

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2021**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr S Hughes, Cllr A McNeil, 1 member of the public and Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

112 Apologies for Absence

None.

113 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

114 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 23rd February 2021** 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 a social distance shortly following the meeting).* **CE**

115 Public Questions and Comments

Litter A member of the public had been clearing litter in Bluebell Woods and would welcome the Parish Council expanding on this and having further volunteers. They would also welcome litter picking initiatives such as Yateley had undertaken.

The Chairman explained that this CEMEX land is outside of the Parish Council's jurisdiction as it is private land but thanked him for his work in keeping this area tidy. On a more general note the Parish Council intends to restart the volunteer group within the village as soon as Covid-19 restrictions permit.

Village Event A member of the public was keen to hold a family music event in the village.

(See also Min: 117)

Replanting trees A member of the public had contacted the Clerk and asked if there was to be a tree replanting scheme, following the removal of quite a few fallen, dead or diseased trees from around Cross Green Pond. The Committee will bear this in mind. (See also Min: 118)

Warbrook Roundabout A member of the public had asked if the Warbrook roundabout could be made to look more attractive.

It was noted that this would be Highways' responsibility. The Clerk will enquire with Highways about this and ask about the roundabout adoption scheme and if the Lengthsman scheme can be used for such a purpose. **Clerk**

Play Area Survey The Clerk reported that the Cross Green New Play Area Survey should be ready in time to be sent out to residents by the Annual Assembly next week.

At 8pm 1 member of the public left the meeting.

116 Change to order of meeting

The Chairman proposed changing the order of the meeting.

RESOLVED

To suspend standing orders and change the order of the agenda and to take item 12 next.

117 Village event

The Council considered the request to hold an event on the village green by Centre Green play area. It was noted that the consensus was that it was a good idea but that consideration would need to be given to appropriate insurance and risk assessments and how numbers and parking would be managed. First Aid and security may also be considerations.

- It was agreed that the Clerk would provide further information to the resident, of groups or venues that may be able to assist. This matter could be returned to once further information was known.

Clerk

118 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

Hollybush Lane It was noted that there is a tree leaning dangerously into the road. This will be reported to Highways. **Clerk**

Replanting trees EPC will ask advice from the Grounds maintenance contractor and HDC with regards to the replanting of trees around Cross Green Pond. **Clerk**

Cross Green Pond The Chairman will speak to the pond contractor regarding current low water levels. **CE**

119 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>

HDC now have Environmental Enforcement Officers and you can report Litter hotspots using the link below. www.hart.gov.uk/report-litter-hotspot

Fox Lane Suspected asbestos has been dumped on Fox Lane. This will be reported. **Clerk**

The Ford Litter has been left from a large number of visitors to the Ford. The police had been in attendance. EPC will install the additional bin in this area shortly.

Bin overflowing It was noted that the bin by the Kingsley Bus Stop had been filled up with household waste.

120 Bins

RESOLVED

• The Council considered the request from a resident regarding placing bins in the Bluebell woods. As previously noted, (Min: 115) the CEMEX land is outside of the Parish Council's jurisdiction as it is private land.

- To ask HDC if they can place another bin near Bramshill Forest, perhaps a dog waste bin. **Clerk**

121 Waste Management

The Clerk had reported that over the last year there had been frequent additional weight charges for overweight bins.

RESOLVED

That the bin size is adequate for EPC's needs and to purchase a padlock to make the bin more secure and prevent fly tipping into it.

122 Bench

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £195+VAT to repair a bench by Cross Green pond.

123 VE DAY

RESOLVED

That the 'Tommy' statues should be sited on EPC land on Cross Green by the Village sign and on the green in front of the Village Hall, subject to Highways' permission. The Clerk will request Highways' permission.

Clerk

124 Keep Britain Tidy - 2021 Great British Spring Clean campaign,

It was noted that the Great British Spring Clean campaign runs from 28th May-13th June 2021. The Council discussed taking part.

RESOLVED

- To take part in this year’s campaign.
- To approve up to £250 for litter picking equipment which can also then be used by the Volunteer Group.
- To draw up safety advice/guidelines for participants.
- To promote the event in Parish Magazine, EPC’s website, school newsletters and Eversley Matters.

125 Public Rights of Way

- There were no footpaths or rights of way reported as in need of attention.

Rights of way Booklet update:

- Councillors had been assigned paths to walk.
- Cllr Dixon offered to do the overlays.
- The old booklet would be used as a template as well as putting walks on the website.
- Cllr Hughes had written a walking route which was published in the parish magazine.
- The Clerk will obtain further quotes for printing.

**ALL
ED**

Clerk

126 Annual Play Area Inspections

The committee had previously reviewed the Annual Play Area Inspection reports. It was noted that all the items were low risk. Costs had been obtained for the repairs.

RESOLVED

- To approve the cost of repairs, apart from work at Cross Green as this is shortly to be replaced, at a total cost of £1,797+VAT.

127 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for February and March 2021 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.

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

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

.....

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
TBC at Annual Meeting on 4 th May	Open Spaces Committee	