

# **Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee**

## **Committee Meeting**

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

### **Present:**

Bianca Donald (BD) (Elsenham Parish Council (EPC))  
Graham Mott (GM) (EPC, P3 rep)  
Heather Salvidge (HS) (Tree Warden)  
Paul Salvidge (PS)  
Margaret Shaw (MS) (Secretary)  
Dave Verlander (DV)  
Kevin Wood (KW)

PS chaired the meeting.

PS Welcomed Bianca Donald to the meeting as the new Vice Chairman of EPC.

### **Apologies:**

Sue Waite (SW) (EPC)  
Stewart Pimblett (SP)

### **Declarations of Interest:**

MS/DV (Trustees of Memorial Hall)

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 8th April 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**

### **P3 Return**

MS has submitted a Work Proposal & Grant Application to Neil Gemmell our PRow officer.  
MS will chase the promised brushcutter course for KW.

**Action MS**

### **Network Rail TWAO order**

EPC has been informed that priority will be given to agreed path closures so there is no information yet as to when work will start on the new path that will be created as a result of the, already closed, E06 - Emergency Hut Elsenham Crossing.

## **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)  
Detailed Planning application has been submitted.

### **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) (Bloor Homes 350 homes)  
Work on access road has started and FP21 has been kept open, although a diversion has also been granted.

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

(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)  
Planning application refused by UDC on account of motorway noise - but expect an appeal.

### **UTT/19/0437/OP Rush Lane**

(FP29 Elsenham) Detailed planning application still awaited.

Country Side Properties have informed EPC that they will submit an application for land  
**South East of Elsenham Cross** (FP13 Elsenham)

Bloor Homes have informed EPC that they will be submitting an application for the land  
**North of Elsenham Station** (FP15 Henham)

The Local Plan has been further delayed.

## **Open Spaces**

### **Spinney**

HS is watering the Rowan regularly. Thank you

### **Spinney / Leigh Drive junction**

PS/SP/GM have installed a replacement post. Thank you

### **New Road Wildflower Area**

Following a site meeting with Ben Brown - UDC Director of Environmental Services - he will draw up a plan of the area owed by UDC and will circulate a proposal to residents to have several formal wildflower areas at Gold Close, Spencer Drive, Jenkins Drive, Maytree Close.

The land opposite Jenkins Drive on New Road is owned by ECC and is currently mainly maintained by residents who pay a local contractor, so will not be included at this stage.

### **Wildflower Triangle on Playing Field**

Grass is smothering some of the wildflowers.

HS has installed the Buddleia from Leigh Way and will move the winter heliotrope to here (and some to the edges of FP37 on the Spinney), before the resurfacing of Leigh Way takes place.

A working party will be organised.

### **Action HS**

## **Rights of Way**

PS met informally with Alan Goffey of Essex Ramblers, who informed him that they were undertaking work on various paths with Elsenham and they would be happy for us to refer any problems to them.

HS/PS/MS/KW met with Ned Gemmill (NG) ECC Public Rights of Way Officer on 25th May, and walked FP15 Henham & FP21 with him. We also discussed FP4 and the implications of the TWAO.

#### **FP4 / FP18**

Simon Taylor (ECC Enforcement Officer) (ST) has reported that the obstructions should be cleared during April and that the PRowS will be returned to their correct alignment. The work has not been done & the stiles are still impassable so MS will report back to NG & ST. Essex Ramblers have cleared the South Western Corner - reinstating the correct line of FP4.

**Action MS**

#### **FP10**

Ramblers have done some remedial work to stop flooding.

#### **FP12 near the BOAT**

This is blocked MS will contact Essex Ramblers.

**Action MS**

#### **FP13 at Fullers End**

This is blocked MS will contact Essex Ramblers.

**Action MS**

#### **FP21 (behind the Crown)**

Following a complaint HS attempted to clear the path, and somebody has completed the work.

#### **FP31 alongside Dandara Homes site**

Following representations from EPC the latest S106 document states that this path will be improved and will be 2 metres wide.

#### **FP35 Catts lane**

Working Party took place to dig out the ditch. Thank you.

#### **FP22 / FP15 Henham ref 2662891**

Badger Setts are making the route of the PRow hazardous so the access from FP22 is not usable. This was walked with NG at the site visit and he will organise a contractor to clear the proper line of the path later in the year and discuss the Badger problem with the Badger Group.

#### **Tree Warden's Reports**

HS has circulated updates. Thank you.

#### **AOB**

##### **Next meeting**

Friday 30th Sept 2022 2.15pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book.

**Action MS / ALL**