



Elsenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7th April 2014

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

Members of the Public: 11, Cllr. D Morson, Cllr. R Gooding.

Apologies for Absence: Mr. D Lucas, Mr. R Bayley.

18379 Declarations of Interest – None.

18380 **Mr. John Hurwitz.**

Mr. R Franklin said a few words on the passing of Mr. John Hurwitz.

Mr. John Hurwitz was Chairman of Elsenham Parish Council for many years, he was also a District Councillor. He made a great impact on Elsenham Village, and was instrumental in obtaining numerous grants which allowed the Council to purchase many village assets; two of the major constructions being The Elsenham Playing Field and The Village Hall and car park.

18381 **Mr. Colin Clarke.**

Mr. N Edwards said a few words on the passing of Mr. Colin Clarke.

Mr. Colin Clarke had been a Parish Councillor for over twelve years. He had been the 'Viridor Waste Management' Council's representative, and had served on the 'Uttlesford Standards Committee'. Mr. Colin Clarke was always honoured to lay the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. He resigned his post in April 2013.

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of both gentlemen.

18382 Mr. Trevor Dodkins sent his apologies; he was not at a stage in the development of his plan at Elsenham Nursery to give a presentation at tonight's meeting.

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- 18383** Mr. Jim Collins, who is the developer of ‘The Old Sawmill’ Tye Green Road, asked if the Parish Council would send a representative to the Uttlesford District Planning meeting on Wednesday 9th April 2014 to speak on his behalf in favour of this development. Mrs. P Lees agreed to attend.
- 18384** Dr. Mott conjectured that it was possible ignorance on Uttlesford District Council's part that one of the reasons ‘The Old Sawmill’ planning application was refused, referred to the danger of residents using the Fullers End rail crossing, yet some of the residents in the new Hall Road development, which has been approved, would probably also use this crossing. Dr. Mott also stated that at present ‘The Old Sawmill’ site was unsightly and the proposed development would enhance the area.
- 18385** Mrs. Braidwood made the observation that all the other developments that the village have been against, Uttlesford District Council had given planning permission for, yet the one development that the village were in favour of, ‘The Old Sawmill’, had been turned down.
- 18386** Mr. Segar asked about the plans regarding the new Essex transport infrastructure which included a new transport and passenger link to Elsenham. Mr. N Edwards said that at present this was only one of many ideas, and we would need to wait until the plans were in front of us before we could respond.
- 18387** Mrs. Asinya thanked the Parish Council for the installation of a new bus shelter in Stansted Road. She also thanked the guides for planting the daffodils around the village.
- 18388** **Minutes** – The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2014, having been circulated, was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 18389** **District/County Councillors Report.**
County Cllr. R Gooding said that in his opinion the Essex Transport Infrastructure proposals for Elsenham were not a serious proposal.
Cllr. R Gooding reported that Essex County Council was holding a consultation regarding manned school crossings. Cllr. R Gooding thought that Elsenham had a good chance of retaining the crossing patrol, due to lots of cars exceeding the 30 miles speed limit along this road and also the many junctions near the crossing.
Cllr. R Gooding asked everyone to respond to the present consultation which is due to end on the 24th April.
Cllr. E Parr added that almost 500 people had already signed the petition to keep a manned crossing in Elsenham, she would also be writing a letter to ECC in support.
Cllr. R Gooding reminded the meeting that the Tour de France would be in the Uttlesford area on the 7th July 2014.

District Cllr. D Morson reported that on the 31st March the UDC cabinet passed a decision on the revised Uttlesford Draft Local Plan, this decision had been taken at an earlier meeting the same day by the Local Plan Working Group. It will now be presented to the Full Council on Tuesday 8th April. Having completely ignored responses to previous consultations, this revised Uttlesford Draft Local Plan will be for a further 2,100 new houses North East of Elsenham. Cllr. D Morson asked that as many people from the village attend this meeting as possible to show the strength of feeling against this development.

Cllr. D Morson stated that the whole procedure was a disgrace with a complete lack of openness.

Cllr. E Parr stated that at the meeting she had asked the cabinet what had been done with the thousands of comments received during the latest consultation, she was told that these had been made into a report. Cllr. E Parr also asked what they proposed to do about the total lack of water treatment facilities in Elsenham, the cabinet replied that this was not their concern, this would be the developer's.

Cllr. E Parr stated that on Friday 4th April there had been a community information evening regarding the proposed solar farm at Tye Green, more information could be viewed online.

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Planning Committee.

UTT/13/3210/CLE Use of land to park and store motor vehicles. Apple Tree House, Fullers End, Tye Green Road, Elsenham. Elsenham Parish Council submitted, 'No Comment'.

UTT/14/0611/FUL Change of use for part of the premises from Office (B1) use to Church Hall use (D1). Old Franks, High Street. Elsenham Parish Council submitted. 'Approve'.

UTT/14/0808/CLE Use as dwelling. Crown Cottage, The Cross, Hall Road, Elsenham. Mrs. P Lees proposed that Elsenham Parish Council support this application; Miss. E Parr seconded, the vote was carried.

Decisions Made by UDC;

UTT/13/2836/FUL Proposed erection 6 new dwellings. Land at Alsa Leys, Elsenham. Approve with conditions

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Housing Development in Elsenham.

Mrs. P Lees proposed the Parish Council give their formal support to the residents of Hailes Wood in their course of action against UDC, as outlined in the letter which has been circulated to all Councillors, Miss. E Parr seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.

