



Elsenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2013

Present: Mr. N Edwards (Chairman), Mr. R Bayley (Vice-Chairman), Mr. P Clear, Mr. R Franklin, Mr. P Johnson, Mrs. F Lambert, Mrs. P Lees, Miss. E Parr, Mr. S Pimblett, Mr. G Woollvin and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 9, Cllr D Morson.

Apologies for Absence: None.

18264 **Declarations of Interest** – Mr. R Bayley and Mr. D Lucas are both allotment holders and declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 20 on the agenda.

18265 Mr. Simon Drew gave a short presentation on bringing a fitness bootcamp to Elsenham. He currently runs camps in Saffron Walden, Finchingfield, Whittlesford and Hundon. In order to run the camp in Elsenham he would need the facilities of part of the playing fields, and would therefore need an agreement with the Elsenham Parish Council. The Parish Council were positive about the idea and asked Mr. Drew to contact the Parish Clerk with further details.

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18266 A resident of Hailes Wood raised his concerns regarding airport parking. Cars are parking in Hailes Wood for 2 to 3 week periods, this not only restricts parking for residents but also causes disturbances in the early hours of the morning when the cars are collected. Mrs. P Lees said she would speak to Takeley Parish Council on the best way to deal with this as Takeley are currently in the process of stamping down on airport parking in their area. The Parish Clerk will also contact Planning Enforcement at Uttlesford District Council.

18267 Mr. Segar reported that if the roses in the Memorial Gardens were to survive the winter they would need some mulch dug in around the roots.

18268 Mr. Segar stated that the crossing by the shops at Ambrose Corner was very dangerous, cars were parking on double yellow lines restricting visibility, plus cars were exceeding the 30mph limit. Mr. Segar stated that what was really

needed was a zebra crossing. The Clerk is going to contact Highways to ask if they would come and assess the situation.

18269 Mr. Segar reported that the mini roundabout needed re painting; the Parish Clerk will contact Highways.

18270 Mr. Segar reported that the sign in Stansted Road approaching the mini roundabout was obscured by bushes; the Parish Clerk will contact Highways.

18271 **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2013 having been circulated, were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

18272 **District/County Councillors Report**

Cllr. E Parr reported the ‘Fairfield’ planning application had been defeated once again, but that ‘Charles Church’ had resubmitted Hailes Wood planning application.

On the 10th December 2013 UDC are holding a Full Council meeting to discuss the proposed changes to local council tax support.

Cllr. D Morson thanked everyone who came to the planning meeting on the 20th November and helped get the ‘Fairfield’ planning application refused, it was an excellent result.

At Uttlesford’s Full Council meeting on the 10th December Cllr. D Morson is going to propose a motion of ‘No Confidence’ in the new ‘Local Plan’ - if UDC’s planning committee states that Fairfield’s 800 new homes are not suitable for Elsenham then how can they justify 2100 new homes.

18273 **Planning Committee.**

- (i) **UTT/13/0364/FUL** - Formation of a maximum 7 metre high x maximum 25 metre wide acoustic earth bund to the southern and western boundaries of the site, Motts Hall Green Street. **Refusal. The Parish Council comments stand as previously stated and we fully support UDC in the refusal of this application.**
- (ii) **UTT/13/2917/FUL** - Demolition including site clearance of 32 Hailes Wood and development of site and land adjacent to provide 32 dwellings, public car park, public play area, all association access parking landscaping and highway improvements. **Refusal. The Parish Council have submitted the report from ‘Hives Planning’ with further comments regarding access, proximity, drainage and wildlife.**
- (iii) **UTT/13/2836/FUL** - Proposed erection of 6 new houses. Land at Alsa Leys. **No Comment.**
- (iv) **UTT/13/2857/HHF** - Erection of a single storey front extension. 23 De Mandeville Road, Elsenham. **No Comment.**

- (v) **UTT/13/2960/HHF** - Erection of two storey rear extension, car port and swimming pool. The Oak Barn, Green Street, Elsenham. **No Objection.**

Decisions Made

- (i) **UTT/13/1983/FUL** - Demolition of all existing buildings and change of use of site from B2 light industrial to residential. Proposed erection of 5 dwellings and 2 cartsheds and external parking. Sawmill, Fullers End, Tye Green Road, Elsenham. **Refused**
- (ii) **UTT/13/2026/OP** - Outline application for change of use of land from residential and sui generis vehicle use to residential use with the erection of 4 new dwellings. W Barker and Son, Barker Garage, High Street, Elsenham. **Withdrawn.**
- (iii) **UTT/13/2539/FUL** - Removal of existing portacabin and link corridor and erection of new single storey extension, to create larger gymnasium suite. Elsenham Golf & Leisure Centre, Henham Road, Elsenham. **Approved with Conditions.**
- (iv) **UTT/13/2590/FUL** – Erection of new dwelling amendments to approved application UTT/1090/11/FUL. Rear of 26 New Road, Elsenham, Bishop’s Stortford. **Approved with Conditions.**

18274 Housing Development in Elsenham.

Mrs. P Lees reported that the ‘Joint Parish Council Steering Group’ are obtaining advice as to the best way to respond to the consultation and have placed an article in ‘The Elsenham News’ asking residents to wait until they have received this guidance. Leaflets will be then be delivered to every household giving suggestions on how to respond.

