

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Road Safety Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2025 at 5:00 pm using the Zoom online platform

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

H25/01 **ITEM 1. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

H25/02 **ITEM 2. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

H25/03 **ITEM 3. Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

H25/04 **ITEM 4. Minutes of meeting held on 13 November 2024**

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

H25/05 **ITEM 5. Matters arising from the November meeting**

1 Mobile VAS sign (H24/27.1) Following on from the November Highways Committee Meeting the Assistant Clerk has undertaken more research about VAS signs. She will look into the possibility of installing a VAS on a Parish Council owned and maintained streetlight and will obtain some quotes to bring to a Parish Council meeting.

2 Overgrown and uneven footpath surface in Chelmsford Road (H24/27.2) The Assistant Clerk reported this through the Essex Highways 'report a Problem' webpage and it is still on the repair programme. This has been checked recently and there has been no change to the status.

H25/06 **ITEM 6. Uttlesford Local Highway Panel applications**

[This report was circulated](#)

H25/07 **ITEM 7. Highway maintenance work**

[This report was circulated](#)

H25/08 **ITEM 8 a) Parish Paths Partnership Update**

The group continues to monitor the local paths on their Monday morning walks from Woodley's car park at 10am each week. Every Monday afternoon any defects they come across are reported online. These are often unmarked crossfield paths and the P3 group would like to thank those farmers who mark their paths well.

Damage to waymarks and fingerposts, which seems to be mostly caused by farm machinery is common at the moment. The group has stopped replacing waymarks as they are repeatedly damaged or removed.

They have asked for the fingerpost which should mark FP126 and was removed when the 2 houses were built next to the Memorial Hall, to be replaced. They have also reported the fingerpost of FP84 where the path joins Chelmsford Road. No action has been taken on either of these issues yet.

Recent work undertaken includes:

- Making a start on cutting back vegetation on FP112 from the junction with Stebbing Road by the railway bridge.

- Clearing vegetation from around the fingerpost and waymark at Jollyboys Lane, at the junction with FP48
- Clearing around the waymark on Bakers Lane at the junction of Jollyboys FP66 and 64 - Before & After
- Clearing FP1 from Stebbing Road to the field gate, hoping to reduce the nettles before they grow too high. It is now walkable with care, although the bramble leaders run across the path in places.
- Clearing around the Waymark at the junction of FP7 and Braintree Road, leading to Felmoor Farm.
- Removing the unsafe and damaged stile on FP15 at the junction with Braintree Road close to the Primary School, then cut around the post to enable clear visibility and access.
- Clearing around the fingerpost on Braintree Road opposite Alderton Close at the junction with FP49

The Assistant Clerk will raise the issue of delays in fixing bridges over footpaths with County Cllr Foley.

ITEM 8 b) Community SpeedWatch

The Community SpeedWatch group has had fewer sessions that it would normally have due to volunteer illness and holidays. The last session they undertook saw the highest speed of 52mph on Chelmsford Road. Each session in each location is showing between 5 and 10 incidents of speeds of 40mph or over.

H25/09 **ITEM 9. Quiet Lane signs in Felsted**

The Parish Council received correspondence outlining concerns about the Quiet Lanes signs in Felsted because some are missing and damaged. The Assistant Clerk will contact County Cllr Foley to ask whether the Quiet Lanes scheme is still in force to find out how to reinstate missing signs and fix the damaged ones.

H25/10 **ITEM 10. Overgrown hedges and traffic visibility**

The Parish Council received correspondence outlining concerns about verges and road signs which are covered in overgrown vegetation and posing a hazard to pedestrians who are being forced to walk in the roads, and vehicles who are experiencing reduced visibility.

The Assistant Clerk will contact the resident and encourage them to raise any issues like this with ECC Highways. The Parish Council are planning to undertake a working project to clean any dirty road signs in Felsted. It was decided that this should also include clearing any vegetation that is obscuring road signs as long as it is straightforward and safe to do so.

H25/11 **ITEM 11. Speeding in Station Road**

This was brought up in the Public Forum in the February Full Parish Council Meeting (25/25.5). Cllr Marshall will take photos of the dangerous bends and areas of speeding on the road and will work with Little Dunmow Parish Council in trying to address this issue.

H25/12 **ITEM 12. Other urgent matters and items for the next Agenda**

The fingerpost on the Evelyn Road is still missing and the Assistant Clerk will ascertain its whereabouts.

A recent post on the Felsted Community Facebook page outlined concern about overgrowth outside Brick Farm. The Assistant Clerk will report this to ECC Highways.

H25/13 **ITEM 13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is online on the 12 July 2025

..... Committee Chairman 3 September 2025