

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr S Miller (Acting Chair) (SM)  
Cllr E Beckett (EB)  
Cllr E Dixon (ED)  
Cllr P Todd (PT)

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

**ACTION**

- 24 Election of Chairman for this meeting  
In the absence of the Chairman, it was necessary to agree a councillor to Chair this meeting  
**RESOLVED**  
That Cllr S Miller act as Chairman for the duration of this meeting.
- 25 Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were accepted for Cllr C Edge and Cllr K Neville both due to work commitments.
- 26 Declarations of Interests  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 27 Minutes of the Last Meeting  
The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.  
**RESOLVED**  
That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman. **SM**
- 28 Public Questions and Comments  
None.
- 29 Projects for 2019/20 and beyond The committee discussed the previously circulated list of suggested projects and also added Burial ground and clearing of Firgrove Road pathway to the list.  
**RESOLVED**  
(i) General projects - (a) to agree a list of projects to recommend to Full Council (See Appendix A)  
(b) to prioritise the top projects as:  
1. Lower Common slide (10 on list)  
2. Permanently flashing speed signs on traffic islands (9 on list)  
3. Village signs at entrances to the village. (6 on list)  
4. Bulbs for planting in a targeted area – around the Village sign (low cost option) (5 on list)  
It was felt over the next 3 years the priority on play areas should be respectively: Lower Common, Cross Green, Centre Green.  
(ii) S106 projects – that any of the projects that enhance play areas could be recommended to Full Council projects to be potentially funded by S106 (on the list nos. 1, 10, 12).
- 30 Garden Plots Tenants had complained that lots of rubbish had been left from previous tenants and enquired whether the council could have this removed.  
**RESOLVED**  
To meet the cost of up to £500 for rubbish removal at the garden plots.

To ask the tenants to pile up the rubbish in one area near the gate.

**Clerk**

31 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

Bus Shelter On 6th September an HGV Lorry was seen attempting to drive from west to east up the lay by outside the Kingsley Hotel. When the driver realised that it was impossible to do so because of the size of the lorry, he attempted to manoeuvre out. But in doing so, he significantly damaged the bus shelter, which was uprooted from the base. One of the upper supports was snapped and the impact had twisted the whole structure.

The Parish Council's grounds maintenance contractor inspected the shelter on 7th September and advised that it was beyond repair, potentially dangerous and should be taken down. The shelter was immediately taped off to prevent anyone entering it, and was dismantled and removed today.

**RESOLVED**

To write to the company that owns the HGV notifying them of the damage to the bus stop ask if the incident had been reported.

**Clerk**

Trees at Cross Green A willow tree had fallen into the pond. The cost of its removal £185+VAT has been approved under delegated powers in an emergency. The Tree Officer has approved their removal.

Overhanging Trees It was noted that trees are over hanging the signs on:

- The B3272.
- St Neots Road.

The Clerk will report on fix my street.

**Clerk**

Road Signs The following signs require repair:

- Marsh Lane.
- Signs outside Bramshill Forest have been hit.

The Clerk will report.

**Clerk**

32 Fly-Tipping

Love Lane Builders' rubble has still not been cleared been dumped. This has been reported to HDC.

33 Public Rights of Way

Love Lane, Footpath 28 A member of the public has complained that this byway open to all traffic is not clearly signed posted and is obstructed and requires cutting back and there is also fly tipping. This is to be reported HCC Rights of Way Department.

**Clerk**

Up Green, Footpath 15 Walkers had reported that this footpath is impassable with broken fence and brambles. The Clerk will write to the landowners.

**Clerk**

34 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 there was no safety issues but that the swings required some grease to prevent squeaking.

35 Volunteer Group

This item was deferred.

36 Payback Team

This item was deferred.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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

**Forward Plan**

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

## **APPENDIX A**

1. Cross Green - replacement of existing play equipment with new.
2. Cross Green – replacement of the two oldest benches by new.
3. Cross Green – pond plants to enhance the pond.
4. Wild flower planting – suggest about three or four sites in the village, e.g. around/near Cross Green pond, the triangle at Webb’s Corner, the green outside CKS. Suggestion that buddleia and hedgerow fuschia could also be planted around the pond.
5. Bulbs for planting
6. Village signs – at entrances A327, Cross Green; Longwater Road and The Street. Signs to be colourful, welcoming and identify a feature of the village, e.g. “The Water Babies village”.
7. New woodwork “gates” at the three entrances to the village noted at (6).
8. Flower baskets – suggested a walk around to identify locations, including bus stops.
9. Permanently flashing speed signs on traffic islands through Eversley Cross and Centre
10. Lower Common – slide.
11. Chequers Green – hedgehog “hotel”, e.g. with the Hedgehog Trust. Residents could be enlisted to help build.
12. Centre Green – one piece of infants’ play equipment is needed.
13. Burial Ground extension
14. Firgrove Road Footpath