

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on
11 September 2013 at 7:30 pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Committee Room.**

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

H13/11 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Caroline Scott-Bowden.
There were no declarations of interest.

H13/12 Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was agreed to add apologies from Councillor Peter Rose to the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 November 2012 and 22 May 2013 and they were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

H13/13 Matters arising

Members noted the following:

- H12/13.11.02 – Bus stop outside Bury Gate – This had now been extended as requested.
- H12/15 – Installation of Street light adjacent to the water tower – This matter was outstanding and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the next meeting. Residents would then be consulted regarding the exact positioning of the light. Clerk
- H13/07 – Highway Projects –It was agreed that the Clerk would request an update regarding the re-instatement of Footpath 80 and also check if the collapsed footbridge on Footpath 59 had been replaced. Clerk
- H13/07 – Bus stop at Gransmore Green – Members noted that although it was a raised bus stop to provide disabled access on to the buses, the grass verge surrounding the platform meant that, in reality, wheelchair users could not access the bus stop. Repositioning was discussed, possibly to a site opposite the other bus stop at Gransmore Green.
- H13/06 – Possible new 40 mph speed limit on Causeway End Road - It was agreed that the Clerk should ascertain if the stretch of Causeway End Road between the 30 mph limits at Cock Green and Causeway End would now meet the ECC criteria for a 40 mph limit. Clerk

H13/14 Potholes and Highways maintenance work

Members were pleased to note that the following Highway repairs had now been completed:

- The pothole outside the doctor's surgery
- The pothole in Station Road (east side outside sewage treatment plant)
- The group of potholes in Molehill Green Road (near its junction with Hollow Road)
- The pothole in Main Road, Willows Green (outside the Egg House)
- The footbridge on Footpath 125 at Molehill Green had also been replaced and the footpath re-opened.

However it was agreed that the Clerk would chase ECC Highways regarding the outstanding problems:

- Pothole in Hollow Road (outside Wilderwick) Clerk
- Pothole in Cobblers Green (outside Potash Cottage)
- Flooding in Chelmsford Road at junction of Bakers Lane (County Councillor Walsh had already been asked to look into this serious issue)
- Flooding at Crix Green/Main Road junction
- Recurrent flooding in Causeway End outside The Bungalow

H13/15 **Vehicle Activated Signs**

After some discussion it was agreed to apply to ECC Highways Panel for two additional flashing speed signs in the village. One on the reverse of the existing sign in Chelmsford Road and the other at Main Road, Willows Green. Speed surveys would need to be carried out by ECC Highways (the average speed of vehicles must be in excess of 35 mph to meet their criteria). The next Highways Panel meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2013 when the request should be considered. Clerk

The proposal to assign a movable ECC sign to be shared between the two parishes of Felsted and Little Dunmow was agreed. Members noted that ECC funds were available for any repair work required to the existing sign. It was hoped that eventually this could be used at a number of locations around the village subject to Highways approval. Clerk

H13/16 **Cones Trial**

The Clerk reported that she had been unable to contact Simon Woolley, Felsted School Estates Manager and so could not provide any update. Clerk

H13/17 **Further Projects**

17.01 Traffic congestion at Watch House Green – Felmore Farm entrance
It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owners and draw their attention to the congestion caused by vehicles waiting to turn into their single track driveway and ask if they had any plans to construct more passing places along the length of the drive to ease the problem. Clerk

17.02 Extension of 40 mph speed limit at Crix Green to include bends at Pyes Bridge
It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this matter with ECC Highways. Clerk

H13/18 The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting

Tuesday 11 December at 5.00pm

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