

Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee
 Committee Meeting
 Friday 16th October at 2pm
 via Zoom video link

<p>PRESENT: Graham Mott (GM) (Elsenham Parish Council (EPC), P3 rep) Paul Salvidge (PS) (Meeting Chair) Moyra Jackson (MJ) (EPC) Stewart Pimblett (SP) Heather Salvidge (HS) (Tree Warden) Margaret Shaw (MS) (Secretary) Kevin Wood (KW)</p>	<p>APOLOGIES: Not Present Peter Johnson (PJ) (EPC) Dave Verlander (DV)</p>	
PS chaired the meeting		Action
<u>Apologies</u> None		
<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.		
<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 10th July via video link. The Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record. PS will deliver the signed copy to Louise Johnson (LJ) (EPC Clerk.) MJ will load these draft minutes onto EPC website.</p>		PS MJ
<u>Matters Arising from meeting held on Friday 10th July not on Agenda</u> none		
<p>Parish Council Chairman's report Land off Rush Lane planning application UTT/19/0437/OP - the appeal was successful so outline permission granted for 40 houses. MS has informed Steve Day at Network Rail. (FP29)</p> <p>Land To The North West Of Henham Road (Fairfield Application) UTT/17/3573/OP The inquiry will be heard on 9th November via video link. To observe or participate email alison.dyson@planninginspectorate.gov.uk with reference APP/C1570/W/19/3243744. (FP21 & FP15 Henham)</p> <p>Land North of Bedwell Road & East Of Old Mead Road Ugley & Henham UTT/19/2266/OP. Pre lockdown Gladman had agreed to a public meeting. Meeting via video link planned for 9th or 10th December. (FP32 Henham & FP14 Ugley)</p> <p>Land To The West Of Isabel Drive Elsenham in two sites. UTT/19/1838/SCO (FP31). Appeal to take place on 24th November. (FP31)</p> <p>Land South of Bedwell Road - Local Residents have received a flyer but no formal application submitted. (FP29)</p> <p>Government Planning Consultations - GM reported that these have huge implications for Uttlesford.</p> <p>Weedkiller Use MJ reported that EPC has agreed that no weedkiller should be used on ECA land, the Memorial Garden or near the Childrens' Play Area. The use of organic weedkillers will be investigated for use in other areas. As this will have implications for the Spinney MJ will discuss with Playing Field Committee & we should be aware that it will apply to our use too.</p>		MJ All

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<p><u>Open Spaces</u> Tree Planting sites MS has circulated details of the Essex Forest Initiative.. The WI will be planting 2 Silver Birch & 1 Rowan to fill the gaps in the western edge of the Playing Field. HS warned that lots of our Ash Trees may not survive Ash die-back and will need to be replaced.</p> <p>The Spinney NW corner has many poorly ash trees. SP suggested we should develop a 5 year plan. SP/HS/PS will investigate.</p> <p>HS/PS/SP/KW were thanked for the work on the Wildflower area.</p> <p>Playing Field The wildflower triangle has been cut & raked and HS will start to plant up.</p> <p>De Mandeville & Oziers Green. Over grown trees that need to be coppiced. LJ has asked for quotes and Amenity Services will be undertaking the required work.</p> <p>Alsa wood Complaint A resident has complained about the wire fence that is a hazard. EROWOS asked some years ago for it to be removed. MS to ask LJ to raise the issue again with David Wilson Homes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MS</p>
<p><u>Rights of Way (PRoW)</u> FP15 Henham ref 2662891 Problems with badger setts and brambles encroaching on the path. This is still on-going and Cllr. Gary Lecont is going to pursue.</p> <p>FP29 Ugley HS has received no response from Cheffins (agents for the landowner) re the considerable trip hazards viz 4 –6 inch stumps of young blackthorn, field maple and hawthorn, on this route as tree stumps have not been properly removed. GM to discuss with Nick Shutes chairman of Ugley PC.</p> <p>FP28 This has not been cut. MS to contact ECC to see if the Annual Path Cut was undertaken during lock down.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MS</p>
<p><u>Hedge Cutting.</u> At the request of GM HS/PS have prepared a schedule of hedges that need annual maintenance. Initial List:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cemetery hedges 2. the hedge in the Spinney along the back of Leigh Drive houses 3. The front of the Spinney along Stansted Road 4. Row of hawthorns at the top of Oziers Green 5. Station Road Hedges a) Orchard Crescent to Ridley gardens, b) Police House to de 	

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<p>Mandeville Road and c) de Mandeville to the Croft 6. Hall Road on the <u>east</u> side from the start of the pavement to Church Lane Also Around the Childrens' play area on the Kingswood Estate.</p> <p>GM said that he will suggest that they will become a PC responsibility and be put out to tender to be cut each winter. SP volunteered to take his hedge cutter to the hedge on Hall Road that is encroaching over the footpath. Thank you</p>	<p>GM/MJ/PJ SP</p>
<p><u>Tree Warden's Reports</u> HS has circulated updates. Thank you.</p> <p>HS will lift Rowan at junction of Leigh Drive & Stansted Road to improve sight lines.</p> <p>LJ has asked ECC to remove 2 dying ash trees on Hall Road.</p>	
<p><u>Village Walks</u> We will probably be unable to have an organised Boxing Day Walk. MS suggested that she put an article in December Elsenham News suggesting that people should download Walks Around Elsenham, test them out and let us know if there are any updates needed. HS reported that Monday morning health walks can continue during Covid Alert Level High.</p>	<p>MS</p>
<p><u>AOB</u> New Road Wildflower Area HS will continue discussions with local residents and ECC as they own some of the land.</p>	<p>HS</p>
<p><u>Next meeting</u> Friday 22nd January 2021 at 2pm - venue or video TBC</p>	<p>All</p>