FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1101th meeting held on 1st June 2022 at 6:30 pm in the URC Hall

Present: Councillors Graham Harvey (Chairman), Alec Fox, Richard Freeman, Hywel Jones, Penny Learmonth, Frances Marshall, John Moore and Richard Silcock along with 3 members of the public. Also present were District Councillors John Evans and Sandi Merrifield. In attendance: The Clerk and the RFO. The Asst Clerk attended virtually using the on line platform zoom.

22/119 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from ClIrs Andy Bennett, Andrew Parker and Roy Ramm, County Councillor Martin Foley and Youth Representative Will Bennet

22/120 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Graham Harvey declared an interest in item 22/133 NFU Health and Safety Review and said he would not take part in the decision making process regarding that item. *Note: Cllr Hywel Jones entered the meeting at this point.*

22/121 Public Forum

Churchyard Hedge – The Clerk will obtain a quote from JCM Services to cut back the hedge at the front of the churchyard.

- 22/122 Minutes of Meeting 1100 held on 4th May 2022 These Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
- 22/123 Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17th May 2022 and the Finance Committee meeting held on 18th May 2022

The Minutes of the Planning Committee were noted and would be formally approved at the next meeting of the Planning Committee. The Minutes of the Finance Committee will be received and noted at the July PC meeting.

22/124 Matters Arising from the 4th May Council Meeting

124.1 Willows Green Play Area Gate (Item 22/106.7) - The Village Attendant has advised that the gap in the hedge is only 3 foot wide. Fitting a concrete spur / gate would further narrow the gap and affect accessibility. It is therefore proposed to put a small stretch of post/rails inside the play area on the right hand side of the entrance. A four foot gate will then be installed.

124.2 Bannister Green Play Area Gate (Item 22/116.2) – The Village Attendant has completed the repair to the gate.

124.3 Watering of Trees / Hedges (Item 22/116.3) – Cllrs were advised that the Nature Area Working Group has instructed JCM Services to water the front hedgerow / two new Oak trees on the Nature Area once a month at a cost of \pounds 50 per hour. These costs will be met by the Nature Area fund.

22/125 County Councillor Report

Not received.

22/126 District Councillors Report

Members noted the <u>report</u> from the District Councillors which contained information on: the progress of the Local Plan and the Government's requirement for UDC to "find" 701 dwellings every year between now and 2040; waste and recycling matters including the relocation of the waste service depot to Little Canfield; flexible working arrangements for UDC Officers and the possible purchase by UDC of 19 new properties to add to their housing stock.

22/127 Correspondence

Members noted the Correspondence received (see pages 6/7) including the following:

127.1 Bi Annual Meeting between UDC Chief Executive / Local Councils – It was noted that Cllr Richard Freeman would be attending this meeting which is scheduled to take place in Stebbing on 6th June.

127.2 ECC Community Initiative Grant – The PC agreed no application will be made this time.

127.3 Holy Cross Church – It was noted that the church are supporting a Ukrainian family who has relocated to Felsted. Two more families are expected to arrive in the near future.

Note: Cllr Richard Silcock entered the meeting during discussion of the next item.

127.4 Allotment Litter / Overgrown Tree and Verge –The Clerk will ask the Village Attendant to remove accumulated litter from a corner of the allotments. JCM Services will be asked to quote for reducing / removing a small tree overshadowing a resident's garden. The PC agreed that greenery growing along the fence line / roadside entrance to the allotments would not be cut back as they are countryside verges / paths and greenery is to be expected.

127.5 Grave in Wildlife Area – The Clerk will ask JCM Services to reinstate a previously agreed strimmed path facilitating access to a grave in the Wildlife Area (Minute 20/95.3)

127.6 Rubbish in Churchyard – Cllrs Penny Learmonth and John Moore will meet to inspect the churchyard. The Clerk will ask the Village Attendant to remove rubbish that has been left in front of a grave.

127.7 Peakes Hall Lane – Cllrs were informed by a resident that they had erected a sign asking people not to pull ivy off of the trees in the lane. Cllrs agreed that they had no issue with the sign remaining.

