

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON **TUESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2020** IN EVERSLEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM, FOLLOWING THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

PRESENT: Cllr S Dickens (Chairman) (SD)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr P Todd (PT)

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

ACTION

It is with sorrow that the Council has heard that former councillor Doug Bradley has died following some years of illness. The Council will remember him for his service to the village on the EPC and the ESA where he was extremely active. He gave so much of his time and energy to Eversley and will be greatly missed.

57 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr K Neville due to work commitments and Cllr E Beckett due to personal commitments.

58 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

59 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 7th January 2020** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

Errors

Min: 56 delete 'lower common' and replace with 'Lower Common'

RESOLVED

That, with this amendment, the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

SD

60 Public Questions and Comments

The Ford Lower Common The Ford is currently closed. It was noted that it would be helpful to have a sign at Webb's corner stating no through road.

Webb's Corner A resident had contacted EPC to ask if Hart/HCC would be responsible for restoring the grass triangle and re-planting the daffodil bulbs once the work there is complete. It was noted that EPC will take all steps to ensure that HCC have the triangle levelled, but it is unlikely that the County Council will replant the area. That said, the Parish Council will consider doing so as part of its scheme of bulb and wildflower planting that is planned for this year.

61 Pavement treatment

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £110+VAT to treat pavement and remove moss at the bus stop, Reading Road.

62 Bench – Cross Green

The committee reviewed the quotes received.

RESOLVED

- To use the payback team to re-concrete the picnic bench at Cross Green.
- To approve up to £850 for a memorial bench and installation, of recycled material similar to those already in place, and plaque, dedicated to former Cllr Doug Bradley. This is to be positioned at Cross Green/Cricket Ground perimeter, subject to Eversley Cricket Club's agreement. The Clerk will write to ECC.

Clerk

63 Speedwatch team

RESOLVED

- That the Speedwatch team will continue to be managed by residents with assistance from the Open Spaces Chair if needed.
 - The Clerk will get costs for the equipment needed such as padlocks for approval at the next meeting.
- Clerk**

64 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

Flooding issues There had been flooding issues in the Village, following the heavy rain particularly on the footpath by The Fielders. HCC are contacting the landowners. EPC continues to speak to Highways and HCC to get the situation rectified.

Chequers Lane The hedges on Chequers Lane have been flailed which has greatly improved access and visibility.

Kerbs around the Bus Stop The kerbs on the island by the bus Stop, opposite Kingsley Road, are broken and coming away from the pavement. This is to be reported to Highways.

Clerk

Lower Common A fir tree came down at Lower Common but has been removed

65 Fly-Tipping None to report.

66 Public Rights of Way

RESOLVED

To report footpaths or rights of way in need of attention to the appropriate body (HCC or landowner).

Footpath 17 The alleyway on footpath 17, off Kingsley Road is being obstructed by vegetation. EPC will write to the landowner.

Clerk

Footpath 19 An oak has fallen across it at the Chequers Lane end.

67 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 were no safety issues.

iii) Some minor issues were noted which are also included in the repair work list on the next item.

68 Annual Play Area Inspection

RESOLVED

a) The committee reviewed the Annual Inspections and were happy to see that nothing was high risk.

b) To do minimal repairs at Cross Green since it is to be replaced in the next financial year. With the following minimal repairs to be undertaken by Nick Robins Ltd:

- Fence around the playground two slats to be replaced. Total cost 25.00.
- Replacing post including post mix 25.00.
- cutting foliage from around the fence line is 40.00 plus VAT
- to raise the canopy of the tree is 30.00 plus VAT

For the remaining 3 Play Areas to approve cost of repairs and maintenance of £3,042+VAT to be undertaken by Playscene Ltd.

69 Payback Team

The Chair had spoken to the team leader and there had been a slight price increase to £90 per session. Going forward the team would continue to visit twice a month.

RESOLVED

- To get the team to re-concrete the bench and to clear the copse at Cross Green.

- That the Committee will decide on further projects at the next meeting.

31.3.2020

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.18pm.

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
31st March 2020 at 7.30pm at Eversley Village Hall	Open Spaces Committee	