need to step up when required, to support Liz.

4. What is next and deliverables

- a. Update from Hart on their Call for Sites and implications for ENP – notes sent already by Liz last week. Jo informed the group that sites put forward by 05/06/2026 will appear on this list. New sites put forward from that date will be released sometime in 2027.

Eversley allocation is 260 households. Liz has a Teams meeting with Dave next Friday 23/10/26 to review the information that is released.

ACTION - LB to let the group know the time so others can join and circulate meeting notes.

The Design Code is with the local council and is waiting to go to the cabinet for approval. **ACTION - JS to check next cabinet agenda and research the timeline for this.**

- b. Key documents and evidence to be completed

- Draft Neighbourhood Plan – on the File share. Sally asked for anyone to let her know if you suggest any changes, please do not edit it yourself. Sally will require support soon from the group to proofread and check accuracy. Rosie suggested we make the document 'read only'.
- Policies – they are work in progress. Sally suggested we get input on the Policies from the Working Group. Sally to forward specific policies to the individual members, who have knowledge/interests in, to review before the next meeting.

- Design Guidance and Code awaiting Hart sign off.
- Key Views and Local Spaces – Sarah has been working on these documents to ensure they are accessibility compliant. Final changes in progress.
- Housing Needs Survey – some changes were requested by Hart Housing so a new update will be available soon from Action Hampshire. These expected to be about their affordable housing policies rather than a change to the survey data.

JC spoke about the housing mix requirement in Eversley compared to the Hart District Council. This needs checking.

SA informed the group that Vivid are approaching owners to purchase properties that are up for sale to be candidates for affordable housing.

John advised we need to capture a list of all heritage properties and ancient hedgerows in the Village. **ACTION - JS volunteered to compile heritage information from Hart website.**

ACTION – LB to send the link from Alan Kinnaird (Yately Society) feedback to SP regarding Heritage/hedgerow information.

- Basic conditions statement – This is a required document that states how our NP policies comply with National Policy. Sally is working on this.
- Community Consultation Statement – tracks community consultation and engagement as key part of evidence for the NP - Liz has a draft tracking consultation so far. Will be circulated for review.

c. Roles and responsibilities

Jo will continue to provide support for Finance tracking and budgeting for next year. Jo will also support with Communications to other organisations and external bodies who need to be consulted when we get to Regulation 14.

Rose and Kim – Communication – Website, FB, Parish Mag etc. Also help prepare materials for face to face with the community.

John suggested we engage with the community to make them aware of the our housing number of 260, affordable housing, the housing density, once Hart have published their strategic sites on 19th October. To explain how ENP will protect the Village in the long term and gain more community support.

Patricia & Annie – volunteered to take on Events with support from the Worling Group.

5. Structure of meetings – face to face, on-line, working sessions between ENPWG meetings.

LB asked if the working group would prefer online or face to face meetings? Smaller subgroups are currently meeting more frequently on specific topics, and it seems to be working. The Group felt the monthly meeting is a useful update to keep everyone informed. It was suggested that we have a Teams/Google meet meeting set up for members of the group who cannot attend, so they can still be involved. **ACTION – RT to contact Neil, Fiona & Karim to see if they would like to join the next meeting online.**

6. AOB

SP asked if we could have clarity from the EPC that they are backing the ENP and will the funding continue. JS reassured the group that EPC are very much behind the ENP. **ACTION - LB will provide the update for future EPC meetings including a budget update to show we are on track and currently under budget.**

Next Meeting Date 19th November 19:30 EVH

Next meetings for the diary

- 17th December
- 21ST January 2027
- 18th February 2027
- 18th March 2027
- 15th April 2027
- 20th May 2027
- 17th June 2027
- 15th July 2027
- 19th August 2027
- 16th September 2027
- 21st October 2027
- 18th November 2027
- 16th December 2027