127.8 The Women's Tour – This professional bike race is coming through Felsted on Tuesday 7th June at approximately midday necessitating a short road closure. Details will be posted on the PC website.

22/128 Finance

128.1 Payments - Members considered the list of payments on pages 8/9. Proposed by Cllr Frances Marshall, seconded by Cllr Alec Fox the payments list was unanimously approved. Cllrs noted that amounts paid towards the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will be repaid to the PC by the Events Committee should the event make a profit. It was noted that the PC will make a payment towards the cost of event security.

128.2 Receipts - Members noted receipts of £2483.21 consisting of: £5 Felsted Focus Donations; £520 Felsted Focus Advertising; £1790 Events Committee re Platinum Jubilee Celebrations; £168 refund from TPM Medical and £0.21 Google Test Receipt

128.3 Internal Audit Report 2021-22 - Cllrs noted the Internal Audit Report which had been submitted by the PC's new auditor Val Evans. The RFO noted that she was proactive and keen to make sure that the PC meets it's legal obligations.

128.4 Audit Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 - The Finance Committee had studied the accounts and Audit Return in detail at their meeting on 18th May 2022. It was proposed by Cllr John Moore, seconded by Cllr Frances Marshall and unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Governance Statement. The documents were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk prior to submission to the External Auditors.

128.5 Audit Accounting Statements and Audit Return 2021-22 - It was proposed by Cllr John Moore, seconded by Cllr Richard Silcock and unanimously agreed to approve these documents. The documents were signed by the Chairman and the RFO prior to submission to the External Auditors.

128.6 Financial Regulations Spending Limits - These were considered by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 18th May. They recommended that the authority for expenditure determined by the Clerk / RFO, in conjunction with the Chair of the Council / Chair of the Finance Committee be increased from £500 to £1,000 with all other limits remaining unchanged. Proposed by Cllr Frances Marshall, seconded by Cllr Richard Freeman the revision was unanimously agreed.

128.7 Year to Date Budget Review – Cllrs noted that the figures on page 10 representing the first six weeks of the financial year were in line with expectations. The RFO explained that salaries appear under budget but this is expected to be offset by PAYE.

128.8 Nature Area Account

(i) VAT Repayment - In accordance with the Nature Area Accounting Procedures VAT incurred on Nature Area expenditure is reclaimed by the PC and subsequently transferred back to the Nature Area bank account. It was proposed by Cllr Richard Freeman, seconded by Cllr John Moore and unanimously agreed to transfer £4757.99 VAT reclaimed on Nature Area expenditure during the period September 2018 – May 2022 from the PC's Barclays bank account to the Nature Area's Barclays bank account.

(ii) Metro Bank - ClIrs agreed that they wished to reduce the amount of PC funds held by the Metro bank. It was proposed by ClIr Graham Harvey, seconded by ClIr John Moore and unanimously agreed that £15,000 be transferred from the Nature Area Metro Account to the Nature Area Barclays Account.

128.9 Renewal of Insurance Policy (due 1 June 2022) - The PC noted that their previous insurers Pen Underwriting had withdrawn their parish council insurance scheme and therefore no longer offered PC insurance. Gallaghers (who had acquired the PC's brokers Came and Co) advised that after approaching several insurers to join their panel in 2021/2022 they had decided to remain with a single insurer solution in Hiscox. The PC noted that the quoted annual premium of £3601.44 represented an increase of 25%. The brokers had advised that insurance premiums have generally increased by 12% over the past year with the additional increase being due to the PC making a claim on the policy in 2021 with another possible claim pending. It was proposed by Cllr Richard Freeman, seconded by Cllr Alec Fox and unanimously agreed to accept the renewal premium of £3,601.44 from Hiscox for the year 2022/23. The PC will investigate other potential brokers before the 2023 renewal is due.

22/129 Ride London Feedback

The PC noted that there had been good feedback regarding the event which was both enjoyable and had a good atmosphere. It was felt however that there had been a lack of consultation and some negative issues caused by much of Felsted being blocked off. Cllrs Graham Harvey and Frances Marshall will liaise with the Clerk to write a letter to Ride London with feedback regarding the event.

