

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th JUNE 2019 IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr C Edge Chairman (CE)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr S Miller (SM)
Cllr K Neville (KN)
Cllr P Todd (PT)

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr A McNeil, Cllr S Dickens and Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

ACTION

1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED

Cllr C Edge was proposed and seconded. There were no other nominations. Cllr C Edge accepted the nomination and was elected as Chairman.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr E Beckett due to personal reasons.

3 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 23rd April 2019** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CE

5 Public Questions and Comments

Damage to bench A resident had informed the Council about damage to a picnic bench at Chequers Green as a disposal barbeque had been placed on it. The Police had also attended the scene and investigated and believed that it had been a genuine accident. Cllr K Neville believed there maybe some spare slates with which it could be repaired.

Village Sign Post A volunteer had offered to paint the wooden post with the paint left over from repairing the noticeboard.

Chequers Green Footpath Repair Residents had reported issues with the recent footpath repair. This has been reported to Highways.

Bins It had been noticed that some of the bins had been overflowing during the half term holiday. The Clerk confirmed that the contract was for fortnightly collections except for August when it is weekly.

Cross Green dragon's teeth A resident had sent another report regarding the dragon's teeth to further explain the issues as he saw them. The Council noted the report but continued to take the view that installation of dragon's teeth in the new position that had been decided at the Full Council meeting of 15.5.19 (Min 10) would not make entry onto the B3016 from Footpath 23 any less safe. This was because the problem lay with the road layout rather than where the posts were located. Therefore the Council continued to take the view that installation of the posts should proceed as soon as the contractor was able.

6 Meeting Dates

RESOLVED

to approve the meeting dates for the year in line with the changes decided at the Annual Meeting. This is approximately every 6 weeks but dates have been set to allow for not meeting in August and December and not leaving too long a gap between meetings. (see Appendix A).

- 7 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches
i) Ditch clearance for CK200 Festival

RESOLVED

Not to approve the cost of £495 of ditch clearance in preparation for CK200 Festival due to the prohibitive cost.

- ii) Up Green

It had been noticed that tenants were parking on the access ways which was not permitted.

RESOLVED

To write to the tenants and the landowner informing them that parking on the vehicular right of way was not permitted. **Clerk**

- iii) Flower baskets It was noted that these are now ready and will be put up shortly at the Village gateways.

- 7 Fly-Tipping
Bramshill Road A large collection of red plastic bags had been dumped in the layby. This has been reported to HDC.
Firgrove Road Builders rubble has been dumped in the layby opposite Firgrove Manor. This has been reported to HDC.
Road signs It was noted that there are many road signs around the village left on the verges.

- 9 Public Rights of Way
Footpath 16 It was noticed that the footpath is getting overgrown and there is a low tree overhanging the path. It had been noticed that HCC are currently cutting back paths in the area therefore the committee will review at the next meeting whether this footpath has been dealt with or till requires action. **16.7.19**

Plover Lane/Footpath 1 It was noticed that the footpath is overgrown and the kissing gate is unstable. The Chairman will ask the payback team to tackle this area at their next visit. **CE**

- 10 Play Area Inspections
The play area inspections for the 4 play areas had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors reviewed the inspection reports.

RESOLVED

- i) To accept the play area inspection reports.
ii) To note that the swings at Cross Green had been taped off due to concerns about the chain links.
iii) The Clerk is to verify whether replacing the chain links were part of the repairs and maintenance that are currently being undertaken and whether this has yet taken place. **Clerk**

- 11 Volunteer Group
RESOLVED
Lindum's Nursery are supplying plants free of charge which the volunteer group will plant around the Village Sign.

- 12 Payback Team
The Chairman explained that it had been difficult as the wrong category individuals had been sent and therefore the session had to be abandoned.

RESOLVED

- i) That the Chairman will ask to see the contract as it has been agreed that only low risk individuals would form the Eversley team. **CE**
ii) That the team will work on Plover Lane/Footpath 1 at the next visit as previously discussed (see Min 9)

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 10.02pm.

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

Appendix A

Open Spaces Committee Meeting Dates

- 9th July 2019 - **Open Spaces 7.30pm-9pm**
- 10th Sept 2019 - **Open Spaces 7.30pm-9pm**
- 19th Nov 2019 - **Open Spaces 7.30pm-9pm**
- 7th Jan 2020 - **Full Council & Open Spaces 7.30pm-10.30pm**
- 18th Feb 2020 - **Open Spaces 7.30pm-9pm**
- 31st Mar 2020 - **Open Spaces 7.30pm-9pm**