

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **TUESDAY 16th May 2017** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 9.25PM

PRESENT: Cllr Sandra Miller (Chair)
Cllr Colin Edge
Cllr Chris Hutton
Cllr Claire Hetherington
Cllr Kevan Neville
Cllr Philip Todd

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens, Cllr Adrian McNeil and Mrs J Routley (Parish Clerk).

- 1 ELECTION OF CHAIR,
Cllr S Miller volunteered for re-election. There were no other nominations. Cllr Miller was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.
- 2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 - (i) There were no declarations of interest
 - (ii) There were no written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.
 - (iii) There was no need to grant any requests for dispensation.
- 4 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
 - (i) The minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2017** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.
 - (ii) No errors were reported.

It was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

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(iii) Matters arising from previous Minutes
None.

- 5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None
- 6 S106 PROJECTS
 - (i) **RESOLVED**
That all councillors would submit ideas for S106 projects in the Village to the Chair for wider discussion at OSC.
- 7 TREES, HEDGES, VERGES AND DITCHES
 - (i) The Council is not aware of any areas requiring attention by HCC at present.
 - (ii) The Chair has asked the grounds maintenance contractor to check if any trees on EPC land require attention and awaits his report.
Centre Green IT was noted that the volunteer group will start work here once the large debris has been removed by the Grounds Maintenance contractor. The costs for this will be brought to next Full Council Meeting. **6.6.17**
 - (iii) Bridge by Tally Ho The accessibility of the pavement has been greatly reduced by overgrown brambles and trees. Cllr K Neville is to speak with the adjacent landowner.

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- 8 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO PLAY AREAS,
(i) **RESOLVED**
That since there will not be enough money to do everything, the focus for this year should be Chequers Green and next year the Committee could look at funding for Cross Green play area.
- 8 BUND FOR CROSS GREEN,
(i) **RESOLVED**
To approve the project for a Bund at Cross Green (as included in the budget).
The Clerk is to inform ECC that this project is going ahead.
(ii) Members of the committee are to have an onsite meeting with the contractor to finalise the details.
- 10 FISHING AT CROSS GREEN,
(i) It was noted that EPC does not permit fishing but at the moment do not take action to prevent it.
- 11 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME,
(i) **RESOLVED**
That EPC wishes to take part in the Lengthsman scheme this year and approves signing the agreement.
- 12 MEMORIAL BENCHES,
(i) The Committee is looking into where memorial benches could be sited and will continue to research before coming back with a policy proposal.
- 13 FLY-TIPPING
(i) Opposite Village Hall There has been yet more fly tipping at this location. A member of the public witnessed and reported the fly tipping. EPC will attempt to contact the landowners through a land registry search and request that they clear. The Clerk will also report this to Environmental Health.
Sherlock Lea Ditches Thames Valley Housing Association had assured EPC that the overgrowth between the fence and ditch behind the properties at Sherlock Lea would be cleared by early autumn, as would any rubbish that had spilled over from those properties. Residents would be told not to dump rubbish there in future.
- 14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 3 (W)
At 9.55pm the Chair requested that Standing Orders be suspended in order to deal with the majority of remaining items on the Agenda.
RESOLVED
To continue the meeting until 10.30pm, and to defer certain items until the next meeting if necessary.
- 15 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
(i) There were no reported problems.
- 16 STORAGE UNIT AT VILLAGE HALL,
(i) The council discussed whether EPC would like to purchase a storage unit to keep at the Village Hall and felt this had merit but that there was not sufficient funds to undertake this project this year. The Chair will speak to the Village Hall to see if they might be amenable to the suggestion.
- 17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS,
(i) **RESOLVED**
- The Council noted receipt of the following planning applications and after full discussion forwarded the comments listed below to HDC.

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(a) 17/01021/HOU & 17/01022/LBC Fir Grove Manor Cottage Firgrove Road
retrospective removal of chimney and proposed partial rebuild of chimney
EPC Consultee response: No comment

(b) 17/00874/FUL Cherry Tree Cottage Lower Common
PROPOSED NEW AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY STORE
EPC Consultee response: No comment

(ii) Proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights
Ref: 21119646
Proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights
Section 116 Highways Act 1980
Land adj. Willow House, Reading Road,

Cllr P Todd had sent a response as an individual to HCC suggesting that if Highways Rights were extinguished then the land ought to be registered as Village Green. He had also spoken with the landowner and advised him that if Highway Rights were extinguished then he would not be able to sell it with vehicular access

- 18 APPEALS,
16/00255/COU3 - 16/00306/COU3
APP/N1730/C/17/3171163 Bramshill House Bramshill Park
Appeal against: Without planning permission the material change of use from use as a residential institution (Use Class C2) to use as an independent residential dwelling (Use Class C3).

It was noted there was 61 enforcement actions and 9 planning applications all appealed.

19 ANY OTHER OPEN SPACES ITEMS OF INFORMATION

(i) The Clerk reported the following:

Bramshill Road Signs HCC had suggested new road Signs for St Neot's and Lower Common. David Simpson (HCCllr) had made sure they included the weight restrictions.

(ii) Councillors reported the following:

Warbrook House It was noted that the new owners had erected a sign above the gate EPC installed on the Great A which obscured the view of the house. Whilst EPC is happy for the temporary notices placing an advert above the gate is completely wrong.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

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

The next Open Spaces meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at 7.30pm