22/130 Pavilion

130.1 Additional Works - Cllrs noted that Felsted Construction had advised that there were not any hand basins / hot water in the toilets. Supply / Installation of both was quoted at £1,700 + VAT. Due to the urgency to complete works on the Pavilion prior to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations the quote was considered and approved by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 18th May (minute F22/32.2).

130.2 Project Cost / Grants Awarded - The PC noted that the cost of works to the pavilion totalled £13245. The approved additional works to the interior walls (£2275) / toilets (£2480) (minute 22/109) had been added onto the grant application made to the Football Foundation. The final grant awarded by the Football Foundation was £8021. Together with the grant of £790 received from UDC (minute 22/59) total grants awarded were £8811. The remaining amount of £4434 would be funded by the PC.

130.3 Interior Fittings – The PC were advised that Felsted Rovers had requested permission to install hooks / a white board inside the changing rooms. The Clerk would ask Felsted Construction to install both.

22/131 Vandalism / Extreme Litter on Main Playing Field

The PC were advised that the main playing field has been targeted several times by vandals. All incidents were reported to the police. The PC expressed their thanks to the local residents who spent several hours clearing up the area, Felsted Construction who repainted the back of the Pavilion at no extra charge and the Village Attendant who had repaired the play equipment. The current CCTV will be reviewed by ClIrs Graham Harvey, Richard Freeman and Roy Ramm who will report back at the July PC meeting. The Clerk will contact the Police Community Support Officer to ask if patrols of the area take place in the evenings.

22/132 Wildlife Areas

132.1 Parish Greens - Following a suggestion to leave some areas of the Parish Greens uncut to boost wildflowers and help insects, Cllrs Graham Harvey, Penny Learmonth, Andrew Parker and Richard Silcock will meet to view the various Greens around the Parish to assess suitability.

132.2 Churchyard – The Clerk will arrange for a sign to be erected alongside the wildlife area in the churchyard to explain that it is a specially designated area.

22/133 NFU Health & Safety Review

Proposed by Cllr Hywel Jones, seconded by Cllr Alec Fox it was unanimously agreed to appoint NFU Mutual at a cost of £1227 plus VAT to carry out a Health and Safety review of all Parish Council activities. They will also be instructed to carry out a review of the Crix Green Mission who will reimburse the PC for any extra cost. Following the NFU review the PC's

Health and Safety Committee (Cllrs Graham Harvey/Richard Freeman/John Moore) will meet to discuss the report. Cllrs Alec Fox and Hywel Jones will attend as associate committee members.

22/134 Felsted Community Trust – Formation Status

It was noted that Nat West are still in the process of setting up the bank account.

22/135 Bury Farm Section 106 Agreement

The full planning application <u>UTT/22/1080/FUL</u> was reviewed by the PC Planning Committee at their meeting on 17th May. They responded positively to UDC whilst making it clear that the new Doctors Surgery / Health Centre will need to comply with the Primary and Social Care Premises specification as set out in the Department of Health's Design Guidance.

22/136 Hm The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Plans are in place for the day of celebrations on Friday 3rd June. The PC expressed their appreciation to David Dempsey and George Bellingham Smith for all of their help with the Beacon which will be lit on the evening of Thursday 2nd June.

22/137 Felsted / Felstead

It was noted that whilst Felstead was the traditional spelling for the parish it is now generally accepted that Felsted is spelt without the "a". Postal records now use "Felsted"! It was agreed that any attempt to change back to using the traditional spelling of Felstead would not be possible.

22/138 Chairman's Matters

The Chairman notified the PC of his new mobile number. His contact details will be updated on the parish notice boards and the PC website.

22/139 Clerk's Matters

139.1 PAT Testing – The electrical testing of equipment in the PC Office / The Pavilion was carried out on 31st May 22. No issues were found.

