

Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee
Committee Meeting
Friday 12th July 2019 at 2pm
at Old Franks High Street Elsenham

<p>PRESENT: Graham Mott (GM) (EPC, P3 rep) Paul Salvidge (PS) (Meeting Chair) Moyra Jackson (MJ) (EPC) Stewart Pimblett (SP) (EPC) Heather Salvidge (HS) (Tree Warden) Margaret Shaw (MS) (Secretary) (PJ) (EPC) Dave Verlander (DV)</p>	<p>APOLOGIES:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Not present: Peter Johnson</p>	
GM initially chaired the meeting		Action
Apologies None received		
Declarations of Interest None.		
<p>Election of Officers It was noted that GM, now Chairman of Elsenham Parish Council (EPC), had been elected as our representative on Essex County Councils' Parish Paths Partnership (P3). It was noted that at the 1st EPC meeting GM & PJ were elected as representatives on EROWOS and SP, HS, MS, PS & DV were approved as co-opted members of EROWOS. PS was elected as meeting chair. MS was elected as honorary secretary. PS chaired the meeting. PS welcomed MJ to the meeting (as vice chair of EPC MJ is an ex-officio member of all sub-committees).</p>		
<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 12th April 2019 The Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record. MS will deliver the signed copy to Louise Johnson (LJ) (EPC Clerk) & MS will discuss loading our minutes onto the new EPC website with Alana Warwick(AW).</p>		MS
<p><u>Matters Arising from meeting held on Friday 12th April 2019 not on Agenda</u> <u>Planning Application Off Hall Road</u> HS investigated the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and as a result EPC submitted an addition recommendation to the planning application consultation</p>		
<p><u>Parish Council Chairman's report</u> Wallace Land Investments (WLI) have circulated a document relating to a proposal to build 100 + houses on "Land West of Elsenham" and asked for a meeting with EPC stating that they are planning a Management Plan for Alsa Wood (even though one is already extant under the S106 agreement with Davis Wilson Homes). GM urged EROWOS members to attend when the date of the meeting has been arranged. GM will circulate date. GM noted that Campbell Dunn has spotted oxlips growing on the eastern side of the WLI site. HS will investigate.</p>		
<p>Fallen tree on FP31 A tree from Alsa Wood has fallen across FP31. EPC have emailed David Wilson Homes pointing out that it is their responsibility. No reply has</p>		<p>All / GM HS PS HS</p>

<p>yet been received. PS to investigate.</p> <p>Trim trail area Elsenham Vale EPC have received a detailed A0 version of the planting plan from Crest Nicholson. HS will review and return to GM. No indication has been given when the planting will commence but EPC has chased.</p> <p>Erowos minutes and new PC website Draft EROWOS minutes will be loaded to the new PC website. This will be as soon as they are available i.e. before they are approved. EROWOS agendas will also be published. MS will speak to AW re format required. MS reported that Essexinfo.net will no longer be available to host the EROWOS website after 31st March 2020. MS to speak to AW about incorporating the EROWOS website into the PC website.</p> <p>Other matters The planning application for a Barn Conversion at Motts Hall, adjacent to FP15 has been withdrawn. NR have made some submissions to the Rush Lane Planning Application. They have asked that no houses are occupied until after the Fullers End Level Crossing has been closed and associated diversion of FP29 is in place. (probably about 2 years)</p> <p>Closure of Hall Road. There was discussion of support for Daisy May's Farm due to loss of income because of the road closure. There was no enthusiasm for council taxpayers money to be given to a commercial enterprise.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MS MS</p>
<p><u>Open Spaces</u> The Spinney A site visit will take place at the end of the meeting to discuss the emailed complaint by Mr & Mrs Mace. HS says that it is time to discuss the late summer cut with EPC grass-cutting contractors. HS to discuss with LJ HS lifted the cherry trees as requested by the EPC grass-cutting contractors. Thank you. HS circulated a list of flowering plants to be found in the Spinney Wild Flower Area. Thank you. PS will organise a working Party to cut back the overgrown FP37 adjacent to Leigh Drive.</p> <p>Alsa Wood This is being very well used and consequently FP32 and informal paths are widening.</p> <p>Elsenham Orchard - De Mandeville Green. DV has been watering the trees. Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All HS PS / All</p>
<p><u>Rights of Way (PRoW)</u> Annual Cut MS has received a reply from Robin Wallbank at ECC (14/5/19) in response to the Elsenham Footpaths Analysis Jan 2019. (see previous minutes) <i>"Thank you again for the list of paths you provided me. I have again</i></p>	

