

MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** OF THE ELECTORS OF EVERSLEY
HELD ON **TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2018** AT 8 PM IN **EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Malcolm Benjamin
Margaret Benjamin
Cllr Shawn Dickens
Edward Dixon
Cllr Colin Edge
C. Kensett
S. Kensett
Patricia Lambert
Cllr Adrian McNeil (Chairman)
Cllr Kevin Neville
Cllr Philip Todd
Brian Webb
Chris Young
Sheila Young

ALSO PRESENT: Julie Routley (Parish Clerk), David Simpson (HCllr),

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from:

Cllr Sandra Miller
PC Nick Greenwood
Anne Crampton (HDClIr)
Andrew Renshaw (HDClIr)
Tim Southern (HDClIr)

1. Cllr Adrian McNeil introduced himself as the Chairman of Eversley Parish Council and welcomed all present to the meeting. This was an opportunity to exchange views with the Council and district and county councillors. Cllr McNeil gave thanks to all Parish Councillors for the voluntary time they give in serving the community. Cllr McNeil particularly wished to thank Cllr Sandra Miller, Chair of the Open Spaces Committee, for the incredible work she does on Open Spaces. The Parish Council has a new Litter picker Doreen Wallace and the Council would like to thank her for her hard work. The Chairman also wished to thank the Clerk, Julie Routley, for the various tasks she undertakes in her work for the parish council. Thanks also goes to the grounds contractor Nick Robins who often goes the extra mile to help out. All present would receive a copy of these minutes and the agenda for the meeting next year. The Chairman thanked David Simpson (HCllr) and for coming to speak and PC Nick Greenwood for sending a report.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY DATED TUESDAY 23rd MAY 2017

2. The Chairman explained that everyone who had attended the previous meeting had been sent an Agenda and a copy of the Minutes of that meeting. If anyone else required a copy of the minutes please contact the Clerk.
3. No errors were reported and it was **resolved** that the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4. Min: 33 Litter Bin Mr Benjamin said that Chequers Green car park bin is overflowing. Since the new bin collection had been put in place it was agreed that this had no longer been a problem.

REPORTS ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE PARISH IN THE PAST YEAR

Hampshire County Council Report: Cllr David Simpson (HCC)

5. First Thank YOU for re-electing me last May. Regardless of how you voted I will do my best for the village.

Once again my Lib Dem colleagues asked me to be the Group spokesman on Economy Transport & Environment. The very first meeting of ETE, in early June, had the Director explaining that with regard to roads they were “managing a declining asset”.

In other words. The roads are bad. They are going to get worse.

I think we can all see the truth of this.

In August Skansk took over from Amey as the contractor who fixes the roads. Inevitably this meant there was a backlog as Amey were not asked to do things and they were held over for Skansk. Skansk then had to employ extra gangs in order to catch up before the end of the council year in March.

In November it was confirmed that all community transport subsidies would stop, HWRCs were to be looked at for closing up to half of them and all school crossing patrols would stop. Mrs May then decided that Councils could put up council tax by an extra 1% and these were saved...for now.

There has been an enormous amount of work on Webb’s corner and after some 20 years we may be able to see the end in sight for the problems there. A comprehensive report has been written setting out the problems. I was told it would probably cost around £50,000 to do everything. However I spoke to the Director and he assured me it was unlikely to cost less than £100,000. He also assured me he would make sure it was put forward in the Capital Budget works for the coming year.

Further afield we wait for the result of the Planning Inquiry into Bramshill House with its 12 different planning applications.

Love Lane, on the edge of Yateley but in Eversley has been removed from the Hart Local Plan. This does not mean other inappropriate development has not been suggested. So far my suggestion of building the infrastructure first has not been taken up by Government.

I am also on the Regulatory Committee – most people would think of this as planning. This means all Footpaths or Rights of Way Applications and BOATS (Byway Open All Traffic) come to us as do any new schools or extensions on existing ones – such as the 2m fence proposed for Charles Kingsley School for safeguarding reasons. If a new quarry is required or anything to do with Minerals and Waste then we hear the application.

The Council also re-appointed me to Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority where in January the Chairman and the Chief Fire Officer asked me to be the Champion for all RDS (Retained Duty Stations). This requires me to visit all the fire stations where there are retained fire fighters i.e. most of the County. If you are fit and live or work within 4 minutes of a station then we would love for you to join.

