

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2017 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

- Present:** Councillors Nicholas Hinde (Chairman), Andy Bennett and Richard Freeman.
- H17/23 **Public Forum**
No members of the public were present.
- H17/24 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Frances Marshall and Peter Rose. There were no Declarations of Interest.
- H17/25 **Minutes of meeting held on 27 September 2017**
The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
- H17/26 **Matters arising from the September meeting**
26.1 Community Speedwatch (Item 17/21.1) - Members noted that Speedwatch sessions were now taking place once or twice each week and were covering Station Road, Chelmsford Road, Watch House Green and Willows Green. One recent session in Chelmsford Road had resulted in 14 vehicles being reported to the Police. Two new volunteers had come forward and were awaiting training.
26.2 Causeway End open space (Item 17/21.3) – It was agreed to chase the re-instatement of the grassed area in the Spring.
- H17/27 **Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**
27.1 Last outstanding application for 2015-16
a) Main Road, Willows Green second VAS sign – The ULHP Officer expected to resubmit this scheme, for consideration as an exceptional case, at the March 2018 meeting (because the speed survey results fell marginally short of the required speed criteria).
27.2 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.
27.3 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.
- H17/28 **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 but there was no indication as to when these works might be started.
- H17/29 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**
Members noted that the following works had been completed:
The rotted post on the triangular 'School' sign near the JBLN/Braintree Road junction had been removed and the hedge outside Brickhouse Farm at Cock Green had been trimmed. ECC Highways were continuing to actively investigate the flooding problem at the Hollow Road/Molehill Green Road junction.

The following highway problems had all been inspected and a 'defect raised' but because of a low priority rating no timing for the repairs could be given:
- Crix Green/Main Road corner flooding
- Damaged 'pedestrians on carriageway' sign opposite Silverleys, Gransmore Green
- Faded white lining at Ravens Crescent
- Replacement of missing fingerpost on FP5 off Stebbing Road

New problems had been reported as follows:
- Footpath 8 seriously overgrown
- Footpath 59 and 60 fingerposts alongside Mill Road had both fallen onto the verge.

The Clerk would report that Footpath 1 was impassable because of overgrown vegetation and the fingerpost had fallen over, adjacent to the cottage off Stebbing Road and she would confirm the exact new line of Footpath 112 following its recent diversion. Members noted that a digger had been seen working near the Chelmsford Road cemetery where road drainage problems had occurred in the past.

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Parking Enforcement for 2017-18 academic year

Members were pleased to note that Felsted School had once more agreed to contribute half the cost of the Parking Enforcement visits for the current school year. An invoice was awaited from the NEPP and then the Clerk would invoice the School accordingly.

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Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda

31.1 Vehicles parking on the pavement – Members expressed concern at the number of vehicles that were once again parking over the pavements in the village. This practise was dangerous and created serious problems for pedestrians with wheelchairs and pushchairs. It was agreed that the Clerk would clarify what the regulations were relating to such parking and whether the NEPP enforced them. Depending on the advice received should would draft a letter to be placed on all offending vehicles.

31.2 Parking restrictions – Members noted that a longstanding resident had recently received a parking ticket for parking during prohibited hours on Braintree Road opposite Andrews House. Members concluded that despite the closure of FKS Schools last year the restrictions were still required to help improve traffic flow at this pinch point during peak periods.

31.3 Primary School traffic survey – It was agreed to include this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

Next meeting to be held on 14 March 2018 at 5pm

..... Committee Chairman

14 March 2018