

## FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2017 at 5:00 pm in the URC Committee Room.

- Present:** Councillors Nicholas Hinde (Chairman), Richard Freeman and Frances Marshall.
- H16/44 **Public Forum**  
No members of the public were present.
- H16/45 **Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Andy Bennett and Peter Rose. There were no Declarations of Interest.
- H16/46 **Minutes of meeting held on 14 December 2016**  
The Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
- H16/47 **Matters arising from the December meeting**  
**47.1 Parking Enforcement visits (Item 16/35.2)** - Members noted the data supplied by the NEPP for visits during the period December 2016 to February 2017 (13 visits carried out with 6 Observations and 12 PCN's issued)
- H16/48 **Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**  
**48.1 Applications for 2015-16**  
**a) Bannister Green Halt bridge** – Members noted that the feasibility study had been completed and once it was 'signed off' a copy would be sent to the Council for consultation. This was being considered as a Priority 1 scheme by the ULHP.  
**b) Crix Green to Frenches Green speed limit extension** – The results of the traffic survey were not yet available. The amount of countryside between the hamlets made it less likely that an extension would be granted and it had been suggested, by the ULHP Officer, that advisory bend warning signs might therefore be more appropriate in this situation.  
**c) Main Road, Willows Green second VAS sign** - Because of pressure of other work this had not yet been submitted 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 there were not likely to be funds available to carry out the scheme within the 2017-18 budget.  
**48.2 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.  
**48.3 Applications for 2017-18**  
The applications submitted for the 2017-18 financial year (HGV restriction on Molehill Green Road and reduction of speed limit at Hartford End to 30mph) were awaiting full assessment by the ULHP.
- H16/49 **Highway Ranger work**  
Members noted that the Highway Rangers had been requested to repaint the Village Crest.
- H16/50 **Mobile VAS sign**  
Members were pleased to note that the mobile VAS sign in Station Road was now operating well. They noted that on average it was being activated in excess of 10,000 times in each 2 week period.  
The Clerk had spoken to the ULHP with regard to establishing a second site for the mobile VAS sign at Watch House Green and been informed that unless there was an existing post that could be utilised, it would be necessary to submit an application to the ULHP to erect a post after conducting the necessary speed survey to ensure that the site met the required criteria. It was agreed that the Clerk should make an application.
- H16/51 **Potholes and Highways maintenance work**  
Members noted that the following works had been completed:  
- The largest potholes in Garnetts Lane had been repaired (smaller potholes remained)  
- Stebbing Road/Braintree Road junction pothole repaired  
  
The Village Attendant had repaired the broken hamlet sign outside Brick House Farm at Cock Green and would paint the new Bartholomew Green fingerpost as soon as the

weather permitted. The clearing of brambles obscuring the footpath sign on the track to Sunnybrook Farm in Braintree Road still needed to be actioned.

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
- Potholes outside Doctor's surgery

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**Review of Parish Plan Actions (Roads Section)**

No further Parish Plan Action's had been completed since the last meeting. The Clerk reported that Essex Police and Fire Service had jointly commenced a new initiative to provide greater support to the local Community Speedwatch network. As a result the Speedwatch signs requested many months ago, had now been delivered and all equipment was now in place. The Clerk agreed to act as a temporary co-ordinator and arrange of meeting of the trained volunteers so that the Group could become operational. The Clerk would attend a Speedwatch Co-Ordinators meeting at Kelvedon the following day.

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**Other Urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**

**53.1 Pothole at entrance to Woodleys car park** – It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quotation for repairing this pothole for the next meeting.

**53.2 Cleaning of hamlet signs** – The Clerk would ask the Village Attendant to carry out this work.

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**Next Meeting**

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

Next meeting to be held on 17 May 2017 at 5pm  
(Cllr Frances Marshall gave her apologies for this meeting and Cllr Richard Freeman agreed to confirm his availability to attend to the Clerk. The Clerk would check with the remaining Committee members to ensure that a Forum would be achieved)

..... Committee Chairman

17 May 2017