FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 1115th meeting held on 4 October 2023 at 6:30 pm in the URC Hall

Present: Councillors Graham Harvey (Chairman), Richard Freeman, Penny Learmonth, Frances Marshall, John Moore, Andrew Parker (entered during discussion of item 23/206.3), Clive Perrins, Richard Silcock (Parish/District) along with 9 members of the public. In attendance: Heather Read (Clerk), Clare Schorah (Assistant Clerk) and Daniel Plunkett (Responsible Finance Officer - RFO).

23/204 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Alec Fox, Hywel Jones and Roy Ramm, County Councillor Martin Foley, District Councillor John Evans and Youth Representative Molly Bennett.

23/205 Declarations of Interest

None received.

23/206 Public Forum

206.1 Footpath 80 – The PC were advised that the P3 Group had recently cleared FP80 but that they had come across a pile of tree cuttings that appeared to have been dumped. The Village Attendant will be asked to see if he can remove them.

206.2 Weeds in Gullies – It was believed that ECC Highways are no longer using weedkiller so weeds in the gullies are being left to grow. The Assist Clerk will contact Highways to ascertain how they plan to manage roadside weeds going forward.

Clerk's Note: Highways advised that weeds in gullies are sprayed as part of weed clearing activities but that there are very little resources available for these types of activities. Residents can report excessive weeds direct to ECC Highways using the link below: https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us

206.3 The Swan Inn – It was noted that the Swan Inn is due to re-open on 5th October 23.

206.4 Planning Application UTT/22/3513/FUL - Land East Of Chelmsford Road (minute 23/227.1) "A mixed-use development comprising a relocated and improved village convenience store, incorporating a Post Office, together with area for farmers market, cafe, three first floor offices with dedicated parking facilities and multi-use overspill area. Together with nine dwellings comprising a 1 bedroom apartment, two 2 bedroom houses, two 3 bedroom apartments, two 4 bedroom semi-detached houses, one 4 bedroom detached house, and a 5 bedroom chalet style bungalow with dedicated 2m footpath routes."

The PC noted that new significant material had been added to the above application after the original determination deadline had passed. The PC queried why this has been allowed with District Councillor John Evans. He is arranging to discuss this with Dean Hermitage, UDC's Director of Planning. Residents who objected previously were encouraged to object again. The tight deadline for comments (11th October) was noted.

206.5 Bin at Main Playing Field – The PC were advised that there is not a rubbish bin sited by the picnic table near the Teen Shelter. The Clerk will investigate if one should be sited there.

206.6 Housing in Felsted – The PC noted the number of properties built in and nearby to Felsted recently. The review of the Felsted Neighbourhood Plan (see minute 23/224) is about to commence and this will help to control development. In UDC's Draft Local Plan the allocation for Felsted is 95 houses up until 2041 which is considerably less than it would be without a UDC LP if the recent historical build rate were to continue.

206.7 Speed Limits in Felsted – The Assist Clerk confirmed that the PC were supporting the "20's Plenty for Essex Campaign" by calling on Essex County Council to implement 20mph speed limits in Felsted and throughout the county on streets where people live, work, shop, play or learn (minute 22/270).

206.8 Doctors Surgery – The PC noted that a change in personal at the Integrated Care Board has caused unnecessary bureaucratic problems. The PC continue to make progress in

resolving the issues and are looking forward to the delivery of the new surgery for the community.

23/207 Allotments

207.1 Termination of Tenancy Agreement – The PC noted that following the extended deadline given to a tenancy holder to bring his plot back to an acceptable standard (minute 117.3) much of the plot had deteriorated further. The possibility of allowing the tenant to retain a smaller more manageable section of the plot was discussed. The Clerk will arrange a meeting to explore this option at the allotment gardens with the plot holder, together with Cllrs Andrew Parker and Richard Silcock.

207.2 Clearance of Plot – The possibility of the plot (or remainder of the plot) if vacated being cleared by the community service payback team was discussed. The Assist Clerk has made initial contact with them and will investigate further.

23/208 Minutes of Meeting 1114 held on 6 September 2023

These Minutes were approved and were signed by the Chairman.

