

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2021**

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

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

Abbreviations:

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

ACTION

36 Apologies for Absence

None.

37 Declarations of Interests

None.

38 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 21st September 2021** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

CE

39 Public Questions and Comments

Community Litter Pick The 'Pick and Treat' community litter pick on 30th October had gone well. The Council thanked residents for taking part and helping to care for their community.

Issues in Eversley Cllr McNeil would be taking T Davies (HCllr) on a tour of the parts of the village that continued to experience long standing flooding and road and traffic problems.

Flooding/Sewage issues A resident had contacted EPC with concerns that a sewage pipe had overflowed near The Fielders. The resident had been given the appropriate contact details.

Road Closure It was noted that 'The Street', Eversley will be closed from 15th November 2021 for up to 4 weeks for flood-prevention work to take place.

40 Progress on actions

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

The committee noted progress on the actions, in particular:

- The new slide at Lower Common had been installed.
- The 2 new bins had been installed.
- The 2 'Tommy's' silent soldiers had been installed.
- Garden Plot fence had been repaired.
- Goal post for Chequers Green had been delivered and just needs to be installed.
- Tender for Cross Green Play Area has been issued with a deadline of 26th November.
- Footpath 23 has been cleared.

RESOLVED

- To note the list and for all to make progress on the actions for which they are responsible. **ALL**
- Completed items will be taken off the list. **Clerk**

41 Lengthsman Scheme

RESOLVED

To approve using £250 of the Lengthsman Scheme to clear the footway from the Village Hall to The Street.

42 Cross Green

RESOLVED

i) An action plan had previously been circulated to all councillors. The actions would continue to be worked on between now and Christmas with a view to the project being completed by the Spring. The Tender for Cross Green Play Area has been issued with a deadline of 26th November 2021.

ii) Necessary actions from the plan

- To follow up on the pond clearance. **Clerk**
- To follow up on a quote for the hedge and undergrowth clearance. **Clerk**
- To obtain a quote for a Jubilee Oak Tree as part of the replanting programme. **Clerk**
- To obtain quotes for repainting the Village Sign. **KN/Clerk**

iii) Wildflower Area This item was deferred as further quotes needed to be received. **25.1.2021**

43 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

i) Hedge at the Fielders The landowner had arranged for the hedge to be cut back but residents had complained that debris had been left and damage had been done to the road and footway.

RESOLVED

To write to the landowner to say that EPC and residents were disappointed with the quality of the work and that damage had been done to parts of the kerb. There was an expectation that it would be done sympathetically.

Clerk

i) There is a part of hedge that has not been cut back - opposite Gressell Close junction.

RESOLVED

To write to the landowner explaining that this section of hedge still needs to be addressed and that EPC's Grounds Maintenance contractor has quoted £395+VAT to do the work and would they be happy to reimburse. **Clerk**

ii) Copses at Chequers Green

RESOLVED

To approve the cost of £750+VAT to cut back the copses at Chequers Green

iii) Other issues

Warbrook Roundabout To get a quote to clear the weeds and see if the Lengthsman scheme can be used for this.

Bin by the Ford To get a quote to cut back undergrowth around the new bin at lower common so it is visible.

Marsh Lane ditches To ask the landowner to clear the ditches on the East side and to clear the overgrown path on the west side or offer to clear and invoice him.

44 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

Community Litter pick Some fly tipping had been noticed and reported as part of the community litter pick on 30th October.

45 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 further quotes for printing.

Clerk

46 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for September 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, since the report, the fence and steps by the slide at Centre Green had both been repaired.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 8.41pm.

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

Forward Plan

| Date | Meeting | Draft Items |
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| 25 th Jan at 7.30pm at Charles Kingsley's School | Open Spaces Committee | |