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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 1st May 2015

Present: Jane Barry Chair
 Mike Tarbard Treasurer
 Alan Pollington, Peter Woodard, Beverley Richardson, Judy Rood, Maggie Nash, Dave Gray,
 Carol Rintoul, Sue Price.
Apologies: Sue and Brian Little, Kim Towlson, Peter Belsham, Linda Carrington, Linda Illing, Deirdre Graham, Nigel Seaman.

Item	Action
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.00pm. Jane welcomed all. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.	<i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> None
Matters Arising a) Bus service Mike has written to Council re late response to Petition and made a strongly worded case for re-assessment of service as needed by residents. Despite the vehicle being quite satisfactory the service is inadequate and on the return journey the bus has been known to leave early leaving people stranded. b) We await news from Brian about maintenance schedule for play equipment in Recreation Ground. c) Sue Price reports litter bins and dog bin at Recreation Ground need emptying.	Sue to complain to Council
3. Chairperson's Report a) Two grant offers to community projects. First via CVS and second from Asda. b) Letter requesting people interested in Fostering children.	
4. Vice Chair Report Kim has accepted invitation to Mayor making ceremony on our behalf. He raised concerns (via email) about i) Resurfacing of Orsett Road and ii) Vehicles trying to exit layby at Orsett Cock end of A128 - very dangerous.	Email Cllrs before next meeting
5. Treasurer's Report Funds £2,261.60. Interest received 93p Also received £245 donation from Feast and Fayre for Insurance which has been paid out. Written to ask Admin allowance from Council this year and when to be paid. CVS confirmed our (free) membership.	
6. Feast and Fayre Going well: stalls running out. Agreement F and F will pay Insurance as before.	Volunteers welcome
7. Gardeners' Club Next meeting is a visit to Paul's garden on 19th May	New members always welcome.

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<p>8. Police and NHW a. Contact Details for local police:- Tel:101 for non emergencies. Calls cost 15p 07710 079193 for info and PCSO only attendance. Emergencies should still be reported to 999. orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk. Village shop burglary again the day after new door fitted. Meeting discussed security and regretfully concluded that metal shutters may be necessary and despite being in Conservation area shutters would be preferable to forcing the shop out of business. To minimise visual impact the shutters should be painted to mimic the doors and the windows underneath.</p>	<p>A letter shall be sent to Aylin at the shop expressing Society/Forum support for these enhanced security measures</p>
<p>9. Planning a. 6 Gordon Road- rear addition b. Celeste, Hillcrest - 6m extension but no concerns expressed. c. Tan y Bryn - permission for 2 storey building. Details have yet to be agreed with Planning. d. Bungalow in High Road. Disabled man living there needs easier access to vehicle. Members discussed possibilities of i) Dropped kerb and drive and ii) dedicated disabled parking space outside. It was agreed that either solution as chosen between the family and the Council would be supported by Society/Forum.</p>	<p>JB to let them know</p>
<p>10. Village Enhancement a. Church repairs. Mike informed us that the problems are worse than appeared and scaffolding will remain for some time. The weather vane is broken and the King Post in the Spire is damaged. The work will take longer and be more costly.</p>	
<p>11. Any Other Business a. Thurrock 100 walking project. It is proposed that we have "Practise walks" starting on Saturday 9th May at the Beacon Field, Westley Heights at 2pm. More dates to be announced and sent to all on our Mailing List. b. May Fayre at Village School on Saturday 16th May c. Concert at Church on Saturday 16th May 7.30pm in Woolmarket Music series. Excellent pianist Matthew McCombie. £5 inc. refreshments d. Coalhouse Fort Open Day 8th May for 70th Anniversary of VE Day. Beacon will be lit. e. Pop-up Bakery at Village Hall on Saturday 16th May f. Charity Conservation Garden Workshop event at The Grass Roof Company on Sunday 14th June £30 (for Charity) including lunch 07967 733720</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm. Jane thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING : 3rd June 2015 at 8pm – The Woolmarket.