

EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Monday 14 October 2024 at 6.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall

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The members listed below are summoned to attend the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Committee Members

Councillor Steven McCormick (Chair)
Simon Durrant, Epsom Downs Racecourse
Councillor Bernice Froud
Sarah Rayfield, British Horse Society
Alex Stewart, Epsom Downs Riders Protection Society
Nigel Whybrow, Training Grounds Management Board

Representatives invited to attend

Caroline Baldock, Epsom Equestrian Conservation Team	Nick Harrison, Tattenham & Preston Residents' Association
Richard Balsdon, College Ward Residents' Association	Tom Sammes, Epsom Downs Racecourse
Jane Clarke, Woodcote Epsom Residents' Society (WERS)	Stuart Walker, Epsom Golf Club
Bob Eberhard, Epsom and Ewell Cycle Action Group	James Vincenti, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club
Nick Lock, Epsom Civic Society	Roger Marples, Epsom Downs Model Aircraft Club

Yours sincerely



Clerk to the Conservators

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Agreed by the Epsom and Walton Downs Consultative Committee: **17 March 2014**

Ratified by the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators: **22 April 2014**

Terms of Reference:

To provide a means of regular consultation:-

- (a) on the future management and control of the tracks, rides, paths and areas for hack riding;
- (b) on the rights of horse riders on Epsom and Walton Downs pursuant to Section 15 of the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984 and the byelaws made under the Act; and
- (c) on any other matters affecting the use and enjoyment of the Downs by the public.

Membership (voting rights)

The Committee shall comprise:

- (a) two Council members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators (“the Conservators”);
- (b) a representative of Jockey Club Racecourses Ltd;
- (c) a representative of the trainers nominated by the Epsom and Walton Downs Training Grounds Management Board;
- (d) approved representative (and substitute as appropriate) from :-
 - (1) Epsom Downs Riders' Protection Association (or such other body or bodies for the time being as in the Conservators' view represents the interests of local horse riders);
 - (2) a representative of the British Horse Society;
- (e) such other persons as the Committee may co-opt on an ad-hoc basis for such period as the Committee may determine.

Quorum

A quorum of the Committee shall be three members including one member appointed by the Conservators and one representative of either the Epsom Downs Riders Protection Association (or such substitute body as may be specified under paragraph 3(d) above) or the British Horse Society.

Constitution document

The full Constitution of this Committee (detailing the membership, voting rights, administrative arrangements and other information) is available on Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's website at the following address: <https://democracy.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=173>

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Exclusion of the Press and the Public

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the below items or should the Chair agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Committee may wish to resolve to exclude the press and public by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

Questions and statements from the Public

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AGENDA

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 7 - 12)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 25 March 2024 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

2. TRAINING GROUNDS MANAGEMENT BOARD UPDATE

The Chair to provide a verbal update from the Training Grounds Management Board.

3. ACTION TRACKER (Pages 13 - 16)

This report presents an update on the Committee Action Tracker.

4. ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Pages 17 - 20)

To discuss any issues raised by Committee Members, including the following:
Out of Control Dogs
Maintenance and Inspection of Trees in the Warren Wood

5. ISSUES RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INVITED REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 21 - 24)

To discuss any issues raised by representatives to the Committee, including the following:
Information signs
Car Park behaviour
Ice Cream Van location
Toilets on the Downs
Vending on the Downs
Antiques Fair Sign
Downskeepers' Responsibilities
Grassland Management
Reintroduction of grazing to Juniper Hill
Spoil Heaps
Potholes

6. ITEMS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CONSERVATORS

To identify any items which the Committee wishes to be brought to the attention of the Conservators at their next meeting, and nominate a spokesperson to present them if appropriate.