

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

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

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Claire Hetherington, Cllr Kevan Neville, Cllr Philip Todd

21 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.

22 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
(i) The minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **TUESDAY 16th May 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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23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

24 S106 PROJECTS
(i) **RESOLVED**

- To draft applications for the following projects:
 1. New Play Area at Cross Green. Change of use for age preschool and under.
 2. Pond at Cross Green.
 3. Pathways around Firgrove Road and Up Green to improve access.
These will be brought to Full Council in September.

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(ii) It was noted the existing projects on HDC's approved list had either happened or were no longer relevant.

25 TREES, HEDGES, VERGES AND DITCHES
(i) Chequers Lane Cllr K Neville had cleared an overhanging branch.
The Fielders A laurel tree on the corner is overhanging the pavement. Highways had said they would put a work order in in March to cut this down. The Clerk has asked for an update.

Clerk

(ii) The Chair had received a tree report from the grounds maintenance contractor. It had highlighted tree work required at Up Green.

RESOLVED

- To use the lengths man scheme for the required tree work at Up Green (£490)

It was noted that the tree budget for next year may need to be increased.

Church Green The Clerk is going to investigate who owns the land as some Oak trees are in need of attention.

Clerk

(iii) Bridge by Tally Ho See decision under paragraph 27

ESA Ditch The Clerk will continue to chase the Environment Agency regarding the ditches on this main river ditch.

Clerk

- 26 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO PLAY AREAS,
 (i) The repairs and maintenance required to Chequers Green were discussed. It was noted that the Play Inspector's Report had highlighted many areas at Chequers Green that required urgent attention and items would either need to be removed or repaired in order to make it safe. The Committee felt that rectifying Chequers Green should be the priority for this year and that other play areas could be considered next year. It was also felt that to repair rather than just to remove equipment would represent better value for money as the cost just to remove would be high and would result in no benefit to the community. The Chair is completing a 5 year plan for the play areas.
RESOLVED
- To recommend to Full Council to approve the cost for repairs, replacement and removable of equipment at Chequers Green at a total cost of £9,664. **SM**
- (ii) It was noted that residents had offered to fund raise for equipment at Lower Common play area.
- 27 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME,
 (i) **RESOLVED**
- To agree to use the Lengthsman scheme for clearance work on The Street (£270 out of the scheme – no cost to EPC). It had also been agreed (See Min: 25) to use £490 out of the scheme towards tree work required at Up Green. **SM**
- 28 VOLUNTEER GROUP
 (i) It was noted that the Grounds Contractor had cleared the area at Centre Green so the volunteer group could now start work this weekend – 25th June. The next planned day is 16th July which will be advertised on EPC website, Eversley Matters and the local school newsletter. **CE/Clerk**
- (ii)
RESOLVED
- To order a strimmer and hedge cutter (approx £250) out of the preapproved budget of £500. Once the group has run a few sessions they will advise any further equipment required. **CE**
- (iii)
RESOLVED
- Cllr A McNeil is to speak with Eversley Storage about the possibility of storing equipment at their site. **AM**
- 29 LITTERPICKER
 (i) **RESOLVED**
- To approve the candidate for the Litter picker Role.
- (ii) **RESOLVED**
- To agree changing the wording of the contract to reflect the Clerk as supervisor and administrator for payroll and PAYE.
- (iii) It was noted that the Litter picker will sign the contract and commence work once all necessary equipment has been ordered and received which should be by the end of June.
- 30 MEMORIAL BENCHES,
 (i) This item is to be deferred until October when the budget for the next financial year is discussed.
- 31 FLY-TIPPING
 (i) Opposite Village Hall The Clerk has reported the fly tipping at this location to Environmental Health who are investigating. **Clerk**
- 32 ANY OTHER OPEN SPACES ITEMS OF INFORMATION
 (i) The Clerk reported that Cllr C Hetherington was working on the Rights of Way booklet.
 (ii) Councillors had nothing to report.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

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

The next Open Spaces meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.30pm