

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

## **Committee Meeting**

**Friday 24th November 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:**

None

### **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 22nd September 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 22nd September 2023 not on Agenda**

DV reported that he has heard nothing from UDC or landowners about the distressed oak tree at the junction of Broom Farm Road & Elm Close.

### **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)  
EPC will continue to monitor the S106 conditions.  
FP31 LJ is reporting any blockages to the site manager for resolution  
FP32 Dandara to make a contribution to ECC who will do the required work.  
MS will ask Ned Gemmill (ECC Public Rights of Way Officer) to let us know when they receive the money and when the work will be done

**UTT/23/2804/DOC Land To The West Of Isabel Drive Elsenham**  
**Application to discharge condition 12(woodland management plan)**

EPC have received the revised Dandara Alsa Wood Management Plan that fails to have any mention of protection for the oxlips, amongst other failings.

GM, on behalf of EPC, will write to UDC to request that the condition should not be discharged until the Management Plan is accurate.

**Action : GM**

**UTT/19/0462/FUL Land West Of Hall Road (FP13)**

(Vistry Eastern Bovis Homes 130 homes)

MS to circulate the latest version of the FP13 Diversion.

**Action: MS**

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

(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)

Detailed Planning Application awaited.

**UTT/23/2028/DFO Rush Lane**

(FP29 Elsenham)

Detailed Planning Application submitted to UDC in August.

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

(FP13 Elsenham) (Countryside Properties 130 Homes)

Detailed Planning Application awaited.

**UTT/23/2063/DFO Land East of Station Road**

(FP15 Henham) (Bloor Homes Phase 2 - 200 houses)

Detailed Planning Application submitted.

Bloor homes have said that a walkway to Elsenham Station will be completed before 2024.

**Hall Road**

MS to ask LJ if there has been any response from Essex Highways about the dying trees on the left hand side of Hall Road between Daisy Mays and Church Lane.

**Action: MS**

**UDC**

EPC are having a monthly meeting with UDC on the 3rd Thursday of the month so inform LJ of any issues by the 2nd Thursday.

**Action: All**

**Open Spaces**

**Tye Green**

The pond has been dredged, a barrier erected and the arisings used to raise the height of the bank. However the road has subsided & is still flooding. Ray Gooding (Essex County Councillor) & Essex Highways will have an on-site meeting next week to discuss.

The Sarsen Stone has been moved as it would have been buried by the dredging. Should it go on a new plinth? EPC to discuss.

**Action: GM/SW/BD**

SP to discuss with residents about leaving an area uncut to encourage growth of wild flowers. This could possibly be the triangle adjacent to the pond.

**Action: SP**

**De Mandeville Green**

Proposal from Flowerbeds Committee to establish a wildflower area on the southern side of the area. This was agreed. HS will advise SW.

The Flowerbed committee will discuss with residents and apply for funding from the UDC zero carbon communities' fund. (this to include the cost of an annual high growth close cut).

**Action: HS/SW**

### **The Spinney**

No annual cut is required this winter as extensive work was done last winter.

### **Spinney Wild Flower Area**

Dave Belton did a "high growth close cut" in October & the arising were cleared

Appropriate signage for next growing season to be discussed at next meeting

### **New Road Wildflower Area**

KW / BD are still chasing UDC.

**Action: KW/BD**

### **Location of 7 spare trees that cannot be planted at Gilbey Cottages**

MS to ask if the EAGLES (Elsenham Action Group for Local Environmental Sustainability) have managed to contact the Elsenham Vale Management company offering to plant these trees on the southern part of the site.

**Action: MS**

## **Rights of Way**

### **Annual Cut FP12/FP22/FP26/FP39/FP15 Henham**

These paths have now been cut satisfactorily.

### **FP10**

PS/SP walked the path & decided that no work was required.

### **FP35 (Catts Lane)**

PS has marked a length of path that needs digging out & SP has obtained a quote to hire a 3.5ton digger & driver to sort out the flooding.

As this is more than the permitted expenditure limit SP will obtain 2 further quotes.

We will investigate P3 funding once quotes obtained.

**Action: SP**

## **Budget 2024 - 2025**

The Financial forecast 2023-2024 and Budget request for 2024-25 was discussed.

we will make a saving of approx. £584 this year (budgeted £2350) and ask for £2400 for next year. GM will submit to Finance Committee

**Action: GM**

## **Hedge Cutting Contract**

GM has circulated a revised Hedge Cutting schedule.

GM will ask LJ to go out to tender so the work can be done in early 2024.

**Action: GM/MS**

## **Tree Warden's Reports**

HS has circulated the Tree Warden's Reports.

## **Village Walks**

Boxing Day Walk Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am (Playing Field Top Car Park)

People at start and end should wear High Viz.

GM will lead.

MS has organise an article for the Elsenham News and updated EROWOS website.

MS will organise posters for notice boards.

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

DV, who is not walking, will be available to come and collect anybody who is taken ill.

SP to organise 2-way radios.

As many committee members are unable to attend MS will organise additional hi-viz wearers

**Action: MS / DV / SP / All**

## **A.O.B**

## **Next meeting**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.45pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book.

**Action: MS / ALL**