

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2018 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

- Present:** Councillors Nicholas Hinde (Chairman), Andy Bennett and Peter Rose.
- H18/27 **Public Forum**
No members of the public were present.
- H18/28 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Richard Freeman and Frances Marshall. There were no Declarations of Interest.
- H18/29 **Minutes of meeting held on 26 September 2018**
The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
- H18/30 **Matters arising from the September meeting**
30.1 Cars parking on the pavement of Braintree Road at peak times, between the Primary School and Whippersnappers nursery (Item 18/22) – Members noted that the Parking Partnership were not in a position to place notices on offending vehicles.
- H18/31 **Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**
31.1 Applications for 2015-16
a) Main Road, Willows Green second VAS sign – This scheme would be held in reserve in case unused funds were available at the financial year end.
b) Extension of 40mph speed limit from Crix Green towards Frenches Green – An extension of the speed limit itself was not possible because the ECC Highways criteria could not be met, However the additional signs, advising vehicles to reduce their speed to 30mph whilst negotiating the bends between Frenches Green and Crix Green, had now been erected by the ULHP. This item could therefore be removed from future Agenda.
31.2 Applications for 2016-17 - The applications submitted for the 2016-17 financial year (Double yellow lines in Stebbing Road / school zig zags outside Prep School / Stebbing Road- Braintree Road junction Keep Clear / 20mph zone at Primary School) were still awaiting full assessment by the ULHP.
31.3 Applications for 2017-18 - The applications submitted for the 2017-18 financial year (HGV restriction on Molehill Green Road, reduction of speed limit at Hartford End to 30mph and installation of a second post, at Watch House Green, for the mobile VAS sign) were awaiting full assessment by the ULHP.
31.4 Application for 2018-19 - The application submitted for the 2018-19 financial year (for a third post for the mobile VAS sign to be sited facing west within the 30mph zone outside Felsted Primary School) was awaiting full assessment by the ULHP.
31.5 Application for 2019-20 – The application submitted for the 2019-20 financial year (to install double yellow lines for a distance of 10m around the corners of Watch House Green to prevent parking and ease traffic congestion) was awaiting full assessment by the ULHP.
- H18/32 **Highway Ranger work**
Members noted that the PC requests to repaint the Village Crest and cut back the grass encroaching on the pavement in Chelmsford Road south of Bakers Lane were on the Highway Rangers list. It was agreed to ask the Highway Rangers to cut back Peaks Hall Lane at Crix Green.
- H18/33 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**
It was agreed that the Clerk would report a pothole opposite Aylands at Bannister Green and also notify ECC Highways that the repair markings at Bartholomew Green had almost worn away. The Village Attendant would be asked to clear the gully across the verge of Rayne Road in the dip near The Vineyard at Crix Green.
- H18/34 **Community Speedwatch**
Members noted that 192 vehicles had been reported to the Police during October, 82 in November and 28 vehicles during December. Because of the transfer of data processing of the Speedwatch Logs to the main Police computer, only one site, Station Road, was currently available to use but it was hoped that the other sites in Felsted would become operational again shortly.

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ECC Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

The P3 Group had been set up with more than 12 volunteers coming forward. A schedule of works had been submitted to ECC for approval and it was hoped to hold the first Work Group towards the end of February 2019. The Clerk would try to obtain photos of the Work Group for the website.

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Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda

1. Clearing of culverts in Station Road – The drain opposite Glendale, Station Road was full of silt. The Clerk would report this to ECC Highways.

2. Letter from resident requesting re-instatement of ‘Slow’ markings on Mill Road – When the road had last been resurfaced the previous ‘Slow’ markings at the junction of Mill Road and Station Road had not been re-instated. Vehicles travelling at speed caused a serious hazard for the resident when entering and leaving his driveway. Members had sympathy with the situation. They discussed options but concluded that the proximity of the driveway to the junction made it inherently dangerous and mitigation measures would have limited effect. ECC Highways would be asked to look into the problem.

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Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm. Next meeting to be held on 13 March 2018 at 5pm.

..... Committee Chairman 13 March 2018