

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 17 May 2017 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

Present: Councillors Nicholas Hinde (Chairman), Andy Bennett, Richard Freeman and Peter Rose.

H17/01 **Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

H17/02 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Frances Marshall. There were no Declarations of Interest.

H17/03 **Minutes of meeting held on 8 March 2017**

The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

H17/04 **Matters arising from the March meeting**

04.1 Pothole at entrance to Woodleys car park (Item 16/53.1) - Members noted that the full Council had agreed to accept the quotation from Ted Anderson to repair the series of potholes, subject to a further inspection of the temporary repair work. The Clerk and the Cllr Hinde had both subsequently inspected the temporary repair and it was agreed that a full repair was still required.

H17/05 **Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**

05.1 Applications for 2015-16

a) Bannister Green Halt bridge – Members noted that the final specification for the works had been agreed by the PC and the work would be funded in the 2017-18 financial year.

b) Crix Green to Frenches Green speed limit extension – The results of the traffic survey were still awaited from the ULHP Officer.

c) Main Road, Willows Green second VAS sign – The ULHP Officer had not yet submitted this scheme to UDC Cabinet for consideration as an exceptional case (because the speed survey results fell marginally short of the required speed criteria). If Cabinet approved the scheme, members noted that funding would not be available until 2018-19 at the earliest.

05.2 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.

05.3 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.

H17/06 **Highway Ranger work**

Members noted that nothing further had been heard from the Highway Rangers regarding the PC request to repaint the Village Crest.

H17/07 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**

Members noted that the following works had been completed:

The Village Attendant had cleared the brambles obscuring the footpath sign on the track to Sunnybrook Farm in Braintree Road and had commenced cleaning the name signs around the village. It was agreed to remind him to paint the new Bartholomew Green fingerpost.

ECC Highways had scheduled repair and resurfacing works for Gransmore Green, Stebbing Road and Garnetts in the next few weeks. The pothole outside the Doctor's surgery had also been marked for repair. ECC Highways were also actively investigating 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

- Rotted post on triangular 'School' sign at JBLN/Braintree Road junction
- Replacement of missing fingerpost on FP5 off Stebbing Road
- Bridleway 18 towards Gransmore Green – Refix damaged posts

It was agreed to report the pothole at the Braintree Road/Rayne Road junction at Watch House Green (where a cyclist had recently been injured).

H17/08

Review of Parish Plan Actions (Roads Section)

One further Parish Plan Action had been completed since the last meeting with the setting up of an active Speedwatch Group in the village.

The Clerk had arranged a meeting of the 7 trained volunteers and the first Speedwatch session had subsequently been held in mid April. Five subsequent Speedwatch sessions, at various locations, had been held to date with an average of 5-7 cars being reported to the Police for action from each session. The system was working well with good feedback from the Police and a great deal of public support.

H17/09

Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda

09.1 Removal of abandoned cars – It was agreed that the Clerk would again report the burnt out car on the Fritch Way near Gransmore Green and the abandoned car in the field below Bannister Green Halt bridge to the Police and request that they be removed.

H17/10

Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

Next meeting to be held on 27 September 2017 at 5pm

..... Committee Chairman

27 September 2017