

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 9th JULY 2019 IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

ACTION

13 Apologies for Absence

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

14 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

15 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 4th June 2019** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CE

16 Public Questions and Comments

Grass cutting around Cricket Pitch A member of the public had contacted EPC complaining about the long grass on the perimeter of the cricket pitch. The area is actually the responsibility of ECC and they have been informed and have promised to mow the area before the end of July.

Village Sign The Council wishes to thank the volunteer who repainted the post for the village sign. Councillors noted that the sign itself could do with repainting.

17 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

Collards Recycling It had been noticed that ground is being levelled in preparation but it unclear what for.

RESOLVED

- To contact the county councillor and Hampshire Enforcement to enquire what this hardstanding preparation is for. **Clerk**
- To contact the owner to note that in light of the suggestion to set up a community forum is there any intention to do so. **Clerk**

Dead trees at Cross Green Pond There are approximately 10 dead silver birch trees around the pond which require removal as they are dangerous. The tree officer has given permission and this can be authorised under emergency spend.

Cross Green Pond Project It was noted that the remaining items have not yet been completed. The Clerk is to chase the supplier. **Clerk**

18 Fly-Tipping

Love Lane Builders' rubble has been dumped. This has been reported to HDC.

Fox Lane/Halls Way A large amount of builders' rubble has been dumped. This included asbestos therefore HDC had to send a specialist team to clear.

17 Chequers Green

EPC has been made aware that a commercial dog walking company is using the open space. Dog are often not controlled and have been intimidating other dogs.

i)The issue of commercial dog walking companies using the open space was discussed.

RESOLVED

ii) To talk to the Dog Warden and seek their advice.

Clerk

19 Public Rights of Way

Footpath 16 This footpath has now been cleared.

Repair to footpath at Chequers Green D Simpson (HCCllr) had expressed to Highways how dissatisfied he and residents were with the substandard repair to this footpath. Highways had agreed to look into the matter.

Footpath 4 It was noted that areas of this footpath require cutting back. The Clerk will write to the landowners.

Clerk

20 Footpath 24

The Hampshire Community Engagement Ranger had contacted the council about complaints about the flooding on this footpath.

RESOLVED

To make the Ranger aware of the commitments from the landowners, when Highway Rights were extinguished, that they would maintain this footpath.

21 Play Area Inspections

It was noted that the contractor now holds the RoSPA and RPII certifications.

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 but that replaced had been ordered.

22 Volunteer Group

Councillors will produce a list of possible projects to bring back for approval in September.

23 Payback Team

- The Chairman is meeting with the supervisor next week to discuss requirements.
- Councillors will produce a list of possible projects to bring back for approval in September.
- Plover Lane/Footpath 1 remains outstanding.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
10th Sept 2019 7.30pm at Eversley Village Hall	Open Spaces Committee	
19th Nov 2019 7.30pm at Eversley Village Hall	Open Spaces Committee	