

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2017** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr S Miller (Chair)
Cllr C Edge
Cllr C Hutton

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Routley (Parish Clerk).

87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr A McNeil, Cllr K Neville, Cllr P Todd

88 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.

89 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
(i) The minutes, including the confidential minutes, of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **TUESDAY 21st MARCH 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.

90 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

91 LITTERPICKING
(i) **RESOLVED**
• The committee reviewed and agreed a draft contract to employ a Litter Picker.
(ii) **RESOLVED**
• To bring the final contract to Full Council for approval including the recommendation that the contract be for 25 hours a month rather than 5 hours a week.
• It was noted that equipment would be required and the cost of this had already been approved.

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92 TREES, HEDGES, VERGES AND DITCHES
(i) Webb's Corner There appears to be work being done to the tarmac at Webb's Corner.
(ii) The Chair is to ask the grounds maintenance contractor to check if any trees on EPC land require attention.
Old Bench, The Street It was noted that as well as the bench here being rotten, the hedges were encroaching on the area. Cllr Hutton is to verify whether this caused by overgrown from a property or on the pavement.
(iii) Bridge by Tally Ho The accessibility of the pavement has been greatly reduced by overgrown brambles and trees. Cllr Hutton is to look into the cost of the work to clear this area which could be done under the Lengthsman scheme.
Little Chesters The residents will be asked to cut back trees and hedges which are encroaching the footway.
Chesters The boundary wall of this property joins The Street and has a lot of ivy on which is overhanging out into the path. They will be asked to cut back this overgrowth.
ESA Ditch The Clerk is to continue to Chase the Environment Agency regarding the ditch by ESA which is a main water course.

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Hollybush Lane There are overhanging bushes in this area which will be reported to the land owner CEMEX.

Clerk

No 3 Sherlock Lea There had been reports that the ditch at this property had been filled in. Cllr Todd was investigating.

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93 BENCHES,

(i) **RESOLVED**

- To approve the cost for supply and fitting of benches to replaced vandalised benches: 3 x Brown and Black Picnic tables Adult = £355.00 each plus Installation cost £375.00 +VAT.

- It was noted that the insurance money had already been received which would cover this cost but since technically it was beyond the £1,000 remit of this committee the Open Spaces will recommend to Full Council to approve this cost.

2.5.17

- The Committee decided that it would be best to place 1 bench at Cross Green and 2 at Chequers Green.

94 MEMORIAL BENCHES,

(i) The committee discussed requests for memorial benches in the Village and at the Burial Ground.

(ii) **RESOLVED**

To recommend to Full Council that:

- The request for a memorial bench on Cross Green be approved as long as it met set specifications.

- Sites for benches be included on a burial ground plan.

- To consider EPC purchasing benches for the burial ground and allowing people to buy plaques to put on them.

95 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.

Clerk

Sherlock Lea Ditches Thames Valley Housing Association had assured EPC that these ditches would be cleared within a few weeks. EPC will again contact them to chase the matter.

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96 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

(i) There were no reported problems.

97 PLANNING APPLICATIONS,

(i) Deferred until the Full Council Meeting on 2.5.17.

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86 ANY OTHER OPEN SPACES ITEMS OF INFORMATION

(i) The Clerk reported the following:

Lengthsman Scheme EPC had received the new contract for the Lengthsman Scheme for this year. It was noted that a wider range of work could now be undertaken as part of the scheme.

(ii) Councillors reported the following:

Roundabout at The Street It was noted that the roundabout had been damaged in a road accident.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.32pm.

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

The next Open Spaces meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 7.30pm

APPENDIX A

Ongoing Actions List

Public Rights of Way Evidence Forms regarding Bramshill Forest Cllr P Todd is still to review the paperwork and write a cover letter for the form which clearly explains the claim.
War Memorial Cross in Churchyard Cllr K Neville offered to voluntarily make the repairs if he could be compensated for materials. He is to look into what would be required.

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The Clerk is still to put the Rights of Way Map on the website and the notice board.
19 Kingsley Road Cllr P Todd has spoken to the Ordinary Water Course Consenting Department (HCC) and this matter is now being looked into. Cllr P Todd is to chase Hampshire Estates on this matter.

Clerk

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Bluebell Wood Cllr K Neville has taken photos in order to mark the routes on the map and will circulate to this committee.

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Cllr P Todd will talk to CEMEX regarding this at their next meeting.

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Flooding on Coopers Hill The Chairman acknowledged that part of the ditch under the walk way at Up Green still needed to be cleared.

SD

Cllr C Young reported that Highways had stated that they would look at the culvert in the road and sweep Coopers Hill but have not yet done so. Cllr C Young had contacted HCC and pointed out that the culvert remained a problem.

CY

Footpath 24 The Chairman had met the new owner. The Chairman felt it would be sensible to work with the landowner and the agricultural department at CEMEX to see if the levels could be restored before putting in a floating footpath. The Chairman is trying to arrange a meeting with the landowner and HCC Rights of Way. The Chairman and not received a response from CEMEX. It was felt that if the new owners cleared the ditches this would help towards to footpath.

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Up Green Restoration Project The clearance work had highlighted where the footpath was and it was suggested that a gravel path could be laid all the way through. The SGS grant scheme is again open for applications.

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Up Green Village Green Since this matter now seems to be progressing through solicitors it was felt that it was not necessary to pursue protection options at this time. It was also noted that tenants are now respecting the Green and parking on the road.

At the recent Full Council meeting it had decided there would need to be a long term management plan for this area. The Open Spaces Committee agreed to take on this task in collaboration with local residents.

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Hollybush Lane It was noted that there are overhanging brambles along this lane. The Clerk is to write to the landowners and tenants.

Clerk

Marsh Lane Councillors need to assess the ditches by the pylons and the drains are now buried.

Sherlock Lea The rubbish has still not been cleared. Thames Valley Housing Association has been out to assess but were unable to locate the rubbish. Cllr S Miller has provided photographs which the Clerk has sent. Thames Valley Housing Association is to be chased as to when they will take action.

Clerk

Community Litterpick Councillors discussed the possibility of holding this in the summer. Cllr S Miller is to investigate this further.

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Footpath 15 It was noted that there should be a stile on this footpath but instead walkers have to climb over a fence. Cllr K Neville offered to investigate.

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