

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 9 November at 5:00 pm using the Zoom online platform

- Present:** Councillors Frances Marshall, Richard Freeman, Andy Bennett, Penny Learmonth, Alec Fox
In attendance: Clare Schorah.
- H22/31 **ITEM 1. Public Forum**
There were no members of the public present.
- H22/32 **ITEM 2. Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies for absence
- H22/33 **ITEM 3. Declaration of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- H22/34 **ITEM 4. Minutes of meeting held on 13 July 2022**
The Minutes were approved and would be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting held in person
- H22/35 **ITEM 5. Matters arising from the July meeting**
- 35.1 Faulty mobile VAS sign in Station Road (Item H21/14.1/19.1)** The Clerk has checked with a developer who needed to install one as a condition of Planning Permission but it needs to be in a specific location so it can not be changed for a mobile VAS for use elsewhere in the Parish. (22/62). The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will investigate grants available later in the financial year that could potentially assist a purchase of a mobile VAS. The Assistant Clerk will arrange for this issue to be put on a Full Parish Council Agenda at the beginning of the next financial year.
- 35.2 Overgrown and uneven footpath surface in Chelmsford Road (Item H21/14.2/19.2)** This problem, affecting the pavement south of the Bakers Lane junction, had previously been reported to the ULHP. The Assistant Clerk had contacted Highways Rangers to arrange to get this organised. The Assistant Clerk has now sent the request to the Highways Liaison Officer and he has added it to the work list for the Highways Rangers but going forward has asked that the Parish Council uses the Essex Highways 'Report a Problem' webpage
- 35.3 Speed Surveys (H21/14.05/19.3)** Following on from the Speed Surveys undertaken by Essex Highways in Felsted during November 2020 the Assistant Clerk has liaised with Community Speed Watch to ascertain whether new locations can be added to the rota. There is now a new location in Bannister Green.
- 35.4 Damaged Bin. (H22/13d/19.6)** A bin near the bus stop on Braintree Road was damaged in the March storms and the Assistant Clerk contacted UDC waste department to report it to be fixed. This has been chased up and fixed
- 35.5 County Councillor visit ((H22/13c/19.7)** The following flooding sites were visited by an engineer, Cllr Foley and Cllr Harvey with a view to fix the underlying issues before winter:
- Causeway End
 - Milch Hill
 - Molehill Green
- 35.6 Damaged Speed Limit sign (H22/29a)** The Assistant Clerk reported damaged speed limit signs to Essex Highways.
- 35.7 Damaged Pavement (H22/29b)** The Assistant Clerk reported damaged pavement in Bannister Green.
- 35.8 Safety at Thistley Bridge (H22/26)** – The Assistant Clerk has contacted Essex Highways to report the issue of road safety near Thistley Bridge due to overgrown vegetation and has applied for a 'Narrow Road' sign for this location.

35.9 Location of planned pedestrian crossing in Bury Farm Development (H22/27) The Assistant Clerk will contacted Essex Highways to alert them to the issue of a planned pedestrian crossing at the new Bury Farm development which will obstruct the entrance to an existing dwelling.

35.10 Speeding in School Road, Bartholomew Green (H22/18) - The Assistant Clerk contacted Community Speed Watch to ask for the Speed Watch location at Concord Farm to be reassessed to monitor the speed in this area. The CSW Officer does not think that this site would pass the risk assessment today because there isn't a footpath and it is a 40 mph speed limit. The Assistant Clerk will investigate this further.

35.11 Speeding in Jollyboys Lane (H22/19)- The Committee considered the issue of speeding and Road safety on Jollyboys Lane. The Assistant Clerk has applied for 'Children Playing' and 'Riders on Horseback' signs in this location.

H22/36 **ITEM 6. Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**

[This information was circulated](#)

H22/37 **ITEM 7. Highway Ranger work**

Members noted that the Highway Rangers team were now willing to meet on site to discuss projects. Assistant Clerk has contacted the team for the Chairman to meet the team to look at the overgrown pavement in Chelmsford Road (see Item above) in the hope of expediting the project. This has been sent to the Highways Liaison Officer and will be dealt with soon. Going forward the Highways Liaison Officer has asked that the Parish Council uses the Essex Highways 'Report a Problem' webpage

H22/38 **ITEM 8. Highway maintenance work**

[This information was circulated](#)

H22/39 **ITEM 9 a) Community Speedwatch**

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) group are carrying on with their activities. There was an article in the Felsted Focus appealing for Community Speed Watch volunteers and they are hoping that this encourages more residents to join the group. They have also started to monitor speeds at a new location in Bannister Green (on Rayne Road)

They are currently managing about 4 to 8 sessions each month and are still observing some high speeds within Felsted. Chelmsford Road has recorded the highest speed of 49mph in September and 46mph in August. Station Road has experienced some noted high speeds as well (47mph in July, August and September) and Willows Green saw a car travelling at 48mph in September.

The Chairman will investigate whether it would be possible for students at Felsted School to join the Community Speed Watch volunteers as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

b) Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

The P3 group has done a considerable amount of path clearance over the last few weeks. They have worked hard on foot path 1, the section from the junction with Stebbing Road to the gate on the field. They have had to clear this three times this year. Although it is on Essex Highway's cutting schedule it does not appear to have been cut.

They cleared the other end of foot path 1 with the help of the Flitch Way group. They have started work on foot path 112 but this is a big job and will take time to clear. They are having problems with cross field paths not being marked by the farmers and continue to report these.

A number of waymarks have also been removed which is very concerning and they have been reported to Essex Highways to be replaced. They continue to monitor the state of the paths every Monday on our walk around the village. Their numbers are increasing, which indicates that locals are keen to use the footpath network.

H22/40 **ITEM 10. Bannister Green sign at Cock Green** The "Bannister Green" sign at Cock Green has become detached from the finger post. The sign has been removed and stored by the village attendant. The Assistant Clerk will report to Essex Highways and investigate whether the village attendant is able to fix it.

H22/41 **ITEM 11. Parking and Speeding – (22/96.3 & 96.4)** - The Committee has been asked to consider the issues with speeding in the village and dangerous parking near the primary school. It has recently applied for double yellow lines around the corner of the primary school and there should be a new car park for the primary school as part of the planned development at Sunnybrook Farm (UTT/20/1882/FUL) to make it safer around the primary school. It will also continue to investigate purchasing a VAS. The Chairman will arrange to meet with the headteacher at Felsted Primary School to discuss this issue further.

H22/42 **ITEM 12. 20's Plenty Update.** The Assistant went to a webinar in July about the 20's Plenty Initiative and will be attending the EALC update webinar on the 17th November. She will keep the Committee updated with developments in this area.

H22/43 **ITEM 13. Other urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**

a) The Assistant Clerk received an email from a resident after the agenda was published. It asked the Highways Committee to consider accessibility for wheelchair users at the bus stop in Watch House Green.

The Assistant Clerk will contact the Highways Liaison Officer to enquire about what can be done to make this bus stop more accessible.

b) The Chairman brought up the issue of flooding at Tin Bridge in Stebbing Road, Felsted. The Assistant Clerk will report it to Essex Highways and Cllr Foley.

H22/44 **ITEM 14. Next Meeting**
The meeting closed at 5.45pm

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th March 2023

..... Committee Chairman