



Elsenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd June 2014

Present: Mrs. P Lees (Acting Chairman), Mr. P Clear, Mr. R Franklin, Mr. P Johnson, Mrs. F Lambert, Mr. D Lucas, Miss. E Parr, Mr. S Pimblett, Mr. G Woollvin and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 20, Cllr. R Gooding, Cllr. D Morson.

Apologies for Absence: Mr. N Edwards.

The Parish Clerk informed the Council that Mr. R Bayley had resigned from the Parish Council.

18517 Declarations of Interest – None.

18518 Mr. Trevor Dodkins (director of Phase 2 Planning and Development Limited), gave a short presentation on the proposed housing development on the Elsenham Nursery, Stansted Road development site. Mr. Dodkins explained that the plans were only at the draft stage and they would welcome any feedback from the residents. The plan was for 50 new houses with 40% affordable housing, the access would be via Stansted Road. The developers had conducted a tree survey and were keeping many of the original trees.

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18519 Mr. Bush asked if the hedges could be cut back along the path in Station Road from The Croft to De Mandeville Road.

18520 Mr. Segar said he was disappointed that nobody had written a report for the 'Elsenham News' on the Annual Parish Meeting.

18521 Mr. Segar reported that the grass in the Memorial Garden had been strimmed but the cuttings had not been removed. He thought the flower beds around the village were looking very nice.

18522 Mr. Segar reported that the grass in the playing fields had been cut today, but the cuttings had not been removed and were still on the path, also the lawn mower

had done wheelies on the grass. The Playing Fields Committee were asked to look in to this.

18523 A resident reported that the path from Elsenham into Stansted Mountfitchet was very over grown. The Parish Clerk is to contact Stansted Parish Council and Highways to try and get the overgrowth cut back.

18524 Cllr. D Morson said that he had recently walked from Elsenham into Stansted and had recorded 48 pedestrian hazards along the footpath.

18525 Mrs. Nolan, who was a resident of Leigh Drive, reported that residents were being disturbed late into the evenings by cars speeding in and out of the playing fields, revving engines and very loud music being played. The Council advice was to inform the police each time it happens and always get an incident number. The Parish Clerk is to write to the police informing them of the situation and to ask why there is a lack of police presence in Elsenham.

18526 **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2014, with the amendment to minute 18483 to read ‘next month’, having been circulated, was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record. The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2014, having been circulated, was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

18527 **District/County Councillors Report.**
Cllr. D Morson reported that the consultation to Uttlesford District Council’s Local Plan had now ended. The responses from Elsenham had been far greater than any of the other villages, with over 1,000.

18528 Cllr. R Gooding reported on a national issue, the changes to the ‘Care Bill Act.’ Essex County Council will have several new and revised legal duties to conform to the new act. This act will mean that no one will be forced to sell their home in their lifetime to pay for residential care.
Mr. P Johnson reported to Cllr. R Gooding that Essex Highways had still not painted the yellow lines by ‘Orchard Crescent’ in Station Road, which are to enforce Essex Highways new parking regulations; Cllr R Gooding said he would chase Highways.
Cllr. D Morson asked if there were any further developments on the decision to stop the school bus from Elsenham to Forest Hall School. Cllr. R Gooding said he had sent all the information to Mr. R Bayley. Mrs. P Lees asked Cllr. R Gooding to send the information to the Parish Clerk and to clarify exactly what actions he had taken to help get this decision reversed.

18529 **Planning Committee.**
Mr. S Pimblett had a pecuniary interest in the next item; he left the room.

- (i) **UTT/14/1258/FUL** Proposed replacement fishing lodge. Tye Green Farm, Tye Green. **Comments by Elsenham Parish Council; Approved of this planning application.**

Mr. S Pimblett returned to the meeting.

- (ii) **UTT/14/1459/FUL** Retention of railings and conservatory used in the sales complex as a permanent part of the property. 3 Orchard Crescent, Elsenham. Comment by Elsenham parish Council; **NO Comment.**

Decisions Made by Uttlesford District Council

- (iii) **UTT/14/061/FULL** Change of use from Office use (B1) to a mixed use including Church Hall use (D1) and Office use (B1). Old Franks, High Street, Elsenham. **Approve with Conditions.**

Housing Development in Elsenham.

- 18530** Mrs. P Lees stated that Elsenham Village had sent 1,015 responses to ‘Uttlesford District Council Local Plan Consultation’.

Mrs. P Lees informed the meeting that ‘Fairfield Developers’ had submitted an appeal. The reason being, that they are worried that Uttlesford District Council will not be successful in getting their ‘Local Plan’ passed.

