

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **MONDAY 10th September 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: Cllr E Beckett and Mrs J Routley (Clerk).
Cllr S Dickens (arrived at 1.50pm)

ACTION

- 26 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were accepted for Cllr Ed Dixon due to work commitments.
- 27 Declarations of Interests
There were no declarations of interest.
- 28 Minutes of the Last Meeting
The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **MONDAY 9th July 2018** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.
Errors
Min 17: Line 3 change 'barbeques' to 'barbecues'
RESOLVED
That with this amendment, the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair. **CE**
- 29 Public Questions and Comments
Ditches by Village Hall The ditch by the Village Hall needs clearing as when it fills up it floods the cess pit. The Chairman offered to speak to the land owner responsible for the ditch to explain the necessity for it to be cleared as soon as possible. **CE**
The Chairman will also speak to the flooding officer at Hampshire as they have written to the land owner. **CE**
- 30 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches
RESOLVED
a) To approve letters to be sent regarding parking on the village green.
b) To approve the cost of £150.00 plus VAT to trim back brambles at Burial Ground.
c) Not to approve contribution of £74 towards removal of tree stump at Church Green.
d) Not to recommend to Full Council to take a longer-term decision about tree maintenance on Church Green as the land is not EPC's responsibility. EPC is mindful that it should only spend public money for public benefit. The reason for tree work undertaken in this area previously was for safety reasons.
- 31 Fly-Tipping
None reported.
- 32 Play Area Inspections
The council reviewed the play area visual inspection reports. They would like to thank the Litter Picker for undertaking these inspections.
RESOLVED
To order a replacement seat for the zip wire at a cost of £160. **Clerk**

33 Anti ram post
RESOLVED
To approve the costs of an anti ram post (£120.69) and installation (£250) for Chequers Green.

34 Litter Picker's Route
There had been some discrepancy about which routes the Litter Picker was to cover.
RESOLVED
The routes were decided (See Appendix A).

35 Cross Green Pond tree work
RESOLVED
(i) To approve the costs for required tree work surrounding the village pond (£4,500) and to proceed once given approval from the Tree Officer, as the trees are in a conservation area.
(ii) To inform residents that there will be tree work undertaken shortly. **Clerk**

Cross Green Pond Project
RESOLVED
To recommend to Full Council that it approve the project costs for dredging the pond and making good the bank of the pond. **2.10.18**
That EPC inform residents that the council is considering the pond project and ask that they send any comments to the Council by 2nd Oct, when the Council will be considering the project. **Clerk**

36 New Swing for Lower Common
Unfortunately the fund raising had not raised as much funds as hoped and therefore there is a shortfall.
RESOLVED
That EPC will meet the shortfall of approximately £2K and order the swing . **Clerk**

37 Playground Inspector
This item will be deferred to Full Council as all the quotations have not yet been received.

At 2.50pm Cllr A McNeil left the meeting.

38 Volunteer Group
The group has cleared paths.
RESOLVED

- The group will reseed the bund at Cross Green and could also plant bulbs.
- To reseed the concrete bunds at Chequers Green
- To plant wild flowers at Centre Green.

39 Payback Team
The Chairman will speak to the supervisor to ascertain the dates for next visits. **CE**
RESOLVED

- To ask the team to clear the brambles in Chequers Green by the pylon.
- To continue clearing by plot 14 at the Garden Plots.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 3pm.

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

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 15th October 2018 at 1.30pm (TBC)

Appendix A

Defined areas for Litter picking

- Children's play areas at Eversley Cross, Eversley Centre, Chequers Green and Lower Common as per maps.
- Area around Eversley Pond
- Reading Road from the Parish boundary with Yateley to the Play Area at Cross Green