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**Horndon Society/Community Forum  
Minutes of meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

**Present:** Jane Barry Chair  
 Kim Towlson Vice Chair  
 Mike Tarbard Treasurer  
 Kevin O'Keeffe Secretary  
 Peter Belsham, John Caton, Nathan Brown, Judy Rood, Peter Woodard, Beverley Richardson,  
 Alan Pollington, Linda Illing, Deirdre Graham, Helen Gray, Janet Pratt, Sue Hughes.

**Apologies:** Linda Carrington.

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>a. Meeting commenced 8.00pm. Jane thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>b. Mike Tarbard raised issues regarding the previous month's minutes and it was agreed that the following amendments should be made.</p> <p>1) The figure of £247.88 at point 5(b) should read £247.68.</p> <p>2) Add point 5(d) as follows:          "The Treasurer advised that under the Constitution 2 signatories are required for each cheque issued and suggested that these be 2 from the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. An amendment was put to this by Peter Woodard that it should be 2 from the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and this was passed by the meeting."</p>	<p><b>Minutes to be amended</b></p>
<p><b>2. Matters Arising</b>          None raised.</p>	
<p><b>3. Chairperson's Report</b></p> <p>a) Woolmarket Re-decoration. Many thanks offered to everyone who helped with the successful redecoration on two Saturdays and other days. Peter and Moira are very pleased.</p> <p>b) NGAGE is useful source of information on local matters. There is an opportunity for the Village to have a Website. We would require a Webmaster to run the site. There may also be some costs involved. Further Mike Tarbard advised the whole future of NGAGE is in doubt.</p> <p>c) Essex on Tour Theatre group. The Children's puppet Theatre show was a success with lots of positive feedback. 96 tickets sold with a profit of approx £200 expected.</p> <p>d) Music in the Church – Tickets are on sale via Jane Barry at £10 each. Emperor String Quartet in St Peter and St Paul's Church 12<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. Sponsored by Essex On Tour. Please promote this event to any friends who enjoy classical music.</p> <p>e) Suggestion to update Village Guide inspired offer from Helen Gray to do it.</p> <p>f) Individuals to take responsibilities within group.</p>	<p><b>Jane Barry to investigate costs.</b></p> <p><b>KT = Neighbourhood Watch and Feast and Fayre.</b>  <b>BR = Planning matters.</b></p>
<p><b>4. Vice Chair Report</b>          None.</p>	
<p><b>5. Treasurer Report</b></p> <p>a. Peter Woodard reported funds remain at £2,157.59 pending the income from the Essex on Tour profit.</p> <p>b. Mike Tarbard reported the Forum accounts are currently being independently verified.</p> <p>c. Mike Tarbard informed the meeting that Thurrock Council will be giving each local councillor £2000 to spend on projects within their ward. There is</p>	

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<p>no information at present as to how applications will be managed and funds allocated. <u>Subsequently this plan was dropped.</u>  <b>d.</b> Forum banking – The Forum’s Bank insists that signatories can only be 3 maximum. Mike Tarbard therefore proposed we review the Group’s rules and amend to concur. The Forum account will have 3 signatories with 2 signatures required from any of the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. This was agreed unanimously.          The Horndon Society account remains as was with any 2 from 4 signatories. These being, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.</p>	<p><b>Mike T and Peter W to continue resolving the signatory issues.          Accounts to be amalgamated at soonest opportunity.</b></p>
<p><b>6. Feast and Fayre</b>  <b>a.</b> Kim reported this year’s theme is “The Fifties”.  <b>b.</b> An organisation meeting is to be held at the Swan on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. All welcome  <b>c.</b> Insurance. Clarification on insurance for the event is required.  <b>d.</b> Promotional Photograph. Participants to meet in 50’s dress at the bell at 4.30pm on March 10<sup>th</sup>. For details contact Peter Belsham.  <b>e.</b> School Bookweek theme 14<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March is Poetry and children’s poems will be featured at Feast and Fayre as usual.</p>	<p><b>Mike T to check if the Forum Insurance is sufficient.          Peter W to collate Insurance options for the next year and committee will agree a preferred policy to purchase.</b></p>
<p><b>7. Gardeners’ Club</b>  <b>a.</b> Beverley Richardson reported that 370 Wild Rose and Hawthorn whips had been planted into the hedgerows at the Recreation Ground and North Hill.  <b>b.</b> Replacement trees have been planted in Victoria Rd replacing two that failed from previous plantings.</p>	<p><b>New members always welcome.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Police and NHW</b>  <b>a.</b> No local Police representation.  <b>b. Neighbourhood Watch.</b> Kim Towlson is collecting NW reps for each street in the village. Volunteers are required, Sue Hughes offered to advertise the issue in the school newsletter.          Contact Details for local police:-          Tel:<b>0300 333 4444 ext 70164 or 07779 319907.</b>  <a href="mailto:orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk">orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Kim T to send details for school newsletter to Sue Hughes.</b></p>
<p><b>9. Planning</b>  <b>a.</b> Oak Apple Lodge, Hillcrest Road – Council advises this development had no planning permission, they are investigating the site which was formerly a garage and now a separate home.  <b>b.</b> Dahlia Cottage, Kirkham Shaw. Conversion of Kennels to Dwellings. Change of use.  <b>c.</b> A new housing estate development has been given the go ahead on the site of St Clare’s Golf Course despite local opposition. Gateway Development say Thurrock has not made enough land available for housing.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing.</b></p>
<p><b>10. Village Enhancement</b>  <b>a.</b> Lottery funding is available for projects (via Carol Spencer) until 4<sup>th</sup> March.  <b>b.</b> Dog fouling issue. Ongoing – No feed back as yet from Linda.</p>	<p><b>Ideas welcome.          LC to contact environmental health dept.</b></p>
<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b>  <b>a.</b> Magic Circle Evening – 11<sup>th</sup> March - Fundraiser for the Village Twinning group.          Tickets available at £5 each from Mike T or Amanda Sergent.  <b>b.</b> Village Bus Service. A change in service and timetable has been announced and the service to the village is due to be reduced. The main effect will be the link to Basildon and the Hospital.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.15pm. Jane thanked everyone for their attendance.

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**NEXT MEETING** : 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 8pm – The Woolmarket.

Agenda

Apologies for absence

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Matters arising including Report on situation regarding bus service to village
3. Chair Report
4. Vice Chair Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Feast and Fayre
7. Gardeners' Club
8. Police and NHW
9. Planning
10. Village Enhancement
11. AOB

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