



Elsenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4 September 2017

Present Elsenham Parish Council (EPC)	Mr. S Pimblett (Chairman SP), Mr. P Clear (Vice Chairman PEC), Mr. C Dunn (CD), Mr. R Franklin (RF), Mrs. A Gleeson (AG), Mr. P Johnson (PJ), Mrs. F Lambert (FL), Mr. J Minor (JM), Dr. G Mott (GM), Mr. B Smith (BS) and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk – LJ).	
Public	19, plus Essex County Cllr. R Gooding (RG), District Cllr. P Lees (PL).	
Apologies for absence	Mrs. M Jackson (MJ).	
Minute no.	Item	Actions agreed
20205	Declarations of Interest	None
Meeting opened to public participation		
20206	There had been a lot of damage caused recently by unauthorized cars driving over the playing fields, the police have been informed. EPC have arranged for a low fence to be installed around the perimeter of the playing field. PEC and LJ are having a meeting with a security company to ascertain the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras in the playing field. It was asked if the playing field gates could be locked at night. Because of the level of threat when asking people to leave the playing fields before the gates could be locked, EPC would have to employ a security company, this would entail a charge of around £20,000 per year.	
20207	It was asked if EPC would help support the residents of Hailes Wood by opposing the planning application at 51 Hailes Wood.	This application is to be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 6 September 2017.
Meeting closed to public participation		
20208	Actions from previous minutes Highways have stated that they will not be carrying out any work at this time on the tree in Robin Hood Road, but will continue to monitor it.	Noted.

20209	<p>Minutes Council considered the minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2017.</p>	Approved by EPC, signed by Chairman as a true and accurate record.
20210	<p>District Councillors Essex Highways are waiting for Affinity Water to carry out the replacement of water mains, before they finish resurfacing the Thaxted Road. However, this road is in such a dreadful state PL and LJ have asked Highways to carry out a temporary repair, PL has also asked RG to help.</p> <p>Some elderly people in the village that receive Homecare Providers, are not receiving their allocated amount of time, they are paying for 7 hours a week and only receiving 2.5 hours. PL is gathering all the information to get this corrected, and to make sure people are getting the help they need and pay for.</p> <p>The consultation of the Draft Local Plan ended at 5pm on 4 September 2017.</p> <p>There are some problems with rubbish collection, this is mainly due to a 45% increase of bins to collect, but no increase in the amount of staff. Elsenham and Henham are allocated a set amount for refuse to be collected. Once all the new houses are occupied, EPC should ask UDC for extra funding.</p>	
20211	<p>Planning Committee Minutes from the meeting held on 10 August 2017. Minutes from the meeting held on 23 August 2017.</p> <p>UTT/17/1587/FUL Construction of a new dwelling and 2 bay car port within the garden. 51 Hailes Wood, Elsenham.</p> <p>UTT/17/2282/HHF First floor extension. 3 Markwell, Elsenham. Decision.</p> <p>Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council UTT/17/1402/HHF Proposed two storey extension. Langton, Stansted Road, Elsenham.</p>	<p>Noted. Noted.</p> <p>These two planning applications will be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on 6 September 2017.</p> <p>Approved.</p>
20212	<p>Housing Development in Elsenham Response to the draft Local Plan by Geoff Gardner. Response to the draft Local Plan by EPC. EPC had submitted two responses to the Draft Local Plan, a formal one, commissioned by Mr. Geoff Gardner, and one from the Planning Committee which commented on points which Mr. Geoff Gardner had not covered.</p>	<p>Noted. Noted.</p>

	<p>GM stated that Mr. Geoff Gardner services had been very worthwhile, he had been very accommodating and had taken on board comments from the Planning Committee, which he had added to his report, he had also laid some excellent ground work on the reasons why the Fairfield development had been objected.</p>	
20213	<p>County Councillor report.</p> <p>RG gave an update on Essex Highways. Some of the issues which had been promised at the Highways Panel meeting in March 2017, had been completed but some were still outstanding; these he said he would chase. Highways were still awaiting permission from Network Rail before the drainage work can be carried out on the bridge in the High Street.</p> <p>Some of the potholes on Thaxted Road have been marked, so temporary surface work may be carried out soon.</p> <p>RG said he had still not yet re-established the Quarry Liaison Group.</p> <p>The 7 and 7A bus service was now being operated by Galleon (Trustybus). RG would like to know any feedback on the service.</p> <p>Many of the road signs were very dirty, RG said this could be a job for the Highway Rangers.</p> <p>RG said he would look into the matter of the ash tree in Robin Hood Road.</p> <p>SP stated that there had been a lot more crime recently in and around the village, which wasn't helped by the lack of police presence.</p> <p>It was asked about why there were no street lights on the entrance road to Orchard Crescent. Street lights on all the new developments are the developers responsibility.</p>	
20214	<p>Elsenham Vale entrance</p> <p>Lorries are still having to mount the pavement to enter the Crest Nicolson site, causing immense damage to the pavement. RF asked if ECC could put in writing, that the developer must repair all the damage caused by their lorries before they vacate the site; if not it will be the tax payer that will have to pay.</p> <p>RG agreed this was a good idea and asked RF to send all the information and photographs relating to this to him.</p>	<p>PL said she would ascertain if the temporary access entrance could be widened.</p>
20215	<p>Playing field Committee</p> <p>The extension to the top car park is due to start this month, September 2017. The low fence is due to be installed after the car park is finished, but due to the</p>	

