

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **TUESDAY 11th July 2017** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 9.25PM

PRESENT: Cllr Sandra Miller (Chair)
Cllr Colin Edge
Cllr Chris Hutton
Cllr Philip Todd

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

33 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Claire Hetherington, Cllr Kevan Neville,

34 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest

35 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **TUESDAY 20th June 2017** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

SM

36 Issues and information items raised by the Chairman or Councillors

None

37 Public Questions and Comments

Cross Green Bund A resident living close to the Green had contacted the Chairman and asked why a bund was necessary. The Chairman had explained the Council's reasons. Eversley Cricket Club had also contacted the Council stating that cars parking in front of the bund may be damaged. EPC would write to ask that cars should be parked in the ESA's car park and advise that any cars parking in front of the bund at Cross Green do so at their own risk.

38 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

RESOLVED

To note:

- the tree work done in the play area at Cross Green,
- clearance to the footpath on The Street under the lengthsman scheme
- the payback team had cleared some of footpath 24 and would revisit it on 27th July. If time permitted, they could start to clear footpath 23
- tree work at Up Green will be completed shortly
- Clearance work at Chequers Green will be completed shortly

Other issues

Laurel at the Fielders

Highways have committed to remove the Laurel at the junction of The Fielders and the B3272 Reading Road and to topsoil and seed the site. They have said the work will be completed during September.

Modelling at Lower Common It was noted that HDC are currently undertaking a modelling exercise on private land at Lower Common. This is to identify pinch points that lead to flooding which, if not cleared by the landowners, will result in legal notices being served to make them comply.

Church Green The Clerk will speak to the Tree Officer at HDC to explain (i) that this tree is in a conservation area where there is no known owner and to seek advice on how it can be made safe; and (ii) whether it is a county, district or parish responsibility.

Clerk

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

Clerk

39 Volunteer Group

The group has met twice to tackle Centre Green and has made good progress.

RESOLVED

- Cllr C Edge is to get costs together for completion of this area which will be brought to the next full council meeting in September as an Open Spaces recommendation. It was noted that approximately £300 will be needed to complete the project.
- Once completed Cllr Edge will write a report of the group's work for the website.
- It was noted that the bin was unrepairable and the Chair will bring the cost of a new bin to Full Council for approval in September.

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40 Fly-Tipping

Opposite Village Hall The Clerk has reported the fly tipping at this location to Environmental Health who are investigating.

Clerk

Firgrove Road The Clerk was notified by a resident and reported fly tipping in the layby. Councillors noted that residents can report fly tipping themselves by either ringing Hart District Council on Tel: 01252 622122 or by using Fix My Street on HDC's website <https://www.hart.gov.uk/report-it-online>. It was agreed to put this information on Eversley Matters and the EPC's website

Wheelie Bin The Chair queried if the bin was big enough and asked the Clerk to enquire as to costs for a larger bin.

Clerk

41 Rights of Way Booklet

RESOLVED

- To ask Cllr Hetherington to submit a draft project design to HCC for their comments before the next Open Spaces meeting on 19th September.
- The Clerk is to ascertain from HCC how long EPC has to complete the project.

CHH

Clerk

42 Payback Team

It was noted that the payback team will be visiting on the following dates and supervision had been organised

- Wednesday 19th July – garden plots to be cleared and plots 1&4 strimmed.
- Thursday 27th July - Footpaths 23 & 24, brambles, ditches, litterpicking
- Thursday 17th August – work TBC
- Thursday 24rd August - work TBC

RESOLVED

- Cllr C Hutton is to get prices for clearing the layby which he will present to Full Council in September.
- The Clerk will investigate whether the Lengthsman Scheme could be used for the above purpose.
- The Clerk will arrange for a skip for 19th July so the payback team can clear the garden plots. *(noted that up to £500 previously approved).*

CHH

Clerk

Clerk

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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

The next Open Spaces meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.30pm