23/209 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 19th September 2023
These Minutes were noted and would be formally approved at the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

23/210 Matters Arising from the 6 September Council Meeting

210.1 Causeway End Flooding (Item 23/184.2) – The PC noted that County Cllr Martin Foley is pushing for an update from Highways on the proposed scheme to alleviate flooding in this location.

210.2 Probation Service Community Payback Project (Item 23/187.1) – The PC were advised that the project team were unable to accept the PC's request to tackle the overgrowth on Chelmsford Road as the land is not owned by the PC.

210.3 Coronation Trees / Plaques – The PC were advised that these have now been received. A planting date will be agreed at the November Parish Council meeting.

210.4 Fence at top of Jolly Boys Lane North (Item 23/203) – It was proposed by Cllr Frances Marshall, seconded by Cllr Richard Freeman and unanimously agreed that the resident (now identified) who erected the fence, be asked to remove it.

23/211 County Councillor Report

Members noted a Highways Update that had been received from County Councillor Martin Foley.

23/212 District Councillors Report

Members noted the <u>report</u> from the District Councillors which contained detailed information on: the Draft Local Plan; the Zero Carbon Communities Grant Fund; Home Insulation Grants; a Review of the Waste Collection Service and ECC's annual <u>survey</u> concerning their Highways service.

23/213 Correspondence

Members noted the Correspondence received (see page 6) including the following:

213.1 UDC's Consultation on Polling Places **Review** – The consultation on the suitability of current polling places is open until 13 November.

213.2 Bannister Green Name Sign Damage – The Assist Clerk confirmed that the damage has been reported to Highways.

213.3 Molehill Green Road – The PC were advised that following the tarmacking of the frontage of four properties it has become difficult to define the edge of the road due to the overrun of tarmac. It was noted that the tarmacking of the verge by private contractors fell well below acceptable standards and should not be allowed to remain. The Assist Clerk will report these issues to Highways.

213.4 Land North of Clifford Smith Drive Development – The PC noted various complaints re the construction site. District Councillor John Evans is arranging a meeting between Mulberry Homes management, residents and both District Councillors. It is hoped in this way resolutions to the complaints will be found.

213.5 Almshouses – The PC noted a request for the hours of outside lighting at the Almshouses to be extended past 11pm. It was agreed that this was a matter for the school and

any request should therefore be made to them.

213.6 DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator Fund – The PC were advised that this fund is now open for applications. The DHSC will fully fund 100 defibrillators and match fund a further 1900. The Assist. Clerk will express interest to the fund. Possible sites are Bannister Green or Hartford End. It was noted that a defibrillator would require a power source. It was further noted that Mulberry Homes the developers of Felsted Gate are donating a defibrillator which will be located on that development.

23/214 Finance

214.1 Payments

- i) Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) It was unanimously agreed that the PC's membership of the CPRE be renewed at a cost of £84 per annum.
- **ii) P3 Group –** Proposed by Cllr Frances Marshall, seconded by Cllr Richard Silcock it was unanimously agreed to reimburse £45.99 to the P3 Group for the cost of strimmer batteries. The amazing work of the P3 group was noted with thanks.
- **iii)** Payments List Members considered the list of payments on pages 7- 8. Proposed by Cllr Frances Marshall, seconded by Cllr Penny Learmonth the payments list was unanimously approved.
- **214.2 Receipts** Members noted the receipts of £59,753.64 comprising of the second half of the Precept £56975; a refund from Giffords re non-delivery of Playbark £1800; Felsted Focus Advertising £400; Felsted Focus Donations £180; Donation from the Crix Green Mission £371.64 and Allotment Rentals £27.
- **214.3 Street Lighting Electricity Contract** Proposed by Cllr John Moore, seconded by Cllr Clive Perrins it was unanimously agreed to enter into a 3 year fixed contract with SSE. The standing charge for this contract is 0.1785 per day with a fixed unit rate of £0.30955 per Kwh

23/215 Felsted United Charites Membership

Proposed by Cllr Frances Marshall, seconded by Cllr John Moore, it was unanimously agreed that Bryan Grimshaw be reappointed as a Parish Council Representative to Felsted United Charities.