18275 Report on initial discussions with The Crown Estate and UDC.

Mr. P Johnson and Mr. P Clear attended a meeting on behalf of the Parish Council with Mr. S Melligan and Mr. B Simpson from ‘The Crown Estate’ and Mr. N Brown from Uttlesford District Council. The meeting was to discuss ‘The Crown Estate’ housing development off Stansted Road, Elsenham and in particular the community facilities and other provisions contained within the Section 106 Agreement.

‘The Crown Estate’ advised that their discussions with a developer were at an advanced stage and it was anticipated that contracts would be completed between them in February/March 2014. The developer would then take on the obligations of the Section 106 Agreement.

The Section 106 Agreement with ‘Gleeson Development’ (land south of Stansted Road) is at an advanced stage, with signing anticipated end of November/early December 2013. Progress with ‘Canton Ltd’ development (land west of Hall Road) is slower with negotiations still continuing regarding the contribution to education.

The funding for the new community hall and facilities will be derived from contributions from each of the three developers in the village. Uttlesford District Council proposes that the Parish Council take on the responsibility to run and manage the project to build the Community Hall.

The Section 106 Agreement calls for the owners (the Morton family), and the developers (The Crown Estate) to consult with Elsenham Parish Council to produce a management plan for the future preservation and maintenance of Alsa Wood.

It was acknowledged at the meeting that there was a clear need for a construction traffic management plan as all construction vehicles will have to travel through Elsenham High Street.

18276 Playing Field Committee.

Mr. P Clear reported that the repairs to the shelter and the salt bin have been completed, and the top dressing to the playing field had now been applied. The budget required for the playing field for 2014/15 had been agreed and been forwarded to the Finance Committee. The skate park had been discussed at the playing field meeting but more research was required before any decision could be made.

18277 Rights of Way and Open Spaces Committee Report

Mr. S Pimlett proposed that £350 is spent on the poplar tree at DeMandeville, this would include raising the crown and removing the small trunk growing from the side of the tree, Mr. P Johnson seconded, the vote was carried unanimously. Mr. S Pimlett reminded everyone about the Boxing Day walk.

18278 The following cheques and payments were approved for signing.

100107	CPRE	£ 100.00
100108	Options Hair	£ 200.00
Card	Present Lines Ltd	£ 139.99
BACS	DA & DE Newland	£ 150.55
100109	Amenity Services	£ 113.00
BACS	Earthworms	£ 350.00
BACS	Earthworms	£ 1145.00
BACS	M Burke	£ 365.00
BACS	M Smith	£ 48.00
10010	Elsenham Flower Show Society	£ 8.99
BACS	L Johnson	£ 47.94
BACS	M Burke	£ 300.00
100111/BACS	Wages	£ 819.14
100112	R Franklin	£ 10.80
BACS	M Burke	£ 854.67
100113	Elsenham Village Hall	£ 6.00

- 18279** A summary of receipts and payments were circulated, there were no questions.
- 18280** Mrs. P Lees proposed that up to £50 is spent on a shredder for use by the Parish Clerk, Mr. R Bayley seconded, and the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18281** **Parking at Oziers**
Mr. P Clear reported on the lack of parking spaces at Oziers. It was agreed that Mr. P Clear would research the cost of making more available spaces by placing hard standing on a small section of the open space green. The cost could then be discussed regarding whether to include it in next year's budget.
- 18282** Mrs. P Lees proposed that the Parish Council support in principle any application the Elsenham surgery make in applying for 'Pharmacy Status'. Mr. R Bayley seconded, the vote was carried unanimously. The Parish Clerk is to write to Elsenham surgery confirming this.
- 18283** **Seat Donated by Mr. Thomas**
Mr. Thomas asked the Parish Council if the seat in memory of his late parents could be placed at the entrance to Catts Lane footpath. The Parish Council agreed that this would be an ideal place. The Parish Clerk is to write to Essex County Highways to ask permission.
- 18284** **Clerk's Report**
Stansted Hall and Elsenham Cricket club are holding a presentation evening and asked if any of the Councillors would like to attend representing the Parish Council.
The dog waste bin by the cricket club is not being emptied; Mr. S Pimblett has now spoken to the Cricket Club asking them to make sure that this is done. A resident of the village asked if the dog waste bin situated along the path by the side of 'The Crown' public house which was not used very much could be moved further along the path, the Parish Clerk is to contact Mrs. Sue Knight at Uttlesford District Council regarding this.
The Parish Clerk informed the Parish Council that she had not received any further information regarding the new bus shelter.
The Parish Clerk informed the District Councillors that the Parish Council had not yet received the £500, from the 'New Home Bonus'.
- 18285** **Flowerbeds**
The issues raised in Mrs. A Player's email were noted by the Parish Council.

