

## FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 10 July 2024 at 5:00 pm using the Zoom online platform

**Present:** Councillors Frances Marshall (Chairman), Richard Freeman and Alec Fox.  
In attendance: Clare Schorah, Assistant Clerk.

H24/12 **ITEM 1. Public Forum**

There was one member of the public present who asked the Committee about what was being done to mitigate the impact of frequent road closures in Felsted. The Committee reassured the resident that this is being taken very seriously by County Councillor Martin Foley and the Parish Council and they will communicate any new developments in this area.

H24/13 **ITEM 2. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

H24/14 **ITEM 3. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

H24/15 **ITEM 4. Minutes of meeting held on 13 March 2024**

The Minutes were approved and would be signed by the Chairman at the next Full Parish Council Meeting.

H24/16 **ITEM 5. Matters arising from the March meeting**

**1 Mobile VAS sign (H24/05.1)** The PC considered the recommendation of the Highways Committee to purchase a VAS and noted that it may be possible to apply for funding to help to purchase a VAS sign later in the year (23/89). The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will continue to investigate funding for this.

**2 Overgrown and uneven footpath surface in Chelmsford Road (H24/05.2)** The Assistant Clerk reported this through the Essex Highways 'report a Problem' webpage. After investigation Essex Highways will not take any further action on it. The Assistant Clerk has reported to the County Councillor and the Highways Liaison Officer who has re-reported it. The footpath looks like it requires siding which will be costly and difficult to carry out safely. The Assistant Clerk contacted the Highways Liaison Officer about this problem to find out whether making an application under the ULHP to make the pavement accessible would be feasible, but it would not qualify for this due to the fact that it would be a repair to an existing footpath and not a new initiative. The problem has been reported again and it is still on the repair programme.

**3 JollyBoys Lane North Potholes (H24/05.3)** – The Assistant Clerk is able to report the potholes on Jollyboys Lane to Essex Highways as it is now classed as a byway.

**4. Flooding and Road Closures in Mill Road (H24/11)** - The Assistant Clerk has reported this to Essex Highways. Cllr Freeman said that Mill Lane is still experiencing problems with standing water and the Assistant Clerk will raise this with the Highways Liaison Officer.

**5. Pothole on Chelmsford Road (H24/11)** - The Assistant Clerk reported this to the Highways Liaison Officer.

**6. Flooding (H24/11)** - The Assistant Clerk reported flooding near to the URC Burial Ground on Chelmsford Road and is monitoring the situation with flooding at Stevens Lane.

H24/17 **ITEM 6. Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**

[This report has been circulated.](#)

The Assistant Clerk will investigate solutions to some of the funding issues around the NEPP application for changes to parking restriction times in Stebbing Road to try to get this implemented.

H24/18 **ITEM 7. Highway maintenance work**

[This report has been circulated.](#)

H24/19 **ITEM 8 a) Parish Paths Partnership Update**

The P3 group has had to cancel some planned work parties due to poor weather, so their work has been limited to cutting back on Monday walks and reporting faults to Highways. Several of these have been remedied and others are in the pipeline.

The group is hoping for a spell of good weather to continue the cutting back on the most popular local paths which have become overgrown.

**ITEM 8 b) Community SpeedWatch**

The Community SpeedWatch Group are managing approximately one session each week or two weeks. One has been cancelled due to bad weather. There needs to be three volunteers for each session and at present the group only has four volunteers with one of the volunteers working full time.

They have managed a couple of Saturday sessions and PCSO Natalie and a PC are planning to join the group on a future session with a Trucam which means that speeding motorists can be fined. Clarification on the situation with the Traffic Order on Chelmsford Road is still being investigated which will enable this to happen.

Since the last Highways meeting they have undertaken sessions on Chelmsford Road, Braintree Road/Garnetts Road, Willows Green, Watch House Green and Station Road. The group is noticing speeds in Willows Green and Watch House Green which have been as high as 48 mph.

A speed survey at the Chelmsford Road location has been requested due to high speeds being observed during SpeedWatch sessions. There is a delay on undertaking speed surveys at the moment but it will be added to the list and the Parish Council will be informed when it has taken place.

The Assistant Clerk will make sure that the next edition of the Felsted Focus Magazine appeals for more volunteers to join the Felsted Community SpeedWatch Group.

H24/20 **ITEM 9. Speed limit around Felsted Prep School**

The bursar at Felsted School contacted the Parish Council with concerns about speeding around the school. The Parish Council will apply for a 20's plenty zone around this area and will encourage the bursar to ask the school parents to support this.

H24/21 **ITEM 11. Other urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**

A recent incident of fly tipped rubbish on Evelyn Road has been reported to the Environmental Health Department at Uttlesford District Council.

H24/22 **ITEM 12. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on the 13 November 2024.

..... Committee Chairman 4 September 2024