

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2021**

PRESENT: Cllr C Edge (Chairman) (CE)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr A McNeil (AM) (Substitute for Cllr D Deane)

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Routley (Clerk),

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

17 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Deane had nominated Cllr A McNeil as his substitute to take his place at tonight's meeting as he knew he would be absent.

RESOLVED

- To accept Cllr A McNeil as a substitute for this committee meeting.
- To accept apologies for Cllr D Deane due to personal commitments.
- To accept apologies for Cllr K Neville due to work commitments and for Cllr S Hughes due to personal commitments.

18 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

19 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 20th July 2021** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CE

20 Public Questions and Comments

The Fielders A member of the public had noted that the hedge by The Fielders had been cut back but a lot of debris had been left.

21 Cross Green

RESOLVED

i) An action plan had previously been circulated to all councillors. The actions would be worked on between now and Christmas with a view to the project being completed by the Spring.

ii) Necessary actions from the plan

The Chairman will follow up on the pond clearance.

CE

iii) To approve the cost of a Tree survey at a cost of £585+VAT. It was noted that this is also to include a replanting plan and to check for any Ash trees with Ash die back.

iv) This item was deferred until after a site visit with the grounds maintenance contractor takes place and will be returned to at the next meeting.

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- 22 Litter Bins
i) **RESOLVED**
To continue with weekly bin collections in high use areas until the end of October and to approve this additional cost of £110 per month.
- 23 Community Litter Pick
RESOLVED
- To do another Community Litter Pick on Saturday 30th October 2021 from 10am-12pm. **ALL**
 - This will be advertised. **Clerk**
 - If additional equipment is required EPC will ask Yateley Town Council if theirs can be borrowed. **Clerk**
- 24 Annual Play Area Inspector
RESOLVED
- i) To remain with the same company, The Play Inspection Company Ltd, for the Annual Play Areas Inspection.
- ii) To request that the inspection should ideally be around the end of October.
- 25 Goal post – Chequers Green
The Council had received quotes for a new goal post at Chequers Green.
- RESOLVED**
To approve the cost of £538.75 to supply and £175 to install a goal at Chequers Green.
- 26 Tommy Statues
The Clerk noted that she was awaiting the licence from Highways in order to install the Tommy Statue by the Village Hall.
- RESOLVED**
That the Tommy statues should be installed by 23rd October ready for Remembrance Day. They are to be positioned on the grass verge by the Village Hall and next to the sign at Cross Green.
- 27 Lengthsman Scheme
Footways from Village Hall along The Street The undergrowth along these footways has grown out and made the footway narrow to walk along. The Clerk will contact see if the Lengthsman scheme could be used to clear them. **Clerk**
Planting at Cross Green The Clerk is to obtain prices and see if the Lengthsman scheme could be used for replanting around the pond area at Cross Green. **Clerk**
- 28 Burial ground
It was noted that the Grounds Maintenance contractor had repaired the soil box, free of charge so there was no cost to approve. The Council expressed its thanks. The Council would also like to thank the member of the public who tidied the hedge at the Burial Ground.
- 30 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches
i) Overgrown hedges around Chequers Green The hedges surrounding Chequers Green are overgrown and are on land owned by several different landowners.

RESOLVED

EPC will contact the landowners and request they cut back the hedges. For the sections of land owned by EPC quotes will be obtained to complete the work. **Clerk**

ii) To report any issues, including the identification of key problem ditches and culverts It was noted that the ditches and culverts running east to west on Marsh lane were an issue.

RESOLVED

To clear Ask Highways to investigate and if they will not do it the EPC could look at meeting the cost. The County Councillor will also be copied. **Clerk**

Footways from Village Hall along The Street As mentioned under Minute 27, it had been agreed to use the Lengthsman Scheme to clear the footways along these stretches.

31 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 to whom litter hotspots can be reported using the link below. www.hart.gov.uk/report-litter-hotspot

Lower Common The Litter Picker had reported, via the Clerk, 3 instances of oil drums being dumped at Lower Common. This has been reported to HDC and EPC suggested that this would be a good place to for HDC to put up their litter CCTV camera.

Dead Horse A dead horse in a layby had been reported to the Clerk. This had been reported to several organisations and has now been cleared.

32 Public Rights of Way

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £150+VAT to clear footpath 23. **Clerk**

33 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for June, July and August 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 and to note that the graffiti has now been cleared.
- ii) To approve the cost of £190 + VAT to repair the steps on the slide at Centre Green.
- iii) To approve up to £800 to remove and replace 2 benches at Cross Green.

34 Planning Applications

RESOLVED

To note receipt of the following and, where appropriate, to forward the comments listed below to HDC or HCC. **Clerk**

a) 21/02195/LDC Safari Engineering Ltd Reading Road Eversley

Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development for the use of land as an extension to the site used for E(G) and B2 workshop units with ancillary storage and sale, including storage and sales of motor vehicles and components.

EPC Comments: EPC would ask that, because the site's use has only been as an extension of the existing business on the adjacent plot, the application decision should record that the extended site is considered

to be a single planning unit, which should not be subdivided without the permission of the Local Planning Authority.

35 War Memorial

The Council reviewed the quotes to refurbish of the War Memorial.

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £290+VAT submitted by Nick Robins Ltd, to make and install lead cappings for the War Memorial Cross.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.58pm.

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
9 th Nov at 7.30pm at Charles Kingsley's School	Open Spaces Committee	