

Highways Report – July 2025

Mobile VAS signs - Following on from the November Highways Committee Meeting the Assistant Clerk has undertaken more research about VAS signs. She looked into the possibility of installing a VAS on a Parish Council owned and maintained street light. On investigation the areas that have issues with speeding have Parish Council street lights attached to utility/telegraph poles and it is not recommended to attach VAS signs to these types of pole for safety reasons. It has been noticed that Stebbing Parish Council has purchased 2 SIDs so it would be beneficial for the Parish Council to talk about SID and VAS funding and installation at the next joint Parish Council meeting. The Assistant Clerk will ask for it to be put on the agenda.

Overgrown and uneven footpath surface in Chelmsford Road - 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.

Quiet Lanes signs in Felsted - Cllr Foley has assured the Assistant Clerk that any reported signs will be investigated and if necessary replaced or reinstated.

Fingerpost on Evelyn Road - Cllr Graham Harvey has investigated this missing fingerpost. It is being repaired and will be reinstated as soon as the repairs are completed.

Community SpeedWatch Update - The Community Speed Watch group is still doing speed checks in Felsted, but they have managed fewer in recent months due to volunteers not being available and the new rules about volunteer numbers needed to conduct a session have made it more difficult to co-ordinate sessions. They are still seeing patterns of speeding in Felsted. At a session in March they recorded a vehicle travelling at 64mph at the Willows Green location.

Parish Paths Partnership Update - The group reported that the paths around Felsted are generally in quite a good state which is because they check them regularly on Mondays and continue to report defects. They have also noticed that more cross field paths have been reinstated this year. At the time of this report the bridges/boardwalks on FP59 were still outstanding and the Parish Council has reported this to Cllr Foley who has forwarded it on to Member Inquiries to progress. There are still some signs that are overgrown and that will be the focus of the group's next work party which is due to be in mid July.

Speeding in Station Road - Local Parish Councils will join forces to produce a report outlining the dangers and increased traffic on this road to take to a Highways Panel meeting as evidence for the necessity to reduce the speed limit on this road. Cllr Marshall has taken photos of the dangerous bends and areas of speeding on the road and these have been sent to the report writer.

PCSO Speed Checks - On 1st April the PCSO undertook a speed check near the Memorial Hall on Braintree Road. She checked 100 vehicles and the fastest was 35mph. The Parish Council has asked her to do a speed check on Chelmsford Road after an email from a resident and this has been added to her list.

Parking in the Village centre - A resident emailed with safety concerns caused by parking right on the corner of the car park exit from Woodleys car park. It is difficult to see to exit either to the right or to the left from the car park when a vehicle is parking right next to the exit and the double yellow lines on the road are very faded which makes it harder for drivers to see where they are allowed to park. The faded double yellow lines have been reported to Essex Highways for maintenance.

Uttlesford Local Highway Panel Applications - The Local Highways Panel is being wound down over the next two years. There was a Highways Panel meeting on the 25th June to commission projects for the next 2 years with a view to closing down the panels by end of March 2027, this is due to the changes with Local Government Reform and Devolution. None of Felsted's schemes were selected to progress in the June meeting however, there is due to be another meeting later in the year so they might be considered at the next meeting.

Felsted Parish Council - Applications made to the Uttlesford Local Highways Panel (ULHP) and North Essex Parking Partnerships (NEPP)

