

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **MONDAY 16th APRIL 2018** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 1.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr Sandra Miller (SM) (Chair)
Cllr Kevan Neville (KN)
Cllr Philip Todd (PT)
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ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Adrian McNeil (AM) and Mrs J Routley (Clerk).

ACTION

76 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were accepted for Cllr Colin Edge due to work commitments.

77 Declarations of Interests
There were no declarations of interest.

78 Minutes of the Last Meeting
The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2018** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

SM

79 Public Questions and Comments
None.

80 Dog Fouling
The Chair has been working with the Dog Warden to resolve this problem. The Warden is visiting Eversley again shortly.

RESOLVED

- To purchase more spray cans up to £50 to highlight the problem.
- To publicise that dog fouling is an offence on website, social media, Parish Magazine and also to put up signs in key areas.

SM/Clerk

81 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

- Moss on Pavements It was not necessary to approve expenditure to treat moss on pavements by The Fielders as the Payback Team have now cleared this area. Local residents had expressed their thanks to the Council.
- Ditch by Village Hall There has been extreme flooding in this area over the past few weeks and the ditch is not clearing and there appears to be a blockage. This will be raised at the Flooding Forum on 22nd May. **AM**
- Reading Road The footpath south to north on the Reading Road by The Fielders is flooding. The culvert appears to be blocked. This will be raised at the Flooding Forum on 22nd May. **AM**
- Footpath off Kingsley Road A fence adjoining a footpath is leaning dangerously into the footpath. Another fence on the same footpath is covered in tar and caused problems on a recent school trip. The Clerk is to speak to Rights of Way at HCC about both issues and ask if they are responsible as it makes the footpath impassable especially for children. **Clerk**

AM

- Rubbish at Sherlock Lea It was noted that the rubbish has still not been cleared and has been added to and will soon block pipes. Cllr McNeil is to contact the housing association again and chase this matter.
- Up Green A tree had fallen on EPC land but someone has chopped it up.
- Cross Green It was noticed that a tree was leaning in this area. It was agreed to ask the Grounds Maintenance Contract to review the trees in this area and Up Green to ascertain if any tree maintenance is necessary. It was also noted that cars are parking near an oak tree in a conservation area. The Grounds Contractor will also be asked to review this tree.

82 Review of expenditure from the repair budget for 2018-19
 The committee reviewed the priorities for 2018-19 to recommend to Full Council for approval once further quotes are received. (See Appendix A) It was decided that all the repairs should go ahead as preventative.

83 New Equipment
 The swing at Lower Common needs to be replaced. EPC has limited funds and would like to know what residents would like in place of the swing and if they would be prepared to help raise funds.

RESOLVED

- To survey residents to see what new equipment they would want to see at Lower Common in place of the swing that needs to be removed and ask if they would be willing to fund raise towards the cost.
- The Chair will design the survey and publicise.

SM

84 Fly-Tipping
Cross Green A resident and the Clerk reported a car bumper and wheel dumped at Cross Green. Councillors are to verify whether it has been cleared.
CCTV HDC are meeting with EPC to set up CCTV cameras to help prevent fly tipping.

ALL

85 Rights of Way Booklet
 Following the resignation of Cllr Hetherington EPC is looking for a new councillor or resident to take on this project.
 It was noted that it might be useful to form a ROW group of residents to keep an eye on the unmaintained routes. This could be discussed further at a future meeting.

86 Volunteer Group
 The Chair of this group was not present and will give an update at the next meeting.

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87 Payback Team
 The Payback Team will be visiting once a month until May and then twice a month until August. The Team will be working their way through the village clearing the main footways and verges. The budget was for 2 visits a month but the surplus, due to fewer visits, will be used to pay for rubbish clearance following their visit.

88 Issues and information items raised by the Chairman or Councillors
Bags of Help EPC would still encourage people to vote until the end of the month. Tesco should inform the Council of the result shortly after the end of April.
Heritage Application EPC is applying for a Heritage Grant for the Pond Project.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 2.50pm.

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

**The next Open Spaces meeting will be held on Monday 4th June 2018 at 1.30pm
(subject to approval at the Annual Meeting 15th May 2018)**

Forward Plan - All Meetings on Mondays 1.30-3pm

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
4th June	Open Spaces	Review Play Inspector
9th July	Open Spaces	

Appendix A

Approx. costs are £4126.50 plus VAT – see below

Lower Common cost of repairs £ 2851.50 plus VAT (this includes Bark)

Play inspector has put Levels on legs in bark pits (I have been advised this is totally unnecessary)as the top of the bark pit is the usual level to take and as there is an extra allowance of 100mm of bark required on the tested depth of the bark and not all barks have the same fall height when tested at various depth. It would be better to have the certificate for the Bark when delivered. As for the mix of the bark this will always happen when it is in a wooded area it appears that a lot of Pine needles are prominent in the play inspectors photos .

Cable way Adjust seat height £50.00 + VAT

Replace Springer Breakout Existing springer an remove off site, supply new sit-on springer (4no designs available at this price Parrot, Dragon, Dolphin and Seal), supply & install approx. 8sqm of Grass lock Matting = £809.50 + VAT

Toddler Swing Grass Lock Supply & Lay approx.. 14sqm of Grass lock Matting £ 532.00 +VAT (inc grass seeding area, please note matting will follow undulations of existing ground.)

Bark Top up area to be measured and agreed (approximate cost given last year)

Cross Green £240 plus VAT

AS the area is coming to the end of its life and will need removing soon.

I would recommend carry out high risk items works only.

Gate, place a timber on the fence near to ground level £40.00

Adjust gate speed (this needs to be checked the play inspector may have used excessive force to open the gate) Gate rate at around 8.5secs so will need to adjust £80.00

See Saw base just fill concrete around the ground fixing with concrete or Wetpour £120.00

Chequers Green -£850 plus VAT

we need to allow grass a chance to establish before carrying out any remedial works to the surfacing

Timber cracking is a normal occurrence and it should be monitored The Swing top beam was checked before the last repairs were carried out. The timber was checked and found no evidence of Rot , the inspection was from off the ground and not from the ground using a mirror.

Multi Play

Tape up pull up rope as there are no broken wires visible at this time.

Scramble net this is installed to manufactures instruction as there is no evidence of accidents then recommendation is that no action is carried out.

Fireman's pole make good at base with Bonded mulch £190.00 + VAT If they have stock at the time of the repair cost will be £100.00 +VAT

Goal remove loops FOC - Complete

Supply and fit cap £10.00 + VAT (with other works)

Centre Play area £45.00 plus VAT (this includes bark)

As above for marking legs

Slide supply and fit grass mat at bottom of slide to stop erosion of soil £45.00 +VAT

Replace net on Climber FOC COMPLETE

Adjust seat height on Nest Swing FOC COMPLETE

Balance Beam this is just the inspectors opinion if grooves are cut into the balance beam they can fill with dirt,mud etc leaving them in a worse state and giving the user a false sense of security.

Timber cracking is natural and will be monitored only.