

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2021**

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

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

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council
HCC – Hampshire County Council
EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

92 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted for Cllr D Deane due to personal reasons.

93 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

94 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 1st December 2020** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman. *(note these will be signed electronically and signed in person at the next Council meeting held in person).* **CE**

95 Public Questions and Comments

Village Gateways Cllr McNeil reported that he had spoken to Andy Smith (HCC) and that he may be able to assist with the Village Gateways project in the next financial year. He had also found some possible sources for funding towards the project.

96 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

RESOLVED

- i) To approve the cost of £225+VAT for clearing the ditch that borders EPC land at Lower Common.
- ii) To approve the cost of £125+VAT to remove fallen tree in the pond at Cross Green.
- iii) To report a fallen tree at the western side of Fox Lane to the landowner. The Chairman will send a photo to the Clerk to report. **Clerk**

97 Fly-Tipping

Reporting Fly Tipping It was noted that anyone can report fly tipping on the website fix my street. It is helpful to have a picture and location.

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Hampshire>

98 Public Rights of Way

Rights of way Booklet Cllr D Deane has looked at the footpaths on Parish online. The weather has made it difficult to get out and walk/survey the footpaths capturing data around accessibility and conditions underfoot, however councillors are committed to do this shortly. **DD/SH/AM/CE**

The committee felt that an online booklet that can be accessed via the website would be the best course of action. It was noted that not many circular walks had been identified.

Footpath 24 EPC has received a query from Yateley Town Council, on behalf of ESA and the Hockey Club to ask if there could be a footpath to link Eversley to Yateley. Councillors noted that there is footpath 24 that

does already link them but that it is often impassable due to flooding. HCC have said that they are aware of the need to resolve the reoccurring flood issue. It has been added to a capital works programme for 2021/22. The Clerk will ask HCC what they are planning to do to address the flood issue. **Clerk**

The Bluebell Wood/ Lower Eversley Copse A representation of the Three Castles Path had asked about access to the Bluebell Woods. The Chairman will contact the landowner CEMEX to enquire about this. **CE**

Bridleway 502 A resident had contacted the council as they had been unable to access Bridleway 502 from Hall's Way. The committee noted that Hall's Way is a private road and so there would be no right of access and to do so would be trespassing. Bridleway 502 should be accessed by footpath 1, Moulsham Green, in Yateley north across the river. It was noted that it would be an idea to have Hall's Way dedicated as a right of way or a bridleway and the Chairman will ask the landowner CEMEX to consider doing so. **CE**

99 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for October and November 2020 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 but that the swings required some grease.

The Clerk will ask the Grounds maintenance contract if he can do this.

Clerk

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.07pm.

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

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