

## FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 26 September 2018 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

- Present:** Councillors Nicholas Hinde (Chairman), Richard Freeman, Andy Bennett, Frances Marshall and Peter Rose.
- H18/14 **Public Forum**  
No members of the public were present.
- H18/15 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**  
All members were present. There were no Declarations of Interest.
- H18/16 **Minutes of meeting held on 9 May 2018**  
The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
- H18/17 **Matters arising from the May meeting**  
**17.1 Community Speedwatch (Item 18/04.1)** – Since June the Speedwatch Group had held two 1 hour sessions most weeks. In July 77 vehicles had been reported to Essex Police. In August the number was 90 vehicles and the total for September (including today's session) was 134 vehicles. Sessions had taken place in Station Road, Chelmsford Road, Watch House Green, Bannister Green and Willows Green. Members wished to record their thanks to the members of the Speedwatch group for their time and effort to make the roads of Felsted safer.  
**17.2 Causeway End open space (Item 18/04.2)** – It was agreed that no further action was required on this matter.  
**17.3 Vehicles parking within 10m of the road junction at WHG (Item H18/04.3)** – It was agreed to submit an application to the ULHP to install double yellow lines around the corners of Watch House Green to prevent parking and ease traffic congestion.  
**17.4 Flooding problems at Station Road and on Braintree Road near Seabrooks Farm (Items H18/09.1 and H18/09.2)** – These problems had now all been resolved.
- H18/18 **Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**  
**18.1 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 current financial year end.  
**b) Extension of 40mph speed limit from Crix Green towards Frenches Green** - The cost of providing the recommended additional signage had not, to date, been included in the 2018-19 ULHP budget.  
**18.2 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.  
**18.3 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.  
**18.4 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.  
**18.5 New applications for 2019-20** – See Item H18/17.3 above.  
**18.6 ULHP Scheme for 'Crix Green corner' flooding problem** - Members noted that the ULHP had set aside a budget of £4,000 in the current financial year for a feasibility study into providing additional signage at the 'Crix Green corner' where the road regularly floods and freezes because of drainage problems. Members will report any incidents/accidents at this location to the Clerk so that she can maintain a record.  
**18.7 Mobile VAS sign batteries** – The Clerk had requested new batteries for the mobile VAS sign because they were no longer holding charge. The ULHP had responded that they were no longer supplying consumables for these types of VAS sign because of their age. Instead they had offered to undertake a survey with a view to potentially funding a new sign. The Clerk had responded with the necessary details to enable the survey to be undertaken. The situation would be monitored.
- H18/19 **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. No update was available. It was agreed to ask the Village Attendant to cut back the hedge opposite the cemetery in Chelmsford Road, between Bakers Road and the VAS sign.

H18/20 **Further review of parking restrictions in Braintree Road outside the shops**  
Members had reviewed these parking restrictions at their May meeting. Following a subsequent request at the June PC meeting (Item 18/44.4) they again reviewed the time of the afternoon restrictions. Following an extended discussion it was agreed to leave the restrictions unchanged because they aided traffic flow at peak times and in particular enabled large vehicles to successfully turn at the Braintree/Station/Chelmsford Road junction. The Clerk would ask ECC Highways to repaint the yellow lines between Linsells shop and Bury Chase as they had faded significantly.

H18/21 **Woodleys Car Park – Installation of salt bin and resurfacing work**  
Members noted that the car park resurfacing work had been completed and the salt bin would be installed shortly. The Village Attendant would be asked to monitor any egress of the gravel from the church access road onto the car park and sweep away as required.

H18/22 **Renewal of NEPP additional Parking Enforcement visits (2018-19 academic year)**  
Members agreed that this contract should be renewed on the same basis as in previous years. The Clerk would contact the NEPP and Felsted School and confirm the arrangements.

Cars were frequently parking on the pavement of Braintree Road at peak times, between the Primary School and Whippersnappers nursery. This endangered the safety of children travelling to school as part of the 'walking bus'. The Parking Attendants would be asked to place polite notices (provided by the Clerk) on the windscreens of offending vehicles pointing out the dangers of this inconsiderate parking.

H18/23 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**  
A number of highway problems remained outstanding but most potholes had now been repaired by ECC Highways.

It was agreed that the Clerk would report a pothole outside Brook Cottage between Cobblers Green and Cock Green. Members noted that some resurfacing repairs appeared to be imminent at Bartholomew Green as defective areas had been marked out on the roadway.

H18/24 **ECC Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**  
The Clerk had found a volunteer to take over the organisation of a P3 Group in Felsted and had arranged a meeting on 15 October with the volunteer, the Highway Committee Chairman and Shirley Anglin of ECC Highways to discuss the operation of the scheme in greater detail.

H18/25 **Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**  
**25.1 Stebbing Road** – Members noted that a recently constructed driveway encroached into the carriageway near the northern end of Stebbing Road.  
**25.2 L'Etape London Cycle event on 23 September** – This event had been cancelled because of adverse weather. The organisers had removed all signage but had left the cut cable ties littering the roadside. The Clerk would highlight this problem to the organisers to avoid similar problems in the future.  
**25.3 Closure of Braintree Road on Sunday 21 October for gas connection works at Andrews House** - Members noted this closure and concluded that a Sunday during Half Term was an appropriate time to undertake the works and avoid excessive disruption to traffic. The closure would be publicised on the PC website and the Clerk would inform Linsells shop and Holy Cross Church direct.

H18/26 **Next Meeting**  
The meeting closed at 6.05 pm. Next meeting to be held on 12 December 2018 at 5pm.

..... Committee Chairman 12 December 2018