Questions put to Cllr Simpson:

6. 20mph sign A resident commented that the 20mph sign had still not been installed. David Simpson said he had been told that this was on this year's budget and he would chase progress.
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7. Traffic The Chairman asked Cllr Simpson if it would be feasible to consider a speed bump. David Simpson noted that physical barriers do help slow traffic but that when he had looked into this in 2005 he had been told the cost would be approximately £20K. He had been told that it might be possible to get more slow down signs.
8. Webb's Corner A resident queried the amount ring fenced for this project as he believed it was £47K rather than £23K. Cllr Simpson said that according to Hart the money had not been ring fenced at all but that HCC had agreed that the money could be obtained from the capital flood budget.
9. Flooding Report A resident asked when the final Flooding Report would be published. Cllr Simpson was unsure but offered to forward it to the resident once it was.
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10. Lengthsman Scheme Cllr Dickens asked if the Lengthsman Scheme would continue for 2018-19. Cllr Simpson confirmed that it would.
11. Grants Cllr Dickens thanked David Simpson for his generous grant giving to Eversley in the past and hoped that he would be able to look favourably on future grant applications. David Simpson confirmed that he is still able to make grants although the amount available to award has reduced.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Simpson for his contribution.

Hart District Council Report: Cllr Shawn Dickens (HDC)

Since Cllr Dickens also serves as a District Council as well as an Eversley Parish Councillor he offered to give a general overview of District matters.

12. Hart District Council

Since elections in May there were now 33 councillors on HDC. The Liberal Democrats, rather than the Conservatives, now lead the Council. This May there are elections for the District with 3 councillors for the Hartley Wintney Ward.

13. Local Plan (LP)

(i) HDC's LP is out for final comment by 19th March 2018. Then the Planning Inspector will look at it and it should be in place by the end of the year.

(ii) The proposals in the LP do not include allocation sites in Eversley. Residents will be relieved to hear this and EPC has begun working with the community to start a Neighbourhood Plan.

14. Finance

The finances are healthy and the new leisure centre is doing well. There is a 97K surplus invested towards DPD towards the new town/settlement. Within the district.

15. Working together

Cllr Dickens emphasised that the District and the County discuss issue and work well together on Parish, District and County matters.

Questions put to Cllr Dickens:

16. Local Plan A resident asked about an update on the Marsh Lane and CEMEX developments. Cllr Dickens said that neither of these proposals were in the Local Plan. It was noted that the development for 150 in Yateley in Moulsham Lane had begun and the infill development at Chantryland in Eversley was also underway. The Chairman noted that one of the reasons a Neighbourhood Plan might be such an important document was because of speculative developments such as Marsh Lane and CEMEX.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Dickens for stepping in at the last moment to make a contribution.

Eversley Parish Council Report: Cllr Adrian McNeil

17. The Chairman, Cllr Adrian McNeil gave a résumé of activity last year. The Parish Council's website has been redesigned and is now lively, informative and intuitive. EPC will use this as the main vehicle to give information to the community. Planning is always a big issue for Parish Councils and much of this year has been concerned with HDC's Local Plan. Eversley Parish Council's response to the Local Plan was detailed and, the Chairman believes, played a major part in removing the 200+ houses for Eversley from the plan. Most planning applications do not require a comment but EPC has become involved in applications that will have an impact on the Village. Most notably this year the application for the 14 bedroom Motel at the Golden Pot and for a new development of 12 houses on Warbrook Lane. EPC has also been involved in the Bramshill House development Appeal and has sent a representative to the hearing.
18. Neighbourhood Plan The fact that the Local Plan no longer includes major development for Eversley does not mean we are 'safe'. A developer can still say they want to build in the village and a possible defence is for locals to say development should be in certain areas which would guard against unfettered development. This is where a Neighbourhood Plan would come in. This will be mentioned in further detail later.
19. Work of Open Spaces Committee This is the only standing committee of the Council. This committee looks after all the green spaces in Eversley: Chequers Green, Up Green, Centre Green, Cross Green and Lower Common. The Open Spaces Committee has done considerable work over the last year. There has been a major drive to replace the old equipment at Centre Green in conjunction with grants and donations from residents and companies. This year Chequers Green has been refurbished. Through our Grounds Contractor and others the greens have been maintained. EPC has also used the Community Payback Team who do a very good job and amongst other jobs have helped to clear around the pond and footpaths. The volunteer group, led by Cllr Colin Edge has rejuvenated Centre Green. Many local children have helped in this project. Special thanks also goes to John and Matthew Spencer. Matthew has been helping out around the village as part of his Duke of Edinburgh challenge and his help has been much appreciated. Details will be included on our website shortly.
20. Speedwatch The Speedwatch team, led by Cllr Sandra Miller have continued to monitor traffic speeds in the village. It has been noted that average speeds have increased. The Chairman is pursuing HCC to help reduce speeds. EPC is sure that the Speedwatch project has and will help to slow people down.

