

Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee

Committee Meeting

Friday 14th July 2023 at 2.45pm

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) PS chaired the meeting

Margaret Shaw (MS) (Secretary)

Dave Verlander (DV)

Apologies:

Sue Waite (SW) (EPC)

Kevin Wood (KW)

Not present:

Bianca Donald (BD) (EPC)

Declarations of Interest:

MS/DV (Trustees of Elsenham Memorial Hall)

DV resident of Broom Farm Road

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 28th April 2023

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 Friday 28th April 2023

not on Agenda none

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)

The route of FP31 was blocked by Heras fencing. Dandara removed the blockage when requested to do so by EPC.

EPC will continue to monitor the S106 conditions including

FP31 Improvements to be done prior to first occupation.

FP32 Dandara to make a contribution to ECC who will do the required work. EPC has asked for us to be kept informed when the contribution is made, so we can pursue.

EPC has asked for sight of Dandara Alsa Wood Management Plan.

GM will pursue the removal of the barbed wire.

UTT/19/0462/FUL Land West Of Hall Road (FP13) (Bovis Homes 130 homes)

Work is beginning and the developers have met with Ned Gemmill (ECC PRoW Office) (NG).

ECC have sent EPC details of an informal consultation on a permanent diversion of FP13. This would route FP13 on estate roads and not through the "green buffer" as detailed on the approved planning application.
EPC will object strongly.

UTT/21/3269/DFO - Land To The North West Of Henham Road
(FP21 Elsenham, FP15 Henham) (Bloor Homes Phase 1 350 homes)
Ongoing

UTT/20/2908/OP Land South of Bedwell Road
(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)
The application was approved upon appeal. Improvements to FP29 Ugley are planned.

UTT/19/0437/OP Rush Lane
(FP29 Elsenham)
This planning permission will lapse in September 2023.

PINS Section 62A Application: S62A/22/0007 Land to the South of Henham Road
(FP13 Elsenham) (Countryside Properties 130 Homes)
Planning application approved. FP13 should be maintained.

Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/2022/0012 - Land East of Station Road, Elsenham
(FP15 Henham) (Bloor Homes Phase 2 - 200 houses adjacent to UTT/21/3269/DFO)
Detailed application awaited.
Bloor homes have said that there will be a pathway running around the perimeter of their site, which will follow the line of the route that is currently walked.

Open Spaces

Spinney
HS has sent plans of the original and current layouts to LJ.

New Road Wildflower Area
KW has been chasing UDC. It has now been referred by our District Councillor to the UDC Environment Portfolio holder. In the meantime the grass has been cut and weedkiller applied!!
Action: KW

Rights of Way

FP4 / BW33
ECC seem uninterested in the bull in the field.

Annual Cut
MS attempted to find out from ECC when the Annual Cut will take place, they have been unable to get a date from the contractors - but will let us know when they do!.
Action: MS to pursue

FP12 southern end near the BOAT
KW attempted to cut but it needs heavier duty equipment, so hopefully will be done in Annual Cut.

FP14

Following complaints SP contacted the landowners contractor and the path has been reinstated.

FP39 (FP36 UGLEY tbc)

NG suggested that he ask Fitch Way Group to do a cut. MS to also tell him that the Haulage Road end of the path is bad too.

Action: MS

FP13 / FP17

NG has been in contact with landowners and remedial work is being done. ECC plan to repair the bridge.

FP10 / FP35 (Catts Lane)

In the Autumn PS / SP will get a firm quote to hire a 3.5ton digger & driver to sort out the flooding on these paths. We will investigate P3 funding once quote obtained.

Action: PS / SP

FP22

Needs cutting back

Action: MS to check Annual Cutting List

FP26

Jacki Tipton has reported to ECC (ref 2857353)

Action: MS to check Annual Cutting List

Tree Warden's Reports

HS has circulated the Tree Warden's Reports.

DV reported that he has not heard from Ben Smeeden (UDC) with regard to the distressed Oak Tree at the junction of Broom Farm Road & Elm Close.

PS will attempt to trace the landowner.

[Post meeting note RS Porter (Contractors) Limited, Springfield House, 99-101 Crossbrook Street, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, EN8 8JR].

Hall Road - The left hand side between Daisy Mays and Church Lane.

Following the dumping of large volumes of soil on the site many of the trees have died and are in danger of falling across the road.

Action: MS to ask LJ to write to Essex Highways.

Next meeting

Friday 22nd September 2023 at 2.45pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book.

Action: MS / ALL