

Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee

Committee Meeting

Friday 8th April 2022 at 2.45 pm
in Elsenham Memorial Hall

Present:

Graham Mott (GM) (Elsenham Parish Council (EPC), P3 rep)
Stewart Pimblett (SP)
Heather Salvidge (HS) (Tree Warden)
Paul Salvidge (PS)
Margaret Shaw (MS) (Secretary)
Sue Waite (SW) (EPC)
Kevin Wood (KW)

PS chaired the meeting.

Apologies:

Dave Verlander

Declarations of Interest:

MS/DV/SW (Trustees of Memorial Hall)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 21st January in Elsenham Memorial Hall

The Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record.

GM will deliver a signed copy to Louise Johnson (LJ) (EPC Clerk.)

MS will forward an electronic copy to LJ.

GM will pass draft minutes onto the EPC website manager.

Action GM / MS

Matters Arising from meeting held on 21st January 2022 not on Agenda

The Spinney Litter Pick

EPC is organising the 2022 Village Litter pick - date TBA.

Action SW

Stansted Road between M11 bridge and Haggerwood Corner.

LJ has contacted the Uttlesford Highway Rangers to ask them to clear the encroaching vegetation, but, despite chasing, has received no reply.

Parish Council Chairman's report

UTT/21/2461/DFO Land To The West Of Isabel Drive Elsenham on two sites.

(FP31 & FP32). (Dandara Eastern 99 homes)

FP31 working party took place. The Heras fencing has now been removed.

UTT/19/0462/FUL Land West Of Hall Road (FP13) (Vistry Group 130 homes)

PC still awaiting meeting to discuss S106 agreement.

UTT/21/3269/DFO - Land To The North West Of Henham Road

(FP21 Elsenham & FP15 Henham) (Bloor Homes 350 homes)

Work on access road has started and FP21 has been kept open.

UTT/20/2908/OP Land South of Bedwell Road

(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)

Planning application still undetermined, but site is being cleared.

UTT/19/0437/OP Rush Lane

(FP29 Elsenham) Detailed planning application still awaited. (may have been delayed awaiting the outcome of the TWAO order)

Hall Road

EPC has submitted requests to the **UDC Local Highways Panel** for extending speed limits and the extension of the pavement on Hall Road.

Network Rail TWAO order

EPC has been informed that:

E05 - Fullers End Crossing will remain open so the diversion along FP29 and through the Victorian tunnel will not now occur.

E06 - Emergency Hut Elsenham Crossing, FP32 Henham that has been closed for some years as it is dangerous, so the closure is now permanent. Under the TWAO order a PRow will be created that will extend FP14 Ugley between the M11 and the railway line, northwards to FP7 Henham, giving an additional 1440m of PRow. MS is investigating what the procedure will be for the creation of this path.

Action MS

Open Spaces

Spinney Work Winter 2021

The area from Stansted Road back along Leigh Drive to about the half way point was cut back by Amenity Services.

Spinney cutting

The contractor is not following the agreed edge of the wildflower area. HS/PS will put posts at either end and SW will discuss with contractor.

Action HS / PS /SW

Spinney / Leigh Drive junction

The striped post has gone missing again. PS will source a replacement.

Action PS

New Road Wildflower Area

Ben Brown - UDC Director of Environmental Services has been in discussion with KW & is quite enthusiastic about developing this area.

Action KW

Rights of Way

FP4 / FP18

Simon Taylor (ECC Enforcement Officer) has reported that the obstructions should be cleared during April and that the PRows will be returned to their correct alignment, although this may mean FP18 being fenced on both sides.

FP4 at Fullers End

HS has been endeavouring to keep the fingerpost clear.

FP35 Catts lane

PS has come up with a plan of action. Working Party Thursday 5th May at 2pm (weather permitting). MS to circulate details to all potential helpers.

Action MS

FP15 at Motts Hall

The fencing that had been damaged in the high winds and blocked the access has now been reinstated. However the path across the land is not very inviting.

FP22 / FP15 Henham ref 2662891

Badger Setts are making the route of the PRoW hazardous so the access from FP22 is not usable. People are using the access around the car park which may be problematic as the Bloor homes site is developed. MS to report to ECC and Henham PC.

Action MS

FP31 alongside Dandara Homes site

EPC has made representations that the width of the path should be 1.5m.

Tree Warden's Reports

HS has circulated updates. Thank you.

HS has started to remove the stub of the poplar on de Mandeville Green.

Village Walks

Good Friday Walk 15th April 2022 2.15pm from Playing Field Top Car Park

(start time changed to accommodate the Good Friday church service in the Memorial Garden)

People at start and end should wear High Viz.

GM will organise route & lead.

MS has organised an article for the village magazine and updated website.

MS will organise posters for notice boards.

MS will circulate to Elsenham Walkers mailing list and Henham & Elsenham Newslines on Facebook.

KW to organise that somebody, who is not walking, should be available to come and collect anybody who is taken ill.

SP to organise 2-way radios.

Action ALL

P3 Return

MS will submit a Work Proposal & Grant Application to Neil Gemmell our new PRoW officer.

MS will chase the promised brushcutter course for KW.

MS has pointed out to ECC that courses held on the east of the County are inappropriate.

Action MS

AOB

Next meeting

Friday 8th July 2022 2.45pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book.

Action MS / ALL