- 18531** It was agreed that a decision, on the responsibility for the maintenance of the path at the Elsenham Sawmill development, could not be made until a meeting with the relevant authorities was held.

18532 Playing Field Committee Report.

Mr. P Clear reiterated the need to inform the police and obtain an incident number every time there was a disturbance in Leigh Drive.

18533 Rights of Way and Open Spaces Committee Report.

Tree Warden’s Report. Noted.

Mr. S Pimblett reported that the Tree Warden was still monitoring the ash trees on Parish Council land for signs of ash die back. It was very important to make sure trees were safe; recently a healthy looking horse chestnut tree had fallen on to a stationary car.

- 18534** Mr. R Franklin asked if a letter could be sent to a resident in Leigh Drive whose flower bushes had spread across the footpath.

18535 Finance Committee Report

The following cheques and payments were approved for signing.

BACS/100152	Wages	£862.18
BACS	M Burke	£956.26
BACS	Playsafety	£114.00
BACS	L Johnson	£ 4.20

- 18536** A summary of receipts and payments were circulated, there were no questions.
- 18537** Mrs. F Lambert proposed that a donation of £50 is given to the charity ‘Buffy Playbus’ Mr. S Pimblett seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18538** Mr. P Johnson proposed that Mr. P Lees is reimbursed £38, which she spent on photo copying the responses for the UDC Local Plan, Miss. E Parr seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18539** **Clerk’s Report**
Mr. P Johnson proposed that the Parish Council renew their membership to the ‘Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management’ at an annual fee of £90, Mr. R Franklin seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.
The Clerk asked if the letter to Essex Council regarding the decision to stop the school transport to Forest Hall School had been sent, Mrs. P Lees said it was being organised.
The Clerk reported that she was in the process of obtaining a quote for a ¼ pipe skate facility to be installed in the playing fields. Mr. R Franklin and Mr. M Burke, are looking into obtaining a grant to help pay for it.
Mr. M Burke is to remove the stinging nettles that are growing over the footpath in Station Road.
- 18540** Mr. P Johnson proposed that Mrs. P Lees and Miss. E Parr are both elected as members of the working group ‘To Legally Challenge UDC Regarding Hailes Wood Planning Development’, Mr. R Franklin seconded the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18541** Miss. E Parr proposed that the working group ‘To Legally Challenge UDC Regarding Hailes Wood Planning Development’ is responsible to the Finance Committee. Before any monies are spent by this working group, it must first be agreed by the Finance Committee. Mr. P Clear seconded the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18542** Mr. P Johnson proposed that Full Council delegate responsibility of the expenditure of the working group ‘To Legally Challenge UDC Regarding Hailes Wood Planning Development’ to the ‘Finance Committee’ Mr. R Franklin seconded the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18543** Mr. P Clear proposed that the Parish Council spend £198, for Pickfords Builders Ltd to supply and fit multipoint locking system and an iron lever set, to the new chapel door, Mr. D Lucas seconded the vote was carried unanimously.
- 18544** **Transport.**
Mr. R Franklin reported that both he and Mr. Segar hoped to attend the Passenger Transport meeting to be held on 27th June.

Mr. R Franklin had received information from Essex County Council that two bus services were being withdrawn on 31st June 2014, with another 6 services still under consultation. However it was reported that the majority of services were meeting their criteria, therefore subject to a successful tender process all bus services in Elsenham will remain.

18545 Mr. Segar reported that he had written a letter to Highways asking that in future when roads are scheduled for closure, Highways liaise with the bus companies giving them all the relevant information.

CORRESPONDENCE

18546 Community Forums – Dates for your Diary. **Noted**

18547 EALC E bulletin. **Noted**

18548 The Crown Estate and Freedom of Information. **Noted**

18549 Uttlesford Association of Local Council AGM 10th June. **Noted**

18550 NWEEHPA AGM 2014. **Noted**

18551 EALC E bulletin 17th May 2014. **Noted**

18552 EALC E bulletin 23rd May 2014. **Noted**

18553 Planning Committee 4th June 2014. **Noted**

18554 SSE Campaign Update May 2014. **Noted**

18555 Forthcoming Community Forums. **Noted**

18556 **Items to go on next agenda** (at the Chairman's discretion, no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).

- Parking at Oziers
- Resurfacing and pot holes in the village.
- Flooding on the bend opposite the Golf Course.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next Meeting; Monday 7th July 2014 at 8.00pm held in the Memorial Hall.