139.2 Fire Extinguisher Testing – This is not due until late Autumn 22.

139.3 Almshouse Vacancy – The vacancy in the Almshouses has been filled.

139.4 Litter Picking – Due to extreme littering in consultation with Cllr Graham Harvey the Clerk has arranged for the young resident who litter picks for the PC to pick the main play area for one hour every week between now and the school summer holidays. They will be paid \pounds 7.50 per hour by the Clerk which will be reclaimed via expenses.

22/140 Planning Applications and Decisions

140.1 Applications to be Considered at the next Planning Meeting 21st June UTT/22/1490/FUL - Poplars Gransmore Green

Section 73A Retrospective application for the retention of existing agricultural building and associated operational development

UTT/22/1489/HHF - 13 Bury Fields

Proposed single story front extension and adjustment to parking area

140.2 Decisions Received Since Previous Council Meeting

UTT/22/0695/HHF - Camsix Farm Hartford End

Erection of cartshed

Permission Granted - 4th May 2022

UTT/20/2058/HHF / UTT/20/2060/LB - The Mill Mill Road

Replacement and relocation of footbridge

Application Withdrawn - 2nd May 2022

UTT/22/0460/FUL - Brick House Farm Cock Green

Proposed change of use from ancillary residential building to a laboratory-scale wool processing facility (Class E) to include equipment required to scour, card and spin to yarn.

Permission Granted - 16th May 2022

22/141 Urgent Matters

Cllrs were advised that local resident Jean Grimshaw had volunteered to take over the organising of the parish floral displays. The PC expressed their gratitude to her. The Clerk will write to her expressing the PC's thanks.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46 pm

Chairman

1.	UDC:
	 a) Local Plan - Extension to Timetable re Consideration of local plan sites and evidence (fwd to Planning Committee)
	b) Address Notification re 7 new dwellings in Stevens Lane:1- 6 The Hawthorns & The Hazels
	c) Address Notification – Development at Elms Farm Bartholomew Green. New address will be Broughton House, Bartholomew Green.
	 d) Consultation on review of UDC's Statement of Gambling Principles. The consultation is open from 19th May until 16th June. (circ to PC 18/5)
	e) Housing Market Report as of March 22 - & links (circ to PC 25/5 & 31/5)
	f) On and off-street parking consultation open until 12th June 22. (circ to PC 25/5)
	g) Bi annual meeting between Peter Holt Chairman of UDC / Thaxted
	County Area (which includes Felsted) in Stebbing on 6th June at 7pm. (circ to PC 23/5)
2.	ECC:
	 Temp. Road Closure at Hartford End, due to commence on 16th May 2022 for 5 days. The closure is required to allow ECC to repair "a Ride London defect" (circ to PC 13/5)
	b) Salt Bag Partnership Scheme 22/23. Closing date for applications 25th July 2022.
	 C) Update from County Cllr Martin Foley re support for Ukrainians arriving in the UK via the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. (circ to PC 21/5)
	d) Superfast Essex Programme Update - May 2022
	e) Essex Library Mobile Outreach Service
	f) Community Initiative Fund (CIF) Open for applications until 19 th August.
3.	EALC:
	Food Support Fund – Grants of up to £2000 avail to organisations supporting those in need.
4.	UALC Annual General Meeting of the UALC will be held on Wednesday 15th June.
5.	Greater Cambridge Partnership: 'A new road classification for Cambridge' consultation open until 18 th July 22
6.	Holy Cross Church: The church is supporting Ukrainian refugees. One mother/son have moved into the parish to date with another mother/daughter plus a single lady expected.
7.	The Tour: World Class Women's Cycling Race coming through Felsted on Tuesday 7 June. The route and timetables can be found at <u>https://www.womenstour.co.uk/stage-two-timetable/</u> (circ to PC 18 th May)
8.	National Grid Green Energy Enablement Proposals - Consultation open until 16th June 2022 (circ to PC 31/5)
9.	Resident Letters:
	a) Peakes Hall Lane – Ivy being removed from trees. Resident has erected notice
	asking people to refrain as it's a food source for insects/birds plus a nesting habitat.
	b) Complaint re overshadowing of garden due to tall tree inside allotment perimeter /
	overgrown verge & fence lines / accumulated debris.
	 c) Request for Strimmed Access to Grave in Wildlife Area (previously agreed Minute 20/95.3)