	recent problems, it may have to be done in two stages, with the first stage being completed as soon as possible. A meeting is to be held regarding the possibility of installing CCTV cameras in the playing field. Organizations such as the Tennis Club, Bowls Club, Football Club and ECA could be asked to contribute towards the cost.			
20216	Rights of Way and Open Spaces Committee Tree Warden's report Entrance to the Spinney still needs to be addressed. Network Rail Public Inquiry, regarding level crossing E05 Fullers End, is to begin on Wednesday, 18 October 2017. The footpath that runs down the side of the Crest Nicholson development has now been completed. The footpath in the Spinney still has some loose stones and requires a further rolling.			Noted. LJ to obtain quotes and add to next month's agenda. LJ to contact DWH.
20217	Finance Committee The following cheques and payments required for approval.			All cheques and payments approved for signing.
	BACS	P Clear	£64.80	
	BACS x 3	Wages	£1,364.00	
	BACS	Gardner Planning Ltd	£900.00	
	BACS	Hp Instant Ink	£24.99	
	BACS	Belton's Gardening	£133.00	
	BACS	M Burke	£201.50	
	BACS	Three Mobile	£20.52	
	100280	Elsenham Flower Show Society	£9.50	
	BACS	Affinity Water	£110.78	
20218	A summary of receipts and payments. To agree cheques and payments. FL asked about the payment to Belton's Gardening. CD asked if greater detail could be recorded in the future. Proposal , funding of £4,200 for the low fence around the Playing field to be taken from the 'Project Reserve' budget. Grants to fund the project are still to be researched, if any become available this would be a bonus.			Noted. Noted. This is a matter for the Flowerbed Committee. JM proposed, PC seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.
20219	Clerk's Report Proposal , EPC donate £100 to Citizens Advice East Herts			RF proposed, AG seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.

	RF asked why the work to tidy up around the Pump House had not been done. LJ said this was due to the odd job man being unavailable.	LJ to arrange.
20220	Transport. The new bus operators running the 7 & 7A service, is Galleon (Trustybus), who took over from Acme Travel on 27 August 2017. RF thanked 'Elsenham News' for placing the new timetable in the magazine. There have been a few issues with the new service, but RF trusted that these could be resolved.	
Correspondence Received		
20221	County Updates	
20222	Police Report 2 August 2017	
20223	Making the Link	
20224	E Bulletin 31 July 2017	
20225	Police Report 4 August 2017	
20226	Cllr. Sell, Vehicles on Grove Hill	
20227	E Bulletin 10 August 2017	
20228	Police Report 13 August 2017	
20229	Training Bulletin 10 August 2017	
20230	Thaxted Road Cllr. Lees	
20231	E Bulletin 14 August 2017	
20232	UDC Planning Agenda on 30 August 2017	
20233	Police report 20 August 2017	
20234	Parish/Town Council Liaison Forum 6 September 2017	PJ to attend, one item on the agenda was regarding the UDC new Code of Conduct.
20235	E Bulletin 21 August 2017	
20236	Police Report 27 August 2017	
Meeting opened to public participation		
20237	District Cllr. G Sell had sent a complaint to Enforcement at UDC regarding construction traffic using Grove Hill to access sites in Elsenham. Cllr. Sell stated that the vehicles were ignoring weight restrictions and the road surface was deteriorating. Planning Enforcement had replied stating that this was not within their remit and should be referred to Essex Highways or the police.	LJ to write to the Nursey development site, reminding them, that their construction vehicles should not be using Grove Hill.
Meeting closed to public participation		
Items to go on next agenda (at Chairman's discretion, no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).		
20238	Code of Conduct. Entrance to the Spinney.	LJ to add items to next meeting's agenda.
Meeting closed at 9.50pm the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 2 October 2017 at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall		