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## Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 3rd February 2016

**Present:** Kim Towlson Chair  
 Mike Tarbard Treasurer (& Vice Chair)  
 Lisa Anderson, Jane Barry, Peter Belsham, Peter Brainwood, Mary Doe, Pat Douglas, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Sue Little, Brian Little, Maggie Nash, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Iris Smith, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard

**Apologies:** Mary Rawlings

Item	Action
<b>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Meeting commenced 8.45pm. Kim welcomed all. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.	<i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> Too many attendees: L.A. and P. & B. W. to be removed
<b>2. Matters Arising</b> a) <b>3.c</b> We have been informed by TBC that plans for outside seasonal lighting must be submitted with a £50 fee. It was requested that this needs clarification. Dave Gray said the letter also affects the VH as it said that Lights, Banners, Bunting, Hanging Baskets can only be erected by approved contractors. b) <b>4.a</b> "Layby" by Orsett Cock Roundabout - lorries again present tonight, hedge has been trimmed back further to improve visibility	<b>Dave Gray to provide copies of the letter so S. &amp; B. Little can investigate</b>
<b>3. Chair's Report</b> a) Jane (as pre AGM) Chair, reported that Thurrock Council has commissioned research to review the need for sports facilities, playing pitches and open spaces across Thurrock. The findings will be used to produce a Borough Strategy identifying needs and priorities for investment over the next ten years. They have asked the Soc/CF to participate in this consultation. The Soc/CF needs someone to take this on and asked for a volunteer. b) No other reports as already given in AGM	<b>In absence of other offers, Jane offered to do this.</b>
<b>4. Vice Chair: No Report</b>	
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b> Already reported at AGM by Mike T. balance of £2325.80	
<b>6. Feast and Fayre</b> February meeting at the Bell Inn 8pm moved to Sunday 21st because of the Thames Crossing Meeting to be held at 7pm on 10th Feb in VH	<b>New volunteers always welcome.</b>
<b>7. Gardeners' Club</b> No meeting in February	<b>New members always welcome.</b>

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<p><b>8. Police and NHW</b>  <b>a)</b> Contact Details for local police:-          Tel:<b>101 for non emergencies. Calls cost 15p</b>  <b>07710 079193 for info and PCSO only attendance.</b>  <b>Emergencies should still be reported to 999.</b>  <a href="mailto:orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk">orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk</a>.  <b>b)</b> Kim reported on a Police meeting at Homesteads attended by the Crime Commissioner, Superintendent and Chief Inspector. Matters brought up included:-          The poor service provided by the 101 number not efficient, slow to answer and operators ignorant of the area - it was promised that the service will be improved and the number will be answered quickly          It was reported that following a crime the Police were offered CCTV footage but refused to examine it - The Chief Inspector was horrified by this report and promised to investigate.  <b>c)</b> Alan Pollington requested that NHW information should be sent to his gmail account as it is not getting through  <b>d)</b> Village speed traps will be out in March</p>	<p><b>KT will do</b>   <b>More Volunteers needed</b></p>
<p><b>9. Planning</b>  <b>a)</b> La