

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **MONDAY 9th July 2018** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 1.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr Colin Edge Chair (CE)
Cllr Adrian McNeil (AM)
Cllr Sandra Miller (SM)
Cllr Philip Todd (PT)

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Routley (Clerk).

ACTION

14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr Ed Dixon due to work commitments.

15 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **MONDAY 4th June 2018** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

CE

17 Public Questions and Comments

Rubbish Bin by the Ford – EPC has been contacted by a resident as the bin in this area is often full. The same resident has been helping by litter picking in the area. It appears that during the sunny weather people are having picnics and barbeques by the Ford and leaving their rubbish. EPC wishes to thank the resident for helping to keep Eversley tidy.

It was resolved to take items 5 and 9 together (see min: 18)

18 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

a) Parking and events on the village green

There have been several occasions this year where the public have parked all over the village green at Cross Green. It is a village green in a conservation area and the parish council has a duty to protect it from damage.

RESOLVED

The Clerk will write to the businesses, organisations and residents within the vicinity of Cross Green to explain that this is a conservation area and that the council is actively pursuing the installation of dragons' teeth to prevent cars from parking on the Green. The Clerk will also ask businesses and organisations that hold events to make arrangements for adequate alternative off-road parking and to clear all litter afterwards.

Clerk

The Clerk will research what permissions are required to install dragons' teeth around the village green.

Clerk

EPC will meet with the lengthsman scheme contractor to obtain costs for the work.

Clerk/SM

b) measures to protect the oak Tree at Cross Green

It had been noted in the tree report that there had been root compaction to this tree which will have a detrimental effect.

RESOLVED

- in the same letter mentioned in minute 18 to draw to the attention of businesses, organisation and residents the damage that parking under these trees causes and to ask them not to do so in future.

Clerk

c) Other issues

It was noted that HCC has written to 2 landowners on the B3272 to ask them to clear their ditches and has arranged to have the culvert opposite The Fielders jettied.

RESOLVED

- To write to the landowner of the hedge on Hollybush Lane that is overhanging the road
- To report to Highways and the land owner the tree limb overhanging the road on the footpath on the north side of the B3272.
- To write to the occupiers of all the houses that border on the footpath on Kingsley Road to request that, if they have a hedge overhanging the footpath, to cut it back.
- To obtain a quote to clear the brambles at the Burial Ground.
- To submit an application to HDC Tree Officer for permission to undertake the tree work required as part of the pond project.

Clerk

Clerk

Clerk

SM

19 Fly-Tipping

CCTV HDC have said they will set up cameras on Glaston Hill Road and on the Reading Road to help prevent fly tipping.

Fox Lane Large Biffa bags of garden waste have been dumped on Fox Lane. EPC will report.

Clerk

Cross Green

1. There is a lot of garden waste around the trees which will cause damage to them. EPC will write to ECC and ask if they have noticed anyone doing this.
2. Ask the grounds maintenance contractor to clear the pile of logs near the pond.

Clerk

Clerk

20 Playground Inspector

This item was deferred.

21 Bins

It was noted that bin no.12 was damaged and required re-concreting.

RESOLVED

- To agree the full list of bins for emptying that is on the schedule of the grounds maintenance contract (see Appendix A). This now includes the two additional bins on The Street and the layby at the entrance to Bramshill Forest.

22 Events on Cross Green

Discussed and resolved under min: 18.

23 Rights of Way Booklet

The Chair will continue to work on this project and will come back with an action plan.

Cllr Todd will give the Chair a copy of the old booklet.

The Chair is to contact walking groups such as: Hart Ramblers, NE Ramblers, Yateley walking group, U3A along with riding groups such as TROT to see if they would participate in the project.

CE

PT

CE

24 Volunteer Group

The group has worked at Centre Green and cleared some footpaths.

RESOLVED

- To continue to tidy up Centre Green.
- To approve the cost for the grounds maintenance contractor to move soil from the burial ground to Centre Green.

25 Payback Team

RESOLVED

- To get the Payback Team to clear footpath 24 by Fox Lane. It would take 2 visits to clear the entire footpath.
- To clear around the pond.
- To provide the concrete and ask the Payback Team to re-concrete in bin no. 12 .

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There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 2.30pm.

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

Appendix A

- 1 New Mill Lane (other side of ford)
- 2 New Mill Lane (Our side of ford)
- 3 Lower Common
- 4 Lower Common Play area
- 5 Lower Common play area
- 6 Village Hall
- 7 Charles Kingsley School
- 8 Reading Road lay by
- 9 Reading Road by 5 side
- 10 Centre play area
- 11 Play area Cross Green
- 12 Outside play area Cross Green
- 13 Cross Green
- 14 Cross Green
- 15 Reading Road (Cricket ground verge)
- 16 Firgrove Road
- 17 Chequers Green Entrance
- 18 Chequers Green
- 19 Chequers Green
- 20 Kingsley Road
- 21 The Street by the White Hart
- 22 The Street by bus shelter
- 23 Bramshill Road layby