

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 1.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr Sandra Miller (SM) (Chair)  
Cllr Kevan Neville (KN)  
Cllr Philip Todd (PT)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Adrian McNeil (AM) and Mrs J Routley (Clerk).

**ACTIONS**

63 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr Claire Hetherington, Cllr Chris Hutton and Cllr Colin Edge all due to work commitments.

64 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

65 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

**SM**

66 Public Questions and Comments

Fox Lane A member of the public had emailed to comment about lorries taking the first turning into Fox Lane rather than the second turning as they were supposed to. Also the resident commented on the condition of the signs and of a recent crash and the need for traffic calming in the area. The resident was advised to report their concerns to HCC and Highways.

67 Meetings

The dates of meetings were noted as per the revised schedule. (See Appendix A)

68 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

**RESOLVED**

- Lengthsman Scheme The ditch by Vann Place could be considered as a project to undertake under the Lengthsman Scheme in the next financial year. **OSC**
- Collards' Entrance Collards have cut down the trees which are part of the screen and moved the bund from where it was permitted to across an informal pathway. The Clerk will contact HCC Enforcement. **Clerk**
- Muddy Roads The A3272 was very muddy as are the road signs; and the bollards on the Reading Road were also becoming dirty. Cllr A McNeil offered to contact Inert, CEMEX and Collards. **AM**
- Rotten Post Chequers Green A resident noted that the location of the post had been wrongly recorded as being by Sherlock Lea when it was in fact by the entrance to Chequers Green car park. The committee will look into costs to replace this rotten post. **SM**
- Jubilee Oak It was noted that the Jubilee Oak planted on Cross Green had perished. A resident had offered to replace it and EPC will contact them regarding this. **KN**

- 69 Review of expenditure from the repair budget for 2018-19  
The committee reviewed the priorities for 2018-19 but required further costings before making a decision. This item will be revisited in March. **OSC**
- 70 Cutting List  
**RESOLVED**
- That the 5 footpaths EPC will request to be included in the cutting list are 8, 19, 4a & 4b,16 and 25. **Clerk**
- It was noted that the Payback Team could tackle other footpaths not included such as 21, 23 and 24 as required.
- 71 Fly-Tipping  
Land Opposite Village Hall EPC has received no response to the letters sent to the land owner.  
B.O.A.T. B3272 There had been some flying tipping on the BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) on the B3272 but this has now been cleared.
- 72 Rights of Way Booklet  
There been no further progress on this project. The Clerk will ascertain if there is a time limit for the project to take place and if an online version or interactive map would be acceptable to the grant awarding body. **Clerk**
- 73 Volunteer Group  
The Chair of this group was not present and will give an update at the next meeting. **CE**  
The Council is very grateful to the Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer who has been helping with maintenance of Open Spaces around the Village.
- 74 Payback Team  
The Payback Team will be visiting once a month until May and then twice a month until August. The Chair asked councillors to think of suggestions for projects for the team to work on.
- 75 Issues and information items raised by the Chairman or Councillors  
Potential Cross Green Pond project The committee discussed the progress of the potential Cross Green Pond project. HDC Officers were keen to help and look for grants and had mentioned a possible grant from HDC towards tree work. It was noted that it would be useful if HDC could provide a project plan and to ascertain whether they would object to using other contractors. It was noted that HDC would have to be given 6 weeks' notice of any tree work and this would have to be completed out of the nesting season.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 2.45pm.

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

**The next Open Spaces meeting will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 1.30pm**

**Appendix A**

***All Meetings on Mondays 1.30-3pm Eversley Village Hall***

| Date       | Meeting     |
|------------|-------------|
| 26th Feb   | Open Spaces |
| 16th April | Open Spaces |
| 4th June   | Open Spaces |
| 9th July   | Open Spaces |
| 10th Sept  | Open Spaces |
| 15th Oct   | Open Spaces |
| 3rd Dec    | Open Spaces |