

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 15th October 2018 IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 1.30PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Routley (Clerk).

ACTION

- 40 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were accepted for Cllr E. Dixon due to work commitments and for Cllr S. Miller due to personal commitments.
- 41 Declarations of Interests
There were no declarations of interest.
- 42 Minutes of the Last Meeting
The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **MONDAY 10th September 2018** had previously been circulated to all Councillors. An update on action items was given (See Appendix A)

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chair.

CE

43 Public Questions and Comments

None.

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44 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

RESOLVED

- a) To approve the cost of £285 +VAT to deal with dead oak at Cross Green.

45 Rights Of Way

- a) Bridleway 11 A member of the public has sent a copy of their walking route and complained about the overhanging branches obstructing the route.

RESOLVED

To write to the land owner with regards to Bridleway 11. The Clerk will also contact the complainant and explain that some of the route is not a Right of Way and therefore there is no obligation to clear.

- b) Stile by footpath 9

RESOLVED

To write to the land owner about the damaged squeeze stile and to suggest that a solution could be less complicated and advise them that HCC might be able to give grants towards this.

Clerk

- c) Kingsley Road The Chairman reported that he believed the overgrown footpath had now been cleared but he would check all the areas in question.

CE

EPC wishes to thank all residents of Kingsley Road who have cut back hedges and cleared footpaths.

46 Fly-Tipping

- a) Bramshill Road Bin HDC have acknowledged this bin is theirs and will arrange for it to be emptied regularly.

RESOLVED

It will be taken off EPC's list of bins to be emptied.

Clerk

47 Chequers Green

RESOLVED

To approve work at Chequers Green to allow greater visibility including:

- Reduce hedging around car park to fence height 188.00 plus VAT to be undertaken by the ground maintenance contractor.
- That the payback team, as part of their scheduled visits at no additional cost, will thin copse no 1 (opposite as you go through pedestrian entrance) and copse no 2 (closest to tarmac path) and the ground maintenance contractor will clear and chip. It was felt this was better value for money as was not as urgent as the hedge.

48 Play Area Inspections

RESOLVED

To cover the visual inspections in the short term as follows:

- Lower Common – Cllr McNeil
- Chequers Green – Cllr Edge
- Centre Green – Cllr Edge
- Cross Green – Cllr Miller

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49 Bus Shelter

This item was deferred to the next Full Council meeting when all the costs will be known.

6.11.18

50 Dragon's teeth Cross Green

The committee reviewed the 2 quotes received and decided that the specifications of the second quote would be more durable. It was noted that this work should not begin until after the pond project is completed so as not to prevent access for required machinery.

RESOLVED

To approve the cost to install dragon's teeth at Cross Green up to a cost of £2,685 but to ask if the posts could be spaced 1.5metres apart rather than 1 metre. This would save money but still protect the conservation area.

Clerk

To use £1,000 of the Lengthsman Scheme forwards this project. Therefore maximum cost to EPC after Lengthsman Scheme would be £1,685.

The Chairman will measure the area and provide a sketch to the supplier.

CE

51 Picnic Bench

RESOLVED

It was noted that the insurance money for the vandalised bench had been received and the committee would consider where a replacement might go.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 2.32pm.

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

The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Appendix A

Update on Action Items (in blue)

Min 29: 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 has spoken to the land owner and they are getting the ditches cleared.

The Chairman will also speak to the flooding officer at Hampshire as they have written to the land owner.

The Chair has not yet spoken to the flooding officer but this might no longer be necessary.

Min 30: 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

Done.

Min 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

Done.

Min 40: Anti ram post

RESOLVED

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

This is being ordered.

Clerk