21. Webb's Corner EPC is reasonably positive that something will now happen on the Webb's Corner Project.
22. Burial Ground The parish council had no alternative but to change the rules to preclude non-residents. The Burial Ground continues to be maintained by the Parish Council.
23. Garden Plots The Parish Council improved the access by creating a small parking space outside the plots.
24. Defibrillator EPC decided it was a good thing to buy and install a defibrillator at the Village Hall and this will be installed shortly. EPC wishes to thank Eversley and Bramshill Trust and HCC for its grants towards this. Once installed this will be publicised but please tell everyone it is there.
25. Mud on Roads The Chairman has taken up the issue of mud on the B3272 and A327 with HCC and Inert. Inert did respond quickly at first but recently it has become a problem again and EC has again contacted them.
26. Finance Inevitably the work the Parish Council does is underpinned by finance. The Chairman wished to thank the Clerk for steering the Council through finance management and for another year passing external audit. The Parish Council does try to get grants for projects wherever possible but the amount we get is not enough to keep up the momentum for making Eversley a better place. Because of this and other costs the parish council needs to put up the precept. This is the amount that the district collects on the parish council's behalf. The precept for the next year has increased by £22K which is approximately £2.70 per household per month. The parish council does not take decisions lightly but had no alternative and hopes that as residents you will see the benefits.
27. Thanks The Chairman wished to thank all the councillors for volunteering their time and skills to serve the community. It is with regret that 2 councillors resigned during the year due to work and personal commitments. EPC would like to thank Claire Hetherington and Chris Hutton for the service they have given to the village. EPC filled one of the vacancies by co-option last week and will hopefully be filling the other position shortly.

Questions put to Cllr McNeil:

28. Website It was asked if an alert could be sent out each time the website is updated. The Clerk is to look into this.
29. Mud on Fox Lane This was raised again as an issue. EPC has contacted HCC enforcement and the companies involved to try and get an improvement
30. Hollybush Lane The state of the verges and hedges was commented on. Once the nesting season is over CEMEX will start sorting out the verges. A comment was made that other landowner had gone round but has not done a very good job.
31. Vehicular Access, Up Green Cllr McNeil mentioned that EPC has finalised an agreement to give the owner of the cottages vehicular access across Up Green which should help to protect the village green in this area.
32. Rights of way Booklet A resident asked what the status was for the Rights of Way Footpaths booklet. Cllr McNeil explained that unfortunately the councillor working on this project had recently resigned

but that the project would be picked up again soon.

33. Fox Lane A resident commented that they had seen a convey of 8 lorries from the same company and they believed there was a regulation on how many could go through the village in a hour. David Simpson (HCCllr) asked the resident to send him the details and he will look into it.
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It was noted that although EPC do not have any powers to enforce this HCC do.

Police Report: PC Nick Greenwood

34. PC Nick Greenwood had sent his apologies for having been unable to attend in person but had sent a written report (See Appendix 1)
35. Residents are urged to call 101 to report crimes or raise concerns.

Hart - Yateley Neighbourhood Policing Team
Hampshire Constabulary
Emergency: 999 | Non Emergency: 101

36. There were no questions on the police report.

OTHER PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Todd is part of the community group looking into a Neighbourhood Plan and offered to say a few words.

37. Neighbourhood plan (NP) have been developing over the last 12 years following on from Village Design Statements. NPs are a way for communities to decide what they want for themselves and once done it is dove tailed onto the Local Plan and if the community votes in favour of it it will then carry weight in planning decisions. There are 18 parish and town councils in HDC and half are now in the process of producing NPs.
38. If parishes had already produced NPs then HDC were happy to include them into the Local Plan. This version of the Local Plan gives a new formula for generating housing numbers. If the later version of the Local Plan goes through then Eversley will not have any direct sites. However, in 5 years' time there will be a review of the Local Plan and then housing numbers may increase and HDC may be looking for more sites. So Eversley should plan for is the housing numbers go up for Eversley how would they be dispersed in the parish and what benefits would the parish like to see as a result. i.e. allotments etc. It is up to the community to decide what it wants; sorting out a community need and a resolution of that need.
39. EPC has sponsored an event in May to be held to see the willingness of the community to get involved in creating a NP. There are grants available and EPC would have to put in some money as well but if it was created then when it came to the next review HDC would have to take notice of it. Details of the event will be publicised.

