

Elsenham Rights of Way & Open Spaces Committee

Committee Meeting

Friday 17th January 2025 at 2pm

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)

Sue Waite (SW) (EPC)

Kevin Wood (KW)

Dave Verlander (DV)

Apologies:

Not present:

Bob Burlton (BB) (EPC)

Declarations of Interest:

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 18th October 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 18th October 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)

GM reported that FP31 is being improved in line with building of new houses about 100 yards outstanding.

Improvements to FP32. MS to ask Ned Gemmill (NG) Public Rights of Way Officer at Essex Highways what the plan / timescale is to do the work.

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

(Vistry Eastern Bovis Homes 130 homes)

20/01/2025

1 of 4

FP13 closure extension will expire on 2nd April 2025.

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

A route (too narrow to be a Cycleway) from site to Elsenham Station has been opened - but this is only a temporary route that is considerably longer than that on the S106 agreement. UDC planning enforcement has been informed by the developer that the proper route will be open by 31st January. EPC will monitor.

Action GM/SW

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

(FP29 Ugley) (Rochester Properties 50 homes)

Detailed Planning Application approved with an S106 condition relating to the improvement of the PRow.

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

(FP29 Elsenham) (Matthew Homes Ltd. 40 Dwellings)

Detailed application has been submitted. Comments by 23/1/25.

Stile repaired and PRow accessible.

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)

Work scheduled to start in early 2025.

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

FP15 Henham (Bloor Homes phase 3 110 Homes)

The Local Plan has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Details of the Examination can be found here: <https://www.localplanservices.co.uk/uttlesfordlpexamination>.

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

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

Outline application still not yet submitted/

UTT/24/2632/FUL Historic Parkland North of Elsenham Hall

(south of BW5)

EPC will be arranging a site visit. If anybody wishes to go along please contact GM.

Action GM/All

Tye Green Sarsen stone

SP has discussed with PCC possibility of moving the stone to the Churchyard. As there was little enthusiasm it was decided to leave it near the pond at Tye Green. SP suggested putting some form of plaque explaining what it was.

Action GM/SW/SP

Open Spaces

Hedge Cutting Contract

The work was undertaken by Mr. Maskell and checked by GM.

Grass Cutting Contract

Discussed at the December meeting of EPC - as a result SW is adjusting the contract to take 20/01/2025

account of comments received.

Action SW

The Spinney

The 2 x wildflower areas need cutting before the growing season. MS to ask LJ to arrange for Mr. Belton to do a "high growth close cut" & clear the arisings as he did in late 2023.

Action MS

Wildflower & Rewilding 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

The Flowerbeds Committee are organising.

Action SW

Signage

Ben Brown has told MS that there is no Uttlesford standard Signage in place. MS to circulate details to the Flower Beds Committee for them to organise.

Action MS

Rights of Way

Waymarkers & missing fingerposts DV is in discussion with Mrs Tipton.

Please inform DV of any that need sorting. DV & SW will investigate. Andre Lees has offered to help in any working party.

Action DV/SW

Byway 11 ref 2946137

Fingerpost flattened. MS reported to ECC - their response "non-safety related issues will be considered when we carry out other works in the area."

FP13 ref 2956097 2956099

Fullers End to the point of closure is just about passable. Mrs Tipton has reported to ECC. NG will contact the developer.

FP39 Henham (Catts lane) ref 2944110

MS reported a fallen tree. ECC removed.

2025/2026 Budget

We have been allocated the £2000 we requested.

Village Street Map

DV is working on an updated A3 version. Maps are also available on the EROWOS website.

Action DV

Tree Warden's Reports

HS has circulated the Tree Warden's Reports.

Village Walks

Good Friday 18th April 2025 at 2pm

People at start and end should wear High Viz.

SW will organise route.

MS will 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 Newslines on Facebook.

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

SP to organise 2-way radios.

Action SW / MS / PS / SP / All

A.O.B

None

Next meeting

Friday 11th April 2025 at 2.45pm in the Memorial Hall. MS to book.

Action MS / ALL