

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2017 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

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

H17/11 **Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

H17/12 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Andy Bennett. There were no Declarations of Interest.

H17/13 **Minutes of meeting held on 17 May 2017**

The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

H17/14 **Matters arising from the May meeting**

14.1 Abandoned cars in Woodleys car park and elsewhere (Item 17/09.1) - Members noted that the car in the field next to Bannister Green Halt had been removed (following the departure of the travellers who had occupied the field) but the one on the Flich Way near Gransmore Green was still there. The Clerk had reported a total of 3 abandoned vehicles (1 van and 2 cars) in Woodleys Car Park to UDC and these had all now been removed.

H17/15 **Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**

15.1 Applications for 2015-16

a) Bannister Green Halt bridge – Members were pleased to note that this scheme had now been completed by ECC Highways. A series of reflective marker posts had been installed along with 2 new warning signs and additional 'SLOW' graphics on the road surface. It was hoped that these works would prevent further accidents on this dangerous bend in the future.

b) Crix Green to Frenches Green speed limit extension – The Highways traffic survey had shown that this location did not meet the criteria for an extension of the speed limit so the ULHP meeting on 18 September had agreed that the scheme would not be pursued.

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).

15.2 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.

15.3 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.

15.4 Submission of new applications for 2018-19

The ULHP had requested that schemes be submitted by December 2017. Members considered a request to reduce the speed of cars in Evelyn Road, Willows Green but agreed that the 30mph limit was the lowest applicable and that speed ramps would not comply with ECC Highways criteria for this location. It was agreed that no new applications would be submitted.

H17/16 **Highway Ranger work**

Members noted that nothing further had been heard from the Highway Rangers regarding the PC requests to repaint the Village Crest and cut back the grass encroaching on the pavement in Chelmsford Road south of Bakers Lane. The Clerk would try to obtain an estimate as to when these works might be started.

H17/17 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**

Members noted that the following works had been completed:

The Village Attendant had painted the new Bartholomew Green fingerpost.

ECC Highways had completed repair and resurfacing works at Gransmore Green, Stebbing Road and Garnetts and had also repaired the large pothole outside the Doctor's surgery and that at the Braintree Road/Rayne Road junction at Watch House Green. ECC

Highways were continuing to actively investigate 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

H17/18 **Pothole repairs at Woodleys Car Park and Jollyboys Lane North**

Members noted that the larger potholes in Woodleys Car Park had now been repaired. The Parish Council had also arranged for the potholes in Jollyboys Lane North to be filled at the same time, as this roadway has not been 'adopted' by ECC and it provides access to the Playing field car park.

H17/19 **Parking Enforcement for 2017-18 academic year**

Members noted the schedule of parking enforcement visits for 2017-18 that had been provided by the NEPP. Some minor adjustments to the dates of the proposed visits were required (replace 3 visits listed for the school Easter holiday period with 3 into July 2018 at Watch House Green) but the cost would be unchanged at £1152. Felsted School would be approached to confirm that they would be willing to continue to meet half the cost of the visits. The Highways Committee would recommend that the visits continue even if Felsted School was not willing to continue their contribution towards to the cost.

H17/20 **Review of Parish Plan Actions (Roads Section)**

Members reviewed the Parish Plan Actions (Roads Section) and concluded that most of the recommended Actions had now been achieved. The remaining recommended Actions had been investigated but found to be unachievable at this time. It was therefore agreed to leave this item off future Agenda's.

H17/21 **Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**

21.1 Community Speedwatch update – The Clerk reported that fewer Speedwatch sessions had been undertaken between June and mid-September because of holiday commitments and the recalibration of the equipment by the Police. Regular sessions had now resumed and were ongoing.

21.2 Accident at Pound Hill Little Dunmow – Members noted that following a recent car accident at Pound Hill, Little Dunmow Parish Council were requesting measures to reduce traffic speed in that area

21.3 Causeway End/Chelmsford Road junction 'open space' - An adjacent resident had utilised a section of the grassed area during recent building works. The Clerk would request that they re-instate the damage to the grass.

H17/22 **Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

Next meeting to be held on 12 December 2017 at 5pm

..... Committee Chairman

13 December 2017