

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2014 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

- Present:** Councillors Nicholas Hinde (Chairman), Richard Freeman and Peter Rose.
- H14/1 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**
Apologies had been received from Councillors Andy Bennett and Caroline Scott-Bowden. There were no declarations of interest.
- H14/2 **Minutes of meeting held on 26 February 2014**
The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- H14/3 **School Traffic Report (formerly known as the 'Cones Trial')**
The Clerk reported that she had not yet been successful in arranging a meeting with the NEPP, County Highways and Felsted School because the School had recently been concentrating on other matters (450th Event and Queen's visit). It was agreed that the Clerk would set up the meeting as soon as possible. Clerk
- H14/4 **Parish Plan Actions**
4.1 Traffic and Parking problems at the Primary School – It was agreed that a traffic survey would be undertaken once the proposed new 'No stopping' regulations were in place. Members discussed the possibility of having yellow lines on the junction of Braintree Road and the school access road to prevent dangerous parking.
4.2 Community Speed Watch – Members noted that one volunteer had come forward at the 450th Event and that an item would appear in the next Parish News asking for more volunteers. The name of a potential further volunteer was given to the Clerk.
- H14/5 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**
Members noted that repairs had been carried out to the potholes in Braintree Road, opposite East Brackendale. However the following works were still outstanding:
Leighs Lodge junction signpost demolished / 'Molehill Green' fingerpost at Willows Green missing / pothole at Cobblers Green / potholes in Molehill Green Road near the river crossing / damaged road surface and potholes outside Pyes Barn, Molehill Green Road / pothole outside Helpestones Manor, Hollow Road and the missing 'Felsted' signpost on the B1256/B1417 junction.
- H14/6 **Vehicle Activated Speed Signs**
The Clerk reported that the UDC Highways Panel had completed speed surveys at the two proposed locations and were collating data to present to the next Highways Panel meeting. Members discussed the format of VAS signs (flashing 'smiley face' or flashing '30') but opinions were divided as to which was most effective.
The Clerk informed members that UDC were in the process of re-furbishing all the mobile VAS signs, including the one shared by Felsted and Little Dunmow.
- H14/7 **New Street Light opposite the Water Tower**
There had been no further developments and it was agreed to consider this matter again at the next meeting. Assistant Clerk
- H14/8 **Bus Stop in Gransmore Green**
The UDC Highways Panel had re-considered the Council's application in the new financial year and had now agreed to fund this scheme. The ECC Passenger Transport Officer had met their engineer on site and, because vegetation had been cut back significantly, they had concluded that there was more space to install the raised kerb at the current location than on the opposite

side of the junction as originally planned. The work would be undertaken in "late summer".

H14/9 **Speed Limit Extensions**
9.1 Causeway End Road – Members were pleased to note that this new stretch of 40 mph speed limit was now operational.
9.2 Extension of 40 mph limit from Crix Green to Pyes Bridge – ECC Highways had not yet carried out a speed survey at this location and it was agreed that the Clerk would chase this matter. Clerk

H14/10 **B1417 at Bannister Green Halt**
Members were pleased to note that, following pressure from the Parish Council for them to upgrade the urgency of this work, ECC Highways had repaired the broken barrier on the inside of the corner. The Clerk had however been informed that an application would need to be made to the Uttlesford Highways Panel for a barrier to be installed along the line of the top of the embankment on the outside of the corner. It was agreed that the Clerk should submit such an application. Clerk

H14/11 **Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**
11.1 Bus service 133 - Withdrawal of 9.30am bus (Monday to Friday) -
Members noted that a new timetable had been issued to take effect on 14 June 2014 and that the first 'cheap rate' bus through Felsted had been withdrawn. The Chairman had already contacted the bus company and the Dunmow Broadcast to register his personal complaint. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with David Gregory (PC Transport Representative) and encourage individual villagers to also complain to the bus company. Clerk

H14/12 **Next Meeting**
The meeting closed at 5.35 pm

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10 September 2014 at 5.00 pm

..... Committee Chairman 10 September 2014