

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

## **Committee Meeting**

Friday 28th April 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)

Sue Waite (SW) (EPC)

Kevin Wood (KW)

### **Apologies:**

### **Not present:**

Bianca Donald (BD) EPC)

### **Declarations of Interest:**

MS/DV/SW (Trustees of Elsenham Memorial Hall)

DV resident of Broom Farm Road

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 17th February 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 17th February 2023 not on Agenda**

### **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 approval now given.

S106 conditions include

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)**

No progress.

EPC has met with UDC S106 Officer and she will be asking Bovis when they plan to start work.

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

(FP21 Elsenham, FP15 Henham) ) (Bloor Homes Phase 1 350 homes)

EPC thanked Bloor for completing the construction of the access road with only 1 days closure of FP21 needed.

Hedge gaping of FP15 will probably now not happen (as requested by EPC).

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

(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)

GM represented Ugley & Elsenham PCs at appeal & objected on noise grounds. Decision awaited.

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

(FP29 Elsenham)

This planning permission will lapse in September 2023. There is a ransom strip on the south side of Rush Lane.

### **PINS Section 62A Application: S62A/22/0007 Land to the South of Henham Road**

(FP13 Elsenham) (Countryside Properties 130 Homes)

Following a consultation on a revised transport plan, application hearing on 10th May.

EPC Planning & Transport consultants have submitted reports and GM will speak.

### **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)

Outline Planning consent has been given by PINS. Detailed application will be submitted to UDC this year.

## **Open Spaces**

### **Spinney Wildflower Area**

HS has planted extra wild flowers, Yellow Toad Flax etc.

KW has done a boundary strim.

### **Spinney**

HS has tidied up around the bollards on Stansted Road.

PS has put a top dressing on the muddy patch on FP38 - thank you.

### **New Road Wildflower Area**

Little progress.

**Action: KW**

### **Tree Planting Initiative**

EPC has contacted ECC and they will be planting 7 trees along Gilbey Cottages and 3 on the Playing Field. ECC will maintain the trees for the initial few years.

## **Rights of Way**

#### **FP4 / BW33**

The promised kissing gates have been installed and photographs circulated. We understand a bull is being put into the field. MS will investigate with ECC if this is acceptable.

**Action: MS**

#### **FP13 at Hall Road**

This is not usable. EPC will discuss with developers and remind them that the path needs to be reinstated.

**Action: GM**

#### **FP21 between the Crown & the old Cricket Pitch ref 2793515.**

The bollards have now been removed & photographs circulated.

#### **FP10 / FP35 (Catts Lane)**

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.

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

MS discussed with Ned Gemmill (ECC PRoW Office) (NG) a diversion of FP15 Henham that would be easier and more cost effective than the work planned by the Badger Group. ECC says that this would not be possible and could only be done with agreement of both landowners, and not something ECC would pursue!.

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.

### **P3 2023**

MS has submitted our Parish Paths Partnership – Work Proposal and Grant Application Form 2023/24 to NG. MS will circulate.

**Action: MS**

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

HS has circulated the Tree Warden's Reports.

DV reported that Ben Smeeden (UDC) will inspect the distressed Oak Tree at the junction of Broom Farm Road & Elm Close shortly. DV has written to the landowners but received no reply.

### **Village Walks**

**Good Friday Walk** A pleasant, if muddy, walk around the Golf Course. 17 people walked including some new to the village.

### **Next meeting**

Friday 14th July 2023 at 2.45pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book.

**Action: MS / ALL**