23/216 Milestone/Tethering Post on Chelmsford Road

The PC were advised that this is believed to be a tethering post, dating from approximately 1935. Despite repeated requests ECC Highways have not attended to undertake a repair. Cllr Clive Perrins agreed to attempt a repair by fixing the parts back together. If this is successful AJB Steel will be asked if they can bolt it to the ground in the area near the Coronation Bench outside of The Swan. This was believed to be a safe place close to it's original location.

23/217 Outside Food Vendors

- **217.1 The Chequers** The PC noted that outside vendors at the Chequers appeared to be adding to road congestion in the parish, particularly around 6pm when the prep school turns out. Should difficulties continue to be experienced, the Clerk will contact the Chequers and request that their vendor commence a little later in the evening.
- **217.2 The Royal British Legion** The PC considered a request from the Royal British Legion to occasionally have an outside food vendor in the car park. The Clerk will meet with the Legion to establish exactly which area is being referred to.
- 23/218 Public Toilets The PC noted that the automatic locking system is still not working properly despite Healthmatic attending on several occasions. The Clerk has informed Healthmatic that the PC will not pay for the unsuccessful repairs. Following continued after hours break-ins and damage the cleaner has recommenced locking / unlocking the toilets on a daily basis. The PC expressed their gratitude to her. The Clerk will strive to source an alternative company to repair the locking mechanism.
- 23/219 **Security Patrols** The PC noted that employing the school's security team to carry out extra patrols on behalf of the PC would cost a substantial sum. They agreed that due to the limited hours of any additional patrols the security team would be unlikely to catch those carrying out anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that the money would be better used towards installing a CCTV system (see minute 23/221).
- 23/220 Pavilion Anti Climb Paint -The PC discussed the quote from Felsted Construction for £850

plus vat to apply anti-climb paint to the perimeter of the pavilion roof. It was agreed to wait and see if incursions onto the pavilion roof continued after the installation of CCTV before deciding if anti climb paint was necessary.

- 23/221 **CCTV** The PC noted that two quotes had been received for the installation of CCTV. A third will be requested from MMS Solutions. It was agreed that these quotes would be considered by the Finance Committee at their next meeting.
- 23/222 **Bury Farm Station Road Development** No more to update.
- 23/223 Felsted Community Trust (FCT)
 - **223.1 Formation** The PC were advised that the Trust is in place. Cllr Graham Harvey will contact Andrew East at Holmes and Hills to obtain the trust reference number.

223.2 Donation – It was noted that the FCT had received an invoice from the consultants for £6051. It had been previously agreed that the PC will make donations as needed in tranches to the FCT to fund fees incurred in the setup of the Trust (Minute 23/172/1). It was proposed by Cllr Frances Marshall, seconded by Cllr John Moore and unanimously agreed to donate £6,100 to the FCT to ensure that the consultancy work could be paid for. It is hoped that once in receipt of sufficient income the Trust may return the funds to the PC by way of matching donations

23/224 Neighbourhood Plan Review / Update

The PC were advised that a number of residents had expressed interest in joining the new Felsted Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (FNPSG). The Clerk will invite them to an informal meeting in the URC Hall on Thursday 12th October. Cllrs Roy Ramm and Richard Freeman (the former Chair / Vice Chair of the original FNPSG) would then explain to residents what joining the group would entail.

23/225 Chairmans Matters

225.1 Crix Green Cottage and Hall – The Chairman reported that both the cottage and the hall are in good order. It was agreed that the PC will hold their June meeting in the mission hall. It is hoped this will encourage residents living in that area of Felsted to attend.

225.2 Crix Green Mission Trust – It was noted that Tracy Graty has taken on the role of secretary and has settled well into the role. The PC expressed their thanks to her.

23/226 Clerk's Matters - None

23/227 Planning Applications and Decisions

227.1 Applications to be Considered at the next Planning Meeting

UTT/22/3513/FUL - Land East Of Chelmsford Road Felsted Essex (Minute 23/206.4) A mixed-use development comprising a relocated and improved village convenience store, incorporating a Post Office, together with area for farmers market, cafe, three first floor offices with dedicated parking facilities and multi use overspill area. Together with nine dwellings comprising a 1 bedroom apartment, two 2 bedroom houses, two 3 bedroom apartments, two 4 bedroom semi detached houses, one 4 bedroom detached house, and a 5 bedroom chalet style bungalow with dedicated 2m footpath routes.