40. Although there are not sites at present for Eversley in 5 years' time there will be a review and if Eversley has not specified in an NP what it wants then it will not be able to have a say in what is allocated.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Todd for his contribution.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ANY ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION

41. Traffic Speeds A resident raised the issue of traffic speed in residential areas. Cllr McNeil said that another Speed Indicator Device has been ordered to support the Speedwatch team and that the team could always do with more members in order to cover more of the Village.

It was suggested that directly contacting some of the corporations of the Lorries regularly going through the village would help. EPC had contacted them before and they had sponsored a sticker programme but it was suggested that they could be contacted again to try and partner them in road safety for the village.

42. Road Signs It was noted that over the past few years there has been a lack of repair to road signs. If Hants do not have the man power then perhaps this is something we could do as a community. If we were allowed to or perhaps the Lengthmans Scheme could be used for projects such as this. **CE**

OTHER PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

43. There were no other matters and the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and for giving up their time to attend. He reminded the meeting that all Councillors' contact details are included in the Parish Magazine. He informed everyone present that they would receive a copy of the Minutes together with an invitation to the next Parish Assembly.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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

Neighbourhood Policing Update, February 2018

You can report all non emergency crime via the 101 number. In an emergency, always call 999.

Your beat team consists of officers dedicated to making your area the safest to live and bettering your quality of life.

Our beat area covers Hook, Hartley Wintney, Eversley, Rotherwick and all the out lying villages North of the M3 and up to the Berkshire Border.

You can view our current Community Priorities by visiting the Hampshire Constabulary website at www.hampshire.police.uk

Our priorities are set quarterly and are discussed at a Police and Community Together (PACT) Meeting. This meeting comprises of local councillors and other community leaders who voice your concerns which are gathered during the interim period.

Our Community Priorities are set in line with current crime trends and the concerns of the community. We work hard to proactively tackle identified concerns and we seek assistance from our partner agencies to combat identified problems with a problem solving approach.

This bulletin will be sent out regularly to all our Hampshire Alert members and aims to give you an overview of the crime and incidents which have occurred within your area. We will also use the opportunity to provide you with valuable crime prevention advice to prevent you being a victim of crime.

Crime/Incident Update,

Incident/Crime	Common M.O	Advice
Type		
10 x Anti-Social Behaviour / Neighbour Incidents	Nuisance Incidents including neighbour disputes, vehicle related nuisance and youth reports.	Always report nuisance incidents via the 101 number
13 x Burglary Non Dwelling	Including 5 x Burglaries to hangers at Blackbushe Airport. Burglaries targeting tools/power equipment.	Consider CCTV and a shed alarm. Alarmed padlocks can be used to deter access to outbuildings.
3 x Burglary Dwelling	Entry gained by forcing access and searching for jewellery and personal items. Includes 1 x Attempt only Burglary.	Consider the use of CCTV and signage to deter offender/s. Beware of the Dog signs are also beneficial. Use alarms where appropriate.
5 x Criminal Damage	Including 3 x offences whereby damage to padlocks/field gates has been effected.	Should you witness damage being committed, call 999 immediately
7 x Theft Incidents	Including 1 x Shoplifting offence, 1 x Theft of Mobile Phone and 1 x Theft of Jewellery.	Ensure your personal effects are monitored at all times and kept secure.
2 x Theft of/from Vehicle	1 x Theft from Van incident. 1 x Theft of vehicle from commercial property. Vehicle since located by police and seized for forensic examination.	Ensure vehicles are left secure when unattended. Remove valuables and secure them in properties. Consider anchoring quads and similar.

Crime/Incident Update, February 2018

Our beat covers Hook, Hartley Wintney, Eversley, Rotherwick, Mattingley, Bramshill, Heckfield and other outer lying villages. This crime/incident report advises you on crime across these areas only.

Additionally we have received 17 reported suspicious incidents. These incidents are valuable to us and assist us with our patrol intelligence. Please continue to report suspicious behaviour.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us via the following email address. You can also call 101 and ask to speak to the Hart North Rural Neighbourhood Team.

hart.north.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Top Tip:

Consider the use of timer lights to make your property look occupied even if it is not. Ensure your post is removed from the doorstep by a trusted family member or friend if you are away from your property for a significant amount of time.

Report compiled by: PCSO 13297 Nick Greenwood and PCSO
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Nick Greenwood

Ben Ingleson