

Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee

Committee Meeting

Friday 12th July 2024 at 2.45 pm
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)
Sue Waite (SW) (EPC)
Kevin Wood (KW)

Apologies:

Stewart Pimblett (SP)

Not present:

Bob Burlton (BB) (EPC)

Declarations of Interest:

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 17th May 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 17th May 2024 not on Agenda

EROWOS contributed to the EPC stall at Elsenham Village Fete Saturday 22nd June 2024.

A UDC tree surgeon has cut well back the dying **Oak Tree on Broom Farm Road**.

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 will be contacting Sam Blackwell at ECC to discuss how they can pay their S106 contribution (£12,075 indexed linked since April 2020) to pay for the improvements to FP32.

GM reported that FP31 is being improved in line with building of new houses. EPC have drawn this to UDCs attention as it was agreed in the planning consent that the improvement would be completed before first occupation.

**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 still closed. The closure order will expire on 1st September 2024.

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

Walkway from site to Elsenham station is underway although still not open despite > 100 houses occupied.

S62A/2024/0049 (previously UTT/20/2908/OP) Land South of Bedwell Road Ugley

(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)

Detailed Planning Application submitted to PINS.

Representations on detail should be made by 6th August 2024.

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

(FP29 Elsenham) (40 Dwellings)

Planning Application approved by PINS - with site access from the turning bay by the railway line. No detailed application has been submitted, however

UTT/23/2028/DFO Rush Lane

Detailed Planning Application will be before the UDC Planning Committee shortly

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 agreed by UDC.

Uttlesford Local Plan - Land East of Station Road, Elsenham (in Henham Parish).

The Regulation 19 LPP Draft includes a new provision of 110 homes adjacent to Bloor Homes Phase 2. This will take the development up to the line of FP15.

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

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

EPC has suggested that Elsenham (as well as Ugley & Henham) should be included in the S106 provisions, and include PRow creation in line with TWA0 March 2022.

Hall Road

Development at Elsenham Stables. There is a proposal to develop the land South of Daisy Mays Farm for a leisure centre. A Planning Application has not yet been submitted. This would potentially create public access to the lake and parkland therein.

Tye Green Sarsen stone

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

Action: GM/SW/BB/SP

Open Spaces

Grass Cutting Contract Working Party

EROWOS have been invited to submit 2 members onto this new EPC Working Party. MS declined as SW will be a member and it was agreed that KW will represent us.

Wildflower Areas

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

Site meeting took place and Bianca Donald (Flowerbeds Committee) will create a map to be discussed with Mr. Belton.

Action: SW

Spinney Wild Flower Area

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

Playing Field Triangle of wild flowers

HS will be spreading some more seeds.

Action: HS

New Road Wildflower Area

KW has spoken to Paul Dooley Biodiversity Officer at UDC.

EPC have agreed that their land at the corner of Alsa Gardens should become a Wildflower area.

Rights of Way

MS has been in contact with Ned Gemmill (NG) at ECC to enquire when the Annual Cut is scheduled to take place. No response as yet.

Overgrown Paths **FP12/FP13/FP15/FP26/FP28/FP45** - These are all on the Annual Cutting List so we will leave them to ECC.

FP14 / Other waymarkers & missing fingerposts DV & SW will investigate.

Action: DV/SW

FP22 / FP15 Henham ref 2918716 becoming overgrown but KW is monitoring.

FP28 ref 2909442 ECC have refused to repair broken handrail. Someone has laid down paving stones, which has made the path safer to navigate. No further action.

FP35 (Catts lane) it is an area of hemlock not hogweed that is problematic. ECC refuse to take any remedial action. HS to include a warning in her next article in Elsenham News

Action: HS

Tree Warden's Reports

HS has circulated the Tree Warden's Reports.

There are 3 Whitebeams on Station Road that are suffering from honey fungus. MS to ask NG who has taken over from Joseph Beznosniuk at ECC arboriculture.

A.O.B

Path creation

LJ is trying to find a contactor who would be available to install some paths in the children's play area. All suggestions to LJ please.

Action: All

Open Space Society

GM circulated information received from OSS. Please pass on to next person on the list.

Action: All

Next meeting

Friday 18th October at 2pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book.

Action: MS / ALL

NB Different date.