	d) Complaint re churchyard - over grown plants / dumping of green waste on graves						
10.	Stansted Airport Watch (SAW): Press Release 16 May 22 (fwd to Cllrs RF/AB 16/5)						
11.	CPRE: Campaigns Update May 22 (circ to PC 21/5)						
12.	Essex Climate Action Commission:						
	 a) Advice Packs for Residents / Businesses / Schools re reducing carbon footprint and how to be climate-friendly. b) Latest News May 22 						
13.	AEF: Airspace and Noise Community Forum 16 th June 22 (fwd to Cllrs RF/AB 31/5)						
14.	RCCE: June Edition of the Essex Warbler (circ to PC 01/6)						

Unpaid List – June 2022

	Date	Num	Memo v	Open Balance 🔻	Payment Refere
3 Diamond Events	20/05/2022	0527	Hire of Refrigerated trailer for Jubilee Event	276.00	
Total 3 Diamond Events				276.00	2205-01
& J Lighting Solutions	23/05/2022	36240	Replacement light to poles outside URC Hall	175.20	
	31/05/2022		Replacement light to poles outside 4 & 10 Cressages Close	229.20	
Total A & J Lighting Solutions					2205-02
Anglia Fire Protection		,			
	31/05/2022	103911	30/09/21 - Check fire extinguishers and replace 4x safety seal, 4x Hose O Ring	65.52	
otal Anglia Fire Protection				65.52	2205-03
8 & H M Baker					
	25/05/2022	1782	11 box polys & 104 Geraniums	232.10	
Fotal B & H M Baker				232.10	2205-04
Parhara Hollingoworth					
Barbara Hollingsworth	31/05/2022	May/22	Unlocking car park 1 - May 2022	60.00	
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3FR Electrical Testing					
	31/05/2022	6257	PAT testing	72.00	
otal BFR Electrical Testing				72.00	2205-06
BT					
	23/05/2022	Q010 4F	Telephone and broadband - 01/04/22 to 31/07/22	167.39	
Total BT				167.39	DIRECT DEBIT
Buzz Supplies Ltd					
	25/05/2022	245088	2x 45 toilet roll packs, 12x hand sanitser gel, 12x anti bacterial hand soap	72.14	
Fotal Buzz Supplies Ltd				72.14	2205-07
O A Dempsey					
	29/05/2022	May22	31x bags peat free compost	279.99	
Total D A Dempsey				279.99	2205-08
EALC					
	18/05/2022	15600	Routine Playground Inspection Course - 24/05/22 - S Barnard	216.00	
	18/05/2022	15616	Routine Playground Inspection Course Exam - 24/05/22 - S Barnard	216.00	
	31/05/2022	15699	Standing Orders Course - 23/06/22 - C Schorah	84.00	
Total E A L C				516.00	2205-09
E.ON Next - A-A7593EE9					
	09/05/2022	0006	Ac # A-A7593EE9 - Pavilion electricity 01/04/22 to 30/04/22 - MPAN 1012485770570 - Meter # D11W5	33.43	
Total E.ON Next - A-A7593EE9					DIRECT DEBIT
Evo DJ's					
	23/05/2022	ED0031	Platinum Jubilee - Sound Engineer, PA System for stage, 8mx6m stage with roof	1,516.00	
Fotal Evo DJ's				1,516.00	2205-10
elsted Construction Ltd					
Sister Construction Elu	26/05/2022	2500	Repairs to interior of pavilion	15,894.00	
otal Felsted Construction Ltd				15,894.00	

