

## FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2014 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

- Present:** Councillors Nicholas Hinde (Chairman), Andy Bennett, Richard Freeman, Peter Rose and Caroline Scott-Bowden.
- H14/13 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**  
There were no apologies for absence or declarations of interest.
- H14/14 **Minutes of meeting held on 28 May 2014**  
The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- H14/15 **Matters Arising**  
**Withdrawal of 9.30am bus (Monday to Friday) on Route 133**  
Having received many objections to this action, including one from the Parish Council, the bus company had agreed to reconsider the situation but the service had not been re-instated.
- H14/16 **School Traffic Report (formerly known as the 'Cones Trial')**  
The Clerk had spoken to NEPP and County Highways and now that Felsted School had returned for the Autumn Term it was hoped to arrange the meeting for, ideally, Wednesday 8 October at 4pm. Clerk
- H14/17 **Traffic and Parking problems at the Primary School** – The new 'No stopping' regulations were now in place so members agreed to carry out a traffic survey during the week commencing 29 September. The Clerk would circulate a schedule of times and members would note their availability. All
- H14/18 **Disabled Parking Bay outside Doctor's Surgery**  
Having received a request from a resident to create a disabled parking bay, the Chairman had spoken to the Doctor's surgery regarding the practicalities. They had suggested locating the space at the far end of the slip road beyond the staff parking (the staff parking area was not available as it doubled up as Emergency vehicle parking when required). It was agreed that all members should have a look at the area and that the Clerk should ask ECC Highways to consider the idea (and send them the Conservation Area Plan which detailed official parking spaces outside The Chequers). Members queried the ownership of the slip road. All  
Clerk
- H14/19 **Parking outside The Swan**  
Members noted that the parking area within the premises had been developed as an outside smoking area and that consequently staff now parked, for considerable periods of time, in the public parking spaces adjacent to Station Road. Members noted that UDC Enforcement Officers were investigating the matter and it was therefore agreed to await the outcome of the Enforcement action and consider the matter again at the next Highways meeting.
- H14/20 **Community Speed Watch** – Members noted that four volunteers had now come forward with two further 'possibles'. The Clerk had contacted the Police who had agreed to run a training course once their speed guns returned from being calibrated. It was agreed that the group would take up Fritch Green's kind offer to share their speed gun. Clerk
- H14/21 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**  
Members were pleased to note that following a period of more extensive repairs only one reported pothole remained outstanding (at Cobblers Green).  
However other Highway repairs were still outstanding namely Leighs Lodge junction signpost demolished / 'Molehill Green' fingerpost at Willows Green missing / and the missing 'Felsted' signpost on the B1256/B1417 junction. It was

agreed that the Clerk would chase these matters once more.

Members reported new potholes at Cock Green (near entrance to Pond Park) and at Pyes Green (outside the newly built house). Clerk

Members were pleased to note that ECC Highways had cut back the hedge outside Brick House Farm and had just commenced cutting the hedge on the opposite side of the same road. It was agreed to report the overhanging hedge opposite the Pond Park entrance to ECC Highways. Clerk

H14/22 **Vehicle Activated Speed Signs**

Members were pleased to note that UDC Highways Panel had agreed to install the two requested VAS signs in Chelmsford Road and Main Road, Willows Green. The locations had been agreed but it was not yet known when the signs would be erected. The Clerk had enquired if the Willows Green VAS sign could be double sided but had been informed that this was not possible at the present time because further traffic surveys would need to be undertaken. Members agreed to apply for a further VAS sign at Willows Green early in the new year. Clerk

H14/23 **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

H14/24 **Bus Stop in Gransmore Green**

Members noted that the Clerk was awaiting confirmation as to when this work would commence as it had been scheduled for "late summer".

H14/25 **Extension of 40 mph limit from Crix Green to Pyes Bridge**

ECC Highways had not pursued this request during the current financial year so it was agreed to re-apply early in the new year in time for the allocation of next year's funding. Clerk

H14/26 **B1417 at Bannister Green Halt**

The Clerk had applied to Uttlesford Highways Panel for a barrier to be installed along the line of the top of the embankment on the outside of the corner. No response had yet been received. Members agreed that the Clerk should therefore chase this matter. Clerk

H14/27 **Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**

**27.1 Signage for Playing Field Car Park** – It was agreed that signs should be placed on the footpath fingerpost outside the Memorial Hall and at the junction of Braintree Road and Jollyboys Lane North directing vehicles to the new car park. Clerk

**27.2 Flooding on Willows Green bends and at Chelmsford Road/ Bakers Lane junction** – Despite resurfacing of the roadway the dip remained on the Willows Green bends and it was agreed that the Clerk would re-report these two problems to ECC Highways to encourage their rectification prior to the winter. Clerk

**27.3 Residents only parking scheme in Chelmsford Road** – Members noted that parking, at the village end of Chelmsford Road, had become increasingly difficult for those residents (9 houses) who had no off street parking within their property. Members discussed various options and it was agreed to consider this more fully at the next meeting.

H14/28 **Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm

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

..... Committee Chairman 10 December 2014