Date	Details	Panel	Status March 2025	Status July 2025
2017-18	HGV restriction on Molehill Green Road	UHLP	Validation recommends a TOTAL SCHEME - to review the condition and position of existing quiet lane signage as currently it is too far from the junction to be visible to vehicles approaching and look to add unsuitable for HGV sign.	No progress
2017-18	Gated signage at Hartford End	UHLP	Validation recommends relocating the existing Hartford End Hamlet signs as a total scheme. Validation shared with Cllr Foley 09/09.	No progress
2021-22	Implementation of a 20's Plenty Zone at Watch House Green around the Primary School	UHLP	Validation to be written. The school have emailed giving their support for this.	No progress
2022-23	Application for a 'Narrow Road' Sign near Thistley Bridge	UHLP	Validation & With Design Team	No progress
2022-23	Application for 'Children Playing' and 'Riders on Horseback' signs in JollyBoys Lane South.	UHLP	Validation shared with Cllr Foley 26/06/2024. Can be delivered as a total scheme in 25/26 if the panel choose to fund.	No progress
2023-24	Application to make the bus stop at Watch House Green accessible.	UHLP	Validation recommends Design in year 1 following an Internal Consultation with residents in the vicinity of this bus shelter.	No progress
2023-24	Changing the parking restrictions in Stebbing Road	UHLP/NEPP	This has been referred back to UHLP because the change in restrictions is related to safety in Felsted.	Referred back to NEPP
2023-24	Application for a speed limit reduction in Watch House Green	UHLP	The criteria for a 30mph speed limit is not met here. A 40mph buffer speed limit to cover the residential development of Clifford Smith Drive is In Validation & With Design Team which is the most feasible solution. Needs a speed survey, awaiting funding	No progress
2024-25	Application for a 2020's Plenty Zone in Felsted Village	UHLP	Waiting for Validation	No progress
2024-25	Application for Deer Warning Signs on Cock Green Road	UHLP	Waiting for Validation	No progress
2024-25	Application for more or larger speed sign repeaters on Cock Green Road between Bannister Green and Cock Green.	UHLP	Waiting for Validation	No progress

Felsted Parish Council – Highways Issues reported since last meeting or updates given from ECC Highways

Reported	Issue	Location	Status July 2025
Matters Arising Item	Overgrown vegetation	Chelmsford Road	Essex Highways has carried out an inspection and has identified a defect which requires a repair. When a date is confirmed for the work to be carried out you will be updated.
16/06/25	Broken Bridge	FP15	Essex Highways has investigated and assessed this issue, and is scheduling work to be carried out.
11/03/25	Potholes	Outside the Chequers on Braintree Rd	A defect has been identified, the issue will be programmed for repair
25/03/25	Dead tree	Outside Salix on Braintree Road	This was referred to a Tree Officer for inspection, the tree officer has commented that the tree is dead and could potentially fall on the highway, on the report it states that a notice will be issued to the landowner requesting that they attend to this; the enquiry has then been closed.
29/03/25	Missing fingerpost	Cock Green Road opposite Larks	Essex Highways has carried out an inspection and has identified a defect which requires a repair. When a date is confirmed for the work to be carried out you will be updated.
02/04/25	Overgrown hedge	Outside Brick House Farm	Essex Highways has carried out an inspection and has identified a defect which requires a repair. When a date is confirmed for the work to be carried out you will be updated.
23/04/25	Potholes	Junction of Chelmsford Rd and Braintree Rd	Essex Highway has made this issue safe, which may have involved temporary traffic management (barriers, cones, signs) or a temporary repair. We will carry out a further assessment to determine if a longer-term repair is required.
14/04/25	Broken road surface	Bannister Green - road with no name	Essex Highway has assigned this enquiry to the inspection team who will carry out an initial assessment.
06/05/25	Overgrown hedge	outside Kunduchi	Essex Highways has carried out an inspection and has identified a defect which requires a repair. When a date is confirmed for the work to be carried out you will be updated.
14/05/25	Broken speed sign	Cock Green Road	Essex Highway has assigned this enquiry to the inspection team who will carry out an initial assessment.
23/05/25	Overgrown hedge	outside Kunduchi – Frenches Green	Essex Highway has assigned this enquiry to the inspection team who will carry out an initial assessment.
28/05/25	Broken Manhole cover	Station Road	Essex Highway has investigated and assessed this issue, and is scheduling work to be carried out.
04/06/25	Broken Manhole cover	Rayne Road, Bannister Green	Essex Highway has assigned this enquiry to the inspection team who will carry out an initial assessment.
04/06/25	Overgrown vegetation	Chelmsford Road – Causeway End	Essex Highways has carried out an inspection and has identified a defect which requires a repair. When a date is confirmed for the work to be carried out you will be updated.
10/06/25	Missing or Damaged Fingerpost	Evelyn Road	Essex Highways has carried out an inspection and has identified a defect which requires a repair. When a date is confirmed for the work to be carried out you will be updated.
20/06/25	Debris on the road after an accident	Watch House Green	This has just been reported.
20/06/25	Obscured Bus Stop Sign	Braintree Road	This has just been reported.
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