

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2022**

PRESENT: Cllr C Edge (Chairman) (CE)
Cllr D Deane (DD)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)
Cllr S Hughes (SH)

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

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

47 Apologies for Absence

None. But as previously noted at Full Council on 1st February 2022, Cllr K Neville has resigned and therefore there is a vacancy on the Council and this Committee.

48 Declarations of Interests

None.

49 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 9th November 2021** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CE

50 Public Questions and Comment

None.

51 Progress on actions

The Clerk had previously circulated a list of progress on actions.

The committee noted progress on the actions, in particular:

- The Committee wishes to thank Collard Group Ltd and Eversley Storage for their kind donations towards the new Cross Green Play Area.
- Cllr McNeil had met with HCC and toured the village to determine possible sites for Village Gateways.

RESOLVED

To note the list and for all to make progress on the actions for which they are responsible.

ALL

52 Grounds Maintenance Contract

There had been an extensive tender appraisal when awarding the original 3 year contract and the contract has a clause to extend the current contract by 2 years. The Council felt that best value for money would be achieved by extending the current contract by 2 years.

RESOLVED

To make recommendations to Full Council to extend the contract by 2 years, as per contract clause.

53 Lengthsman Scheme

RESOLVED

- i) To approve using £175 of the Lengthsman Scheme to remove the weeds, treat moss etc and generally tidy up the roundabout by Warbrook House and the 3 islands.
- ii) To approve using £175 of the Lengthsman Scheme to treat/remove the moss on the pavement by the bus stop opposite Centre Green.

54 Bin by the Kingsley

RESOLVED

- i) To approve to remove the bin opposite Kingsley Road and replace it with a lidded bin nearer to the bus stop;
- ii) To approve up to £485 +VAT for the work above.

55 Cross Green

RESOLVED

- i) An action plan had previously been circulated to all councillors. The actions would continue to be worked on with a view to the project being completed by the Spring. The Contractors are due to begin work on the new Play Area at Cross Green in March 2022.

- ii) Necessary actions from the plan

- To follow up on the pond clearance.

CE/Clerk

- iii) Overgrown brambles

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £1,885.00 plus VAT to clear all the overgrown brambles etc from around the pond plus clearing a line up to the tree line to allow the area to be used as a recreation area.

- iv) Jubilee Oak

RESOLVED

- To approve a budget of up to £275+VAT for a Jubilee Oak and £85+VAT for planting
- To approve up to £160+VAT For a Royal British Legion plaque
- It was decided not to apply to HDC for a Jubilee Grant towards this but to leave the grant for other community groups to make use of.

- v) Village sign

RESOLVED

To approve to reimburse the cost of materials up to £450+VAT (labour free of charge) upon receipt of invoices. This is to renovate the existing sign or to make a new sign if it is beyond repair.

56 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

- i) Hedge opposite Grensell Close

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £395+VAT to cut back the section of hedge that has not been cut back - opposite Grensell Close junction.

- ii) Tree Saplings

EPC had successfully applied for 30 free tree saplings as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

RESOLVED

- That the saplings should be planted around the copse at Cross Green where the Grounds maintenance contractor felt would be most suitable.
- EPC will obtain a quote for planting to bring to Full Council for approval so the saplings can be planted as soon as they are delivered. **Clerk**

iii) Fallen Trees

RESOLVED

- To note the emergency cost of £190+VAT to fell a fallen tree at Lower Common.
- To approve the cost of £690 to fell a leaning tree at Lower Common.

iv) Dragon's teeth

RESOLVED

To note the emergency cost of £45+VAT to replace the dragon's teeth hit by a motorist.

v) There were no other issues.

57 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

Glaston Hill Road The Litter Picker had reported that digger dumper buckets had been fly tipped into the ditches on this road. The Clerk had reported to HDC.

Abandoned vehicle It was noted that there is an abandoned vehicle on Warbrook Lane.

B3272 There is a large amount of fly tipping on the side of the road on the 50mph stretch of the B3272. This has been reported several times to HDC.

58 Public Rights of Way

- There were no footpaths or rights of way in need of attention that the committee was aware of.

Rights of way Booklet update:

- Some Councillors still need to walk their assigned paths. **ALL**
- The Clerk will obtain updated quotes for printing. **Clerk**
- A resident offered to help with the project and producing the maps.
- The booklet needs to be completed and put together digitally.
- EPC will check what permissions might be required for QR codes on footpath signs. **Clerk**

59 Annual Play Area Inspections Annual Play Area Inspection

a) Annual Inspections

RESOLVED

The committee reviewed the Annual Inspections and noted that all items were low risk.

- b) The priorities for repair work were deferred until the committee could review the areas. **CE**

60 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for October and November 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 no issues were identified.

61 Planning Applications

RESOLVED

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

Clerk

HCC Application

- a) Planning Consultation – HRH003 – Blackbushes Road, Hartley Wintney and land to the west of Blackbushes Road
 Realignment works and alterations to the northerly section of Blackbushes Road including the addition of a fourth arm on the A30/A327 Hartford Bridge Flats junction roundabout, plus changes to street lighting, road lining, road signing and drainage and new boundary fencing alongside the western and eastern boundaries at Blackbushes Road, Hartley Wintney and land to the west of Blackbushes Road
 EPC Consultee comment: Eversley Parish Council (EPC) welcomes the long awaited improvement and would remind HCC that it had used funding intended for traffic mitigation measures in Eversley on the original works, which are outside Eversley.
 EPC firmly believes that HCC have an obligation to find the funding to carry out mitigation measures in Eversley. The proposals for further high levels of housing growth in Wokingham Borough, that will add further traffic pressures to Eversley’s existing highway problems, emphasises the need for specific traffic management projects in Eversley.

HDC Applications

- b) 22/00184/HOU The White House Eversley Centre Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey side extension and alterations to windows and doors to the rear elevation.
 EPC Consultee comment: no comment
- c) 22/00179/LBC New Cottage The Street Removal of internal load bearing wall between kitchen and utility room, raise utility room floor by 7.62 centimetres (3 inches) to match height of kitchen floor, Installation of new combi boiler and removal of old configuration, Installation of new floor coverings, removal of laminate floor covering and replacement, removal of MDF skirting and architrave, re-plastering of kitchen / utility room, replacement of fuseboard and partial rewire, removal and replacement of existing kitchen, removal of toilet and sink, installing new shower room.
 EPC Consultee comment: no comment

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 9.04pm.

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

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
8 th March at 7.30pm at Charles Kingsley’s School	Open Spaces Committee	