

Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee

Committee Meeting

**Friday 17th May 2024 at 2pm
in Elsenham Memorial Hall**

Present:

Graham Mott (GM) (Elsenham Parish Council EPC, P3 rep)
Heather Salvidge (HS) (Tree Warden)
Paul Salvidge (PS) PS chaired the meeting
Margaret Shaw (MS) (Secretary)
Dave Verlander (DV)

Apologies:

Stewart Pimblett (SP)
Sue Waite (SW) (EPC)
Kevin Wood (KW)

Not present:

Bob Burlton (BB) (EPC)

Declarations of Interest:

MS/DV (Trustees of Elsenham Memorial Hall)
DV resident of Broom Farm Road

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 23rd February 2024

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 23rd February 2024 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)
Dandara still needs to pay the money to ECC that they are required to do under the S106 conditions. Following interventions Sam Blackwell ECC will be contacting Dandara.
MS to contact Sam Blackwell and ask for an update and ask that ECC initiate improvements to FP32 ASAP.

Action: MS

GM also reported that FP31 is flooded at the moment so Dandara may legitimately be unable to do promised improvements.

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

The revised Dandara Alsa Wood Management Plan was not discharged by UDC as it was inadequate.

UTT/24/0910/DOC Land To The West Of Isabel Drive Elsenham

Application to discharge condition 14 (recreation strategy) attached to UTT/19/2470/OP EPC have responded to point out shortcomings in the application.

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

(Vistry Eastern Bovis Homes 130 homes)

FP13 is now officially temporarily closed. "The Order will come into effect on 18 March 2024 and may continue in force for 6 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier."

UTT/21/3269/DFO Land To The North West Of Henham Road (FP21)

Walkway from site to Elsenham station is still not open. (should be complete before 80 homes occupied).

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

(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)

Detailed Planning Application awaited.

S62A/2023/0026 UTT/23/2622/PINS Robin Hood Road

(FP29 Elsenham)

Planning Application approved by PINS - with site access from the turning bay by the railway line.

No detailed application has been submitted

UTT/23/2028/DFO Detailed Planning Application submitted to UDC - with site access from Rush lane. Further amendments expected.

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 but in process of revision.

UTT/24/ 0543/OP Land North Of Bedwell Road & East Of Old Mead Road Ugley & Henham

(FP32 Henham & FP14 Ugley) (Gladman 240 homes)

Another outline application for this land has been submitted to UDC.

Hall Road

Dying trees on the left hand side of Hall Road between Daisy Mays and Church Lane.

LJ has chased ECC Highways but has received no response.

Tye Green Sarsen stone

DV has plotted the original position of the stone and suggests it be moved to the churchyard. EPC to decide.

Action: GM/SW/BB

Open Space Society

GM attended a very useful course and suggested that EPC join. MS to ask LJ to organise, taking membership fee (£45) from erowos budget.

Action: MS

Open Spaces

Tye Green

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

The Flowerbeds Committee have received £1000 to establish a wildflower area on the southern side of the area. SW reported that they are planning to visit site with Mr. Belton and ask for his advice.

Action: SW

The Spinney

Amenity Services have cut back scrub & regrowth shading the gardens to the east of the Spinney.

Spinney Wild Flower Area

HS has some more planting to do.

KW has strimmed the spinney wildflower area & organised a working party to rake arisings. Appropriate signage for next growing season to be discussed at next meeting

New Road Wildflower Area

MS will circulate email received by KW from UDC. Things may be happening!

Action: MS / KW

Playing Field Triangle of wild flowers

KW has strimmed the Playing Field wildflower area & organised a working party to rake arisings.

Rights of Way

FP12 ref 2912954

A tree was down and has been cleared.

FP22 & FP15 Henham ref 2918716

The overgrown weeds along the path have been reported.

Action: MS to chase with Ned Gemmill at ECC

Post meeting note - ECC were unable to allocate anyone to the work so KW has undertaken to strim - specifically to make the Badger holes less of a hazard.

FP28 ref 2909442 MS reported the broken handrail (that was installed by us at an ECC led working party). ECC claim that it is not their responsibility.

Action: MS to follow up

FP35 (Catts Lane)

HS reported that there is a large area of hogweed alongside FP35 and along Henham Road. HS has cut it back around the bench. PS/HS to investigate further & report to ECC. HS will write an article for Elsenham News warning of the danger of hogweed.

Action: PS/HS

Tree Warden's Reports

HS has circulated the Tree Warden's Reports.

Village Walks

Good Friday 29th March 2024 at 2.15pm

SW organised. 21 people attended and afternoon tea was taken at Folies in Stansted.

A.O.B

Elsenham Village Fete Saturday 22nd June 2024 1-4pm.

EPC is having a stall and GM asked if erowos members could attend. Most members are committed elsewhere. MS offered to bring the Footpath map display board that she has.

Action: All / MS

DV reported that he is still pursuing the dying **Oak Tree on Broom Farm Road**. It was suggested that he contact Petrina Lees, our District Councillor, to chase within UDC.

Post meeting note the UDC tree surgeon has been scheduled w/c 12th June 2024.

Next meeting

Friday 12th July at 2.45pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book. **Action: MS / ALL**