UTT/23/2351/FUL - Brick House Farm Cock Green Road

Single storey, 4 bay, oak frame cart lodge style building to house Scour (wool wash) for adjoining Class E business use.

227.2 Decisions Received Since Previous Council Meeting

UTT/23/1571/HHF - 39 Evelyn Road Willows Green

Proposed raising of roof including additions of 6 dormers, and single storey rear extension.

Permission Granted - 1st September 2023

UTT/23/1486/LB - Causeway House Chelmsford Road

Proposed removal of existing cement render and expanding metal lath, replacement of timber sole plate and corner post, removal softwood studs around window and installation of new green oak studs. Slicing of degrading timber to studs with new oak where required. Installation of new larch laths to exterior of wall. Render and decorate wall. Installation of new French drains to perimeter. Install new soak away crates to front and back of property.

Permission Granted - 1st September 2023

UTT/22/0007/FUL - Land East Of School Road And Main Road

Erection of a Solar Photovoltaic Farm with an output capacity not to exceed 49.9MW of energy,

with supporting infrastructure and battery storage, inverters and transformers, fencing and landscaping works.

Permission Granted - 6th September 2023.

UTT/23/1841/LB - Peartree Farm Molehill Green

Amendment to approved Listed Building Consent UTT/22/2242/LB to provide pitched roof to extension, additional window to flank elevation and glazing to extension to be 14mm double glazed.

Permission Granted - 8th September 2023

UTT/23/1379/HHF - 57 Chaffix

Demolition of conservatory and erection of two storey and single storey rear extension, front facing porch and weatherboard cladding.

Permission Granted - 8th September 2023

UTT/23/1249/FUL - Princes Halfyards Stebbing Road

Demolition of stables/outbuilding, barns (1 and 2), construction of two dwellings and conversion of barn 4 to an annexe to Plot 2

Permission Refused - 8th September 2023 'it would cause harm to the character and appearance of the site and the surrounding countryside.'

UTT/23/1840/HHF - Peartree Farm Molehill Green

Amendment to approved application UTT/22/2241/HHF to provide pitched roof to extension, additional window to flank elevation and glazing to extension to be 14mm double glazed

Permission Granted - 12th September 2023

UTT/23/1163/HHF - Bridgehouse Farm Hollow Road

S73A retrospective application for swimming pool and proposed alterations to pool area

Permission Granted - 19th September 2023

227.3 Appeal Decisions Received Since Previous Council Meeting

UTT/22/3121/HHF - Conway Causeway End Road

Proposed rear balcony and canopy to rear elevation of existing dwelling

Appeal Allowed - 14th September 2023

UTT/22/2157/OP - Land Rear Of Stane House Dunmow Road

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the construction of 1no. Dwelling.

Appeal Dismissed - 15^h September 2023

227.4 Uttlesford Local Plan

The PC agreed that given the significant amount of information emanating from UDC regarding the emerging new Local Plan the Assist Clerk will add a link onto the Parish Council Website dedicated to the UDC Local Plan.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.34 pm

Next Meetings:					
Next Finance Committee Meeting:	Wednesday	11th October	in the URC	Hall 5.0	0pm
Public Meeting Affinity Water/Kemi Bad	lenoch MP Friday	13th October	in the URC	Hall 4.3	0pm
Next Planning Committee Meeting:	Tuesday	17 th October	online	at 6.0	0pm
Next Council Meeting:	Wednesday	1 st November	in the URC	Hall 6.3	0pm
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Chairman					

Correspondence List – October 2023

1. UDC:

- a) District News from UDC (circ. to PC 13/9)
- b) Parish Update on Electoral Matters
- c) Survey on Outdoor Play Provision (completed by Clerk)
- d) Spending Priorities for 2024/25. Consultation open until 5 Nov. (circ to PC 26/9)
- e) Local Plan News (fwd to Assist. Clerk for Planning Committee 29/9)
- f) Consultation on Polling District and <u>Places</u> Review open until 13 November (circ. to PC 02/10)

2. ECC:

- a) Temp. Closure Mill Road, due to commence on 16th October 2023 for 3 days. The closure is required for Affinity Water installation works. (circ. to PC 21/9)
- b) Food Support and Winter Warmth Funding
- c) Passenger Transport Meeting 2/11 (Bryan Grimshaw– PC's Transport Rep.) attending.

