

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE** OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT CHARLES KINGSLEY'S SCHOOL AT 7.30pm ON **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

PRESENT: Cllr D Deane (DD)  
Cllr E Dixon (Chairman for this meeting) (ED)  
Cllr S Hughes (SH)

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

*Abbreviations:*

HDC – Hart District Council

HCC – Hampshire County Council

EPC – Eversley Parish Council

**ACTION**

62 To Elect a Chairman

Since the Chairman was absent the Committee elected a Chairman for this meeting. Cllr Dixon was proposed and seconded and elected unanimously as Chairman for the meeting.

63 Apologies for Absence

**RESOLVED**

To approve apologies from Cllr Edge due to work commitments.

64 Declarations of Interests

None.

65 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022** had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**ED**

66 Public Questions and Comment

Ukraine Appeal The Clerk had been contacted by the Ukraine Refugee Appeal 'Warm Hugs' which had been set up by a resident and was organising a donation hub in Yateley. EPC will publicise this wherever possible.

67 Progress on actions

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

The committee noted progress on the actions, in particular:

- The Contractor will begin work on the new Cross Green Play Area on 18<sup>th</sup> March. EPC will include an update on the project, with pictures, on the website, parish mag and noticeboard. **Clerk**

**RESOLVED**

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

**ALL**

68 Jubilee

**RESOLVED**

- i) To purchase jubilee decorations at a cost of up to £500.

That they should be restricted to a small area. Councillors will advise where to put the decorations and how much is required after reviewing the area this weekend.  
**ED/DD/SH**

It was noted that volunteers would be required to put up the decorations.

- ii) The committee reconsidered the need for a public celebration.

**RESOLVED**

That EPC would not be organising a public celebration but would encourage the community to celebrate.

69 Cross Green

- i) Village Sign

Upon inspection the old post was rotten and therefore would required replacing. Quotes had been received.

**RESOLVED**

To approve the cost of £350 to replace the post with an oak post, cemented in and to install the sign, once completed.

- ii) Play Area sign

**RESOLVED**

To approve up to £150 for a permanent sign acknowledging the donations towards the play area.

- iii) Redundant swing

**RESOLVED**

To allow a request for the redundant swings on the proviso that a disclaimer is signed acknowledging that EPC considers the swings are end of life and that it takes no responsibility for their condition.

- iv) other actions

No other actions were required at present.

70 Trees, hedges, verges and ditches

- i) Fallen trees

**RESOLVED**

- To approve the cost of £625+VAT to remove fallen trees following the recent storms.
- The Clerk will check whether this can be claimed on the insurance and if not to proceed with instructing the contractor. **Clerk**
- The Tree Officer will also be asked for permission prior to work commencing as it is in a conservation area.

- ii) Other issues

Marsh Lane The Clerk asked if councillors could mark on a map the ditches and path that requires clearing on Marsh Lane. **All**

There is also a fallen sign on Marsh lane that will be reported. **Clerk**

Flooded footway It was noted that the footway by The Fielders was again flooded. EPC will contact the landowner and see if the field could be drained to prevent the pavement from flooding. **Clerk**

72 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](http://www.hart.gov.uk/report-litter-hotspot)

Glaston Hill Road The Litter Picker had reported that building rubble had been fly tipped on this road. The Clerk had reported to HDC.

Abandoned vehicle EPC will check if the abandoned vehicle is still on Warbrook Lane. **AM/ED**

B3272 There is still 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.

### 73 Public Rights of Way

i) Footpath 24 EPC will check as to the status of Hampshire's promised work on the footpath which was scheduled for this financial year. **Clerk**

ii) Rights of way Booklet

- The item to approve printing costs was deferred as not all quotes had yet been received.
- Councillors put together a checklist for what needs to be checked on the walks **ED**
- Councillors still need to complete their assigned walks and a resident had also offered to help.

**ALL**

### 74 Annual Play Area Inspections Annual Play Area Inspection

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

ii) The item to decide which company to use for Play Area Inspections for 2022-23 was deferred until further quotes were received.

### 75 Play Area Inspections

The play area inspections for December 2021 and January 2022 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 query whether there was an issue with the steps by the slide at Centre Green as this has a cross against it on the report.

### 76 Planning Applications

**RESOLVED**

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

a) 22/00350/HOU Warbrook Cottage Warbrook Lane Erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension and side extension.

EPC Consultee comment: EPC notes that the differences between this application and application number 21/02630/HOU are minimal and do not make any serious effort to address the reasons for refusal of that application. For instance, the removal of the glass balustrades around the flat roof terrace, do not preclude its future use as a terrace since the access doors are still included in the application.

EPC also notes that Local Planning Authorities have the power, in their discretion, to refuse to register a repeat planning application where a similar proposal has previously been refused planning permission either by itself or on appeal. Guidance set out in Circular 08/2005 states that the reason why this discretion has been given to councils is to prevent applicants trying to wear down opposition by submitting repeated applications. Since HDC has not refused to register this

application, EPC presumes that HDC deems the minor amendments to be a genuine attempt to take account of objections to earlier proposals.

However, EPC can see little that would alter materially the considerations laid out in the Report on Application 21/02630/HOU or on its conclusion, save for the removal of the reference to “the proposed roof terrace”. Just as before, EPC objects to this latest application on grounds of over-development; adverse impact on the character and street scene; adverse impact on the amenities of the immediate neighbour; the “virtual” additional residential unit and the double entrance driveways. It also, objects to the layout of the proposed two storey western extension, which appears to be an entirely separate residential unit with its own access and a single, contrived door linking the unit to the dining/family room of the extended property.

There being no further items for discussion the Chair closed the meeting at 9.08pm.

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

**Forward Plan**

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
19 <sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Charles Kingsley’s School	Open Spaces Committee	