Mrs. P Lees reported that at a recent 'Save our Village' meeting, Henham and Ugley Parish councils had voted to support the 'Land Securities' application for 790 new homes in Dunmow. Elsenham Parish Council had passed a resolution at the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd March 2014, not to support this application.

Mrs. P Lees proposed that Elsenham Parish Council do not support any development in the southern district of Uttlesford, Mrs. F Lambert seconded the vote was carried eight in favour one against.

18392 Playing Field Committee Report.

Mr. P Clear informed the meeting that the Finance Committee had awarded the three year grass cutting contract to Mr. M Burke.

It was proposed by Mr. P Clear and seconded by Mrs. P Lees that permission is granted for 'St Mary's Fabric Fund Elsenham' to hold a car boot sale in the Elsenham Playing fields on Saturday 12th July 2014. The vote was carried unanimously. The Fabric Fund is to be reminded of the rule that no dogs are allowed on the playing field.

Mr. P Clear reported that the basketball back board had been broken. Mrs. P Lees proposed that up to £400 is made available to spend on the purchase of a new metal board, Mr. G Woollvin, seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.

**18393 Rights of Way and Open Spaces Committee Report.
Tree Warden's Report.** Noted.

It was agreed that a copy of the Tree Warden's letter 'Conservation of important features of the landscape in Elsenham Parish' should be sent to all the members of 'Uttlesford District Council Planning Committee'.

18394 Finance Committee Report

The following cheques and payments were approved for signing.

100132	NSALG	£ 66.00
100133	Essex Playing Field	£ 10.00
100134	Essex Wildlife Trust	£200.00
100135	J Weyers	£ 15.50
BACS	M Burke	£854.67
100136/BACS	Wages	£884.64
Card	HM Revenue	£352.17
BACS	Julian Day	£326.00
100138	Amenity Services	£200.00
100139	Amenity Services	£400.00
100140	Affinity Water	£ 15.06
BACS	John Scraggs	£400.00
100141	G Jackson	£ 19.27
BACS	ECA	£ 58.50
BACS	L Johnson	£ 17.90
100142	Millways	£155.82

18395 A summary of receipts and payments were circulated, there were no questions.

18396 It was proposed by Mrs. P Lees that £215 is donated to Essex Air Ambulance in remembrance of Mr. John Hurwitz, Mr. G Woollvin seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.

- 18397 Clerk's Report.**
It was agreed that if a presentation is to take place at a Parish Council meeting, the meeting should commence ½ an hour earlier at 7.30pm.
- 18398 Parking in Oziers.**
Mr. P Clear reported that he had held an onsite meeting with 'Knights' regarding making more parking spaces at Oziers. Mr. P Clear said he hoped to have a quote by the next meeting.
- 18399 School Crossing Patrol.**
This item had been covered in the District Councillors report.
- 18400 Village Litter Picking**
Mr. R Franklin reported that the village litter picking day, is to be held on Saturday, 12th April 2014 at 10am.
- 18401 Allotment Update**
Mr. P Clear reported that a letter had been sent to Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance requesting that they grant the Parish Council a formal lease.
It was agreed that although it was a nice idea to have a first aid box at the allotment, it would not be practical.
- 18402 Elsenham Emergency Plan.**
Mr. P Johnson informed the Council that he would be attending an 'Emergency Plan' workshop on the 15th May 2014. Mr. P Johnson hoped to gain information at this workshop on living in a flood risk area and how to minimise the risks for the future.
- 18403 Transport.**
Mr. R Franklin reported that the 'Grove Hill' closure had been a farce, with Essex Highways department a disgrace.
Mr. Segar stated that Acme Buses had done an excellent job while Grove Hill had been closed, he conveyed his thanks to the drivers and the passengers for their patience.
The problem with the replacement clerk at the booking office in Elsenham Station has now been resolved.
- CORRESPONDENCE**
- 18404** RSN Seminar – Art, Culture, Landscapes, Local Authorities. **Noted**
- 18405** Planning Committee 13th March 2014. **Noted**
- 18406** Weekly email News Digest 3rd March 2014. **Noted**
- 18407** Parking in Station Road. **Noted**
- 18408** Making the Link March Edition. **Note.**
- 18409** Commonwealth Day, Monday 10th March 2014. **Noted**
- 18410** E Bulletin – EALC. **Noted**
- 18411** Training for Councillors. **Noted**

- 18412** Weekly Email News Digest 10th March 2014. **Noted**
- 18413** Replacement Minerals Local Plan. **Noted**
- 18414** Message from Essex Police. **Noted**
- 18415** Weekly Email News Digest 17th March 2014. **Noted**
- 18416** Anti-Litter Advertising Campaign. **Noted**
- 18417** Solar Farm. **Noted**
- 18418** Emergency Planning workshop No 2 – Flood water management. **Noted**
- 18419** Weekly Email News Digest 24th March 2014. **Noted**
- 18420** Tree Warden’s Letter. **Noted**
- 18421** SSE Backs further calls for an independent noise watchdog. **Noted**
- 18422** Three questions for Michael O’Leary. **Noted**
- 18423** Planning Committee Site Visits. **Noted**
- 18424** Working Party Friday 11 April. **Noted**
- 18425** Weekly Email News Digest 31st March 2014. **Noted**
- 18426** Planning Committee 9th April 2014. **Noted**
- 18427** SSE Broxted Quiz 2014. **Noted**
- 18428** SSE Parish & Town Council Liaison Meetings. **Noted**

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

- 18429** Mr. P Clear reported there were plans to change the Elsenham train station crossing in 2017 to become automated.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Next Meeting; Monday 12th May 2014 at 8.00pm held in the Memorial Hall.