- 18286 Chapel**
The shed at the back of the Chapel has now been dismantled; Mr. P Clear proposed that up to £100 is spent on removing the bricks and making the area safe. Mrs. P Lees seconded the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18287 Parish Contractor**
It was agreed that the Finance Committee would draw up a ruling on employing a Parish Contractor that could be called on to do jobs for the Parish Council; this would then be presented to Full Council.
- 18288 Allotments**
The update on the allotments having been circulated Mr. P Clear proposed that the Parish Council discuss Option 1 with the church authorities. Mr. P Johnson seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18289 Areas in need of repair**
The Parish Clerk to write to National Rail and Highways regarding the blocked drain on the railway bridge.
There has been a lot of mud reported on Hall Road, this road is at present closed for work to be carried out; once this has been completed if the mud is still causing a problem the Parish Clerk will report it to Highways.
The Parish Clerk to contact Highways with regards to re-painting the school crossing.
- 18290 Transport**
Mr. R Franklin reported that he had given the bus survey out to lots of residents in the village that use the bus service.
Mr. J Segar asked that if the village get their new bus shelter would the Council please make sure that Highways place the shelter so it protects people from the wind. Mr. Segar asked if the bus stop by The Crown public house could be moved to lamp post 26, at present it is a very dangerous place for busses to stop, the Clerk is to report this to Mr. Scullion at Essex Highway.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 18291** Campaign Update October 2013 Stop Stansted Expansion. **Noted**
- 18292** Reply from Cllr. R Gooding, planning application UTT/13/1790/OP. **Noted**
- 18293** Making the Link – November Edition. **Noted**
- 18294** National Allotments Society Newsletter. **Noted**
- 18294** Rural Opportunities Bulletin. **Noted**
- 18295** Weekly Email News Digest 5th November 2013. **Noted**
- 18296** Youth Services Consultation Event – 12th November 2013. **Noted**
- 18297** Essex Highways Bus Shelter Station Road. **Noted**
- 18298** Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council Christmas Fayre. **Noted**
- 18299** Uttlesford Community Travel & the Peoples Millions. **Noted**
- 18230** E bulletin 8th November 2013. **Noted**
- 18231** Rough Sleeper Estimated Count 21st November 2013. **Noted**

- 18232 Assets of Community Value- The Crown Inn. **Noted**
- 18233 Planning Committee. **Noted**
- 18234 Stansted Airport Community Trust Fund. **Noted**
- 18235 Consultation on the future of supported local bus services. **Noted**
- 18236 Local Parishes meeting – Day Centre, Stansted. **Noted**
- 18237 E bulletin 22nd November 2013. **Noted**
- 18238 Aviation seminar. **Noted**
- 18239 Alan Storch – UDC Consultation on additional housing numbers and sites. **Noted**
Mrs. P Lees asked that a letter is sent to Mr. A Storch thanking him for his offer but that Elsenham Parish Council is happy with the services of Hives Planning. It was also agreed that as the Parish Council pool their responses and Mr. A Storch works for Saffron Walden Parish Council, it was a good idea to have two different reports.
- 18240 SSE Welsesomes call for an independent noise watchdog. **Noted**
- 18241 Judge ouseley to hear SSE’S high court challenge. **Noted**
- 18242 Dangerous parking in Elsenham. **Noted** The Parish Clerk is to write to Highways and the Police regarding this dangerous parking at the T-junction by the Crown Public House.
- 18243 Uttlesford District Council: New event available. **Noted**
- 18244 Parking areas for Stansted Road/Orchards. **Noted** Mr. P Johnson is to write a reply stating that the Parish Council was concerned that if all road side parking is removed from Station Road it may encourage cars to speed down this road.
- 18245 Weekly Email News Digest 25th November 2013. **Noted**
- 18246 Uttlesford CAB news. **Noted**

Items to go on next agenda (at the Chairman’s discretion, no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Next Meeting; Monday 6th January 2014 at 8.00pm held in the Memorial Hall