<p><i>taken your suggestions and provided those who draw up the cutting schedule layer on the interactive map with those suggestions (and plans I have drawn up from your email in order to help show your suggestions). It is hoped that those who have to “sign off” those changes will do so in good time for this year’s cutting schedule to take place. I will ask our contractors to inform me when they intend to cut the Elsenham, Parish and I will let you know when they are in the area.”</i></p> <p>GM has looked at the revised cutting schedule on the ECC website and it appears that some changes have been implemented. GM will review.</p> <p>MS to ask ECC when the Uttlesford / Elsenham cut will occur.</p> <p>SP reported that the landowners contractors have cut FP12.</p> <p>FP35 Elsenham / FP39 Henham Pete Lane contacted us to say that Friends of the Flich Way Footpath group have rerouted the footpath at Elsenham Golf Club under the guidance of ECC. It now follows the definitive line through the wood. Some regrowth is occurring along the line of path so continuing maintenance will be required. (The path is on the ECC cutting schedule)</p> <p>FP13 HS/PS have cleared a path from Fullers End to the gate. Thank you The path needs further cutting back to make it obvious. The Lime Trees are a particular problem. MJ to speak to the landowner to check that it is OK if we cut the trees back.</p> <p>FP17 A member of the public has complained that garden waste is spilling over the path & then it is blocked by nettles. PS to organise a working party and to brush cut.</p> <p>Waymarking FP4 The waymarker disc at Fullers End needs replacing. DV to organise.</p>	<p>GM MS</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>PS / All DV</p>
<p><u>Parish Paths Partnership (P3)</u></p> <p>The 2019/20 Work Proposal & Grant Application Form has been submitted & circulated.</p> <p>MS will complete and submit the P3 volunteer’s register (after obtaining permission from those whose names will be listed.)</p>	<p>MS</p>
<p><u>Tree Warden’s Reports</u> HS has circulated updates. Thank you.</p> <p>Because of the recent cutting down of mature hedges, HS circulated the details of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Tree Damage Alert.</p>	

<p><u>Village Walks</u> Good Friday Walk Friday 19th April 34 people attended for a pleasant circular walk to Stansted Mountfitchet.</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u> P3 Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council have been in contact with MS with a view to joining P3 and working together.</p> <p><u>Climate Change Emergency (CCE)</u> MS reported that UDC is being urged to declare a CCE. Part of the proposed wording includes protecting the integrity of ancient woodland. Which may afford some protection to Alsa Wood.</p> <p><u>10,000 Trees across Essex Initiative</u> MJ asked if we were aware of this. Discussion followed as to any potential tree planting sites within the village. Tye Green was a possibility.</p> <p><u>New Street Map</u> DV is working on an updated street map. It is proving difficult to fit on all the names in Elsenham Vale and the Oak Drive naming is to not yet clear. To be issued in Elsenham News in due course.</p> <p><u>New FP map</u> DV reported that there are quite significant changes around the quarry. But until the Bovis Homes site is complete there will be no point in redoing the map.</p> <p><u>Budget</u> Our budget requirements will be discussed at our October meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
<p><u>Site visit to the Spinney</u> Following an email from Mrs Mace and comments by Mrs Platt about trees in the Spinney causing shading in their back gardens it was agreed to remove 4 cherry trees and some smaller oaks & ash on the eastern edge of the Spinney. It will not create any visual impact and the habitat loss will have to be accepted. PS estimated it would cost about £1500. There is possibly some value in the Cherry Wood.</p> <p>PS will arrange to visit the affected houses with SP, confirm the trees that need to be felled and then go out to tender. PS will investigate if a felling licence is required.</p> <p>We will aim to get quotes before November for work to take place in January or February. (Finances permitting).</p> <p>Post Meeting Note The EROWOS budget for this year, ending 31 March 2020, is £1,400, none of which is spent as yet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PS / SP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PS</p>

Next meeting

Friday 18th October 2019 at 2pm at Old Franks

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From ECC PRoW Interactive Map. Key - purple outlines are PRoW on Cutting Schedule