3. EALC:

- a) Weekly News e-Bulletins
- b) Response to National Grid Norwich -Tilbury Consultation (circ. to PC 14/9)
- c) Financial Training Courses (circ. to PC 19/9)
- d) E-learning courses: Time Management Essentials, Team Leadership Essentials and Personal Resilience. (circ. to PC 27/9)
- e) "Councillor Refresher" course 27th November (circ to PC 02/10)
- 4. National Highways: Maintenance and improvement works on the A120 between Marks Farm and Marks Tey scheduled on week nights from early October 2023 to January 2024 (circ. to PC 13/9)
- 5. The Greater Cambridge Partnership Further development of Sustainable Travel Zone proposals stopped.
- 6. Dept. Health and Social Care Match Funded Grants Available for Defibrillators
- 7. Slow Ways National Walking Network (Fwd to P3 Group 26/9)
- Stansted Airport Jobs Fair at Radisson Blu Hotel 10 Oct. Register to attend.

9. Resident Letters:

- a) Bannister Green Name Sign Damaged.
- b) Molehill Green Road Difficult to define edge of road due to over-run of tarmac and likewise with the verge/pathway.
- c) Land North of Clifford Smith Drive Development Complaint
- d) Almshouses Request for Hours of Outside Lighting to be extended past 11pm
- Draft Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 Consultation Extended to 5th November (circ. to PC 18/9)
- 11. AEF Airspace & Noise Community Forum September Newsletter (fwd to Cllr JM 21/9)

12. RCCE:

- a) Essex Warbler October Edition (circ. to PC 29/9)
- b) Rural Affordable Housing Briefing 19th October (fwd to Cllr RF / Assist Clerk for Planning Committee).
- 13. CPRE: September Campaigns Update (circ. to PC 18/9)

Unpaid List – October 2023

	Date 🔻	Num ▼	Memo	Open Balance	Payment
A & J Lighting Solutions					
	22/09/2023 3	7582	Replacement Light fittings upgrade to LED - Chaffix junction with Gametts Lane	628.8	
Total A & J Lighting Solutions				628.8	2309
A J B Steel Products Ltd					
	31/08/2023 6	377	Supply and install frame to support playing field gates	300	
Total A J B Steel Products Ltd				300	230
Astragraphic Design Ltd					
	27/09/2023 5	96	Monthly charge for Adobe Software Creative Cloud Suite	51.98	
Total Astragraphic Design Ltd				51.98	230
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Total atoz Supplies				67.15	230
Barbara Hollingsworth					
	30/09/2023 S	ep23	Unlocking car park 1 - Sep 2023	60	
Total Barbara Hollingsworth				60	230
CPRE					
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Total CPRE				84	2309
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Essex and Herts Air Ambulance					
	30/09/2023 2	023-24	Donation for 2023-24	325	
Total Essex and Herts Air Ambulance				325	230:
Felsted Community Trust					
	04/10/2023 D	onation	Donation to Felsted Community Trust towards setup expenses	6100	
Total Felsted Community Trust				6100	230
Felsted Poppy Appeal					
	16/09/2023		Donation and wreath (LGA 1972 s 137)	75	
Total Felsted Poppy Appeal				75	2309

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		154.4	2309
04/10/2023 8539459	AC # A0009232099 - Street light electricity for 01/09/23 to 30/09/23 - MPAN 1013095287825 & 1013	707.56	
		707.56	DIRECT DEB
30/09/2023 Sep23 - Salary	Asst Clerk salary - Sep 2023		
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	Clerk's expenses - Sep 2023-Zoom subscription, Google Suite & computer support package, monthl		
	Asst Clerk Expenses - Sep23 - mobile phone monthly contract, mileage		
30/09/2023 Sep23 - Exp	RFO Expenses - Sep 2023 - Land Registry Search - Woodley Car Park		
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		985	2309
30/09/2023 Sep23	Village attendant - Sep 2023	861	
		861	23092
14/09/2023 44566	Allotments Pest Control 11/09/23 - 10/12/23	180	
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