allagher Insurance Brokers					
	17/05/2022	500134630	Insurance for period 01/06/22 to 31/05/23	3,601.44	
otal Gallagher Insurance Brokers				3,601.44 2205-12	
lobile Thrones					
	06/05/2022	17496	8x Chemical toilet for Jubilee Event	816.00	
otal Mobile Thrones				816.00 2205-13	Dontaion towards cost from Felsted Village Events Committee
IEST Pensions					
VEST PENSIONS	31/05/2022	May22 - C. Schorah	Pension Contribution - Clerk & Assistant Clerk - May22	128.40	
otal NEST Pensions	01/00/2022	mayzz - o ocnoran		128.40 DIRECT DEBIT	
Power Business Solutions					
	05/04/2022	03164286	AC # A0009232099 - Street light electricity for 01/03/22 to 31/03/22 - MPAN 1013095287825 & 1013	314.98	
Total NPower Business Solutions				314.98 DIRECT DEBIT	
Officials - Expenses			Plak's superson der 2009 Team subscription Coople Suite & computer supert nodrage undrige		
			Clerk's expenses - Apr 2022- Zoom subscription, Google Suite & computer support package, working Asst Clerk Expenses - May 2022 - working from Home Allowance, mileage		
	31/05/2022	May 22 - Exp	RFO Expenses - May 2022 - home working allowance, mileage	130.59	
Total Officials - Expenses				130.59 2205-14, 2205-15, 22	05-16
Officials - Salaries					
	31/05/2022	May22 - Salary	May 2022	2,676.24	
Total Officials - Salaries				2,676.24 2205-14, 2205-15, 22	05-16
Davil Clark Driviting Limited					
Paul Clark Printing Limited	12/05/2022	28200	Printing Felsted Focus - Summer 2022	1,475.00	
Total Paul Clark Printing Limited	12/03/2022	20230		1,475.00 2205-17	
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Playsafety Ltd					
	01/06/2022	63141	Annual Play equipment inspection	390.60	
Total Playsafety Ltd				390.60 2205-18	
R.J.O Medical		-			
	27/05/2022	0143	2x Medics for Platinum Jubilee Event	550.00	
Total R.J.O Medical				550.00 2205-19	Dontaion towards cost from Felsted Village Events Committee
Roe Environmental Ltd		,	-		
	27/05/2022	49940	Emptying septic tank and jet pipework	228.00	
Total Roe Environmental Ltd				228.00 2205-20	
S P Barnard					
5 F Ddilldiù	31/05/2022	May/22	Village attendant - May 2022	940.00	
Total S P Barnard	01/00/2022	mayzz	vilage duel val in - Indy 2022	940.00 2205-21	
SelStar Fireworks					
	04/05/2022	2410	Fireworks display for Jubilee Event	6,600.00	
Total SelStar Fireworks				6,600.00 2205-22	Dontaion towards cost from Felsted Village Events Committee
TM Event Hire					
	23/05/2022	June22004	1x 9x15 frame marquee, 1x 9x23 frame marquee	1,560.00	
Total TM Event Hire				1,560.00 2205-24	Dontaion towards cost from Felsted Village Events Committee
ZAP Distribution Ltd					
	06/05/2022	901	Delivery of Felsted Focus - Summer 2022	234.00	
Total ZAP Distribution Ltd				234.00 2205-25	
AL				39,234.22	

	Budget	Budget 2022-23		Actual 2022-23		Year End Estimate		- Budget
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	f
Opening Balance		62,459		62,459		62,459		
RECEIPTS								
Precept	106,000		53,000		106,000		0	
Allotments Rents	1,700		-108		1,700		0	
Playing field rent	500		0		500		0	
Grants	0		0		0		0	
Sundry other receipts	0		0		0		0	
Magazine advertising & donations	4,516		220		2,800		-1,716	
Total Receipts		112,716		53,112		111,000		-1,71
PAYMENTS								
Salary and Expenses		48,598		2,944		41,803		-6,79
Street Lighting		5,453		799		5,895		44
Administration		11,523		1,136		11,143		-38
Maintenance, repairs and upkeep		40,807		3,690		40,024		-78
Projects		6,958		1,502		6,460		-49
Sundry		4,762		0		5,351		59
Total Payments		118,101		10,070		110,677		-7,42
Closing Balance		57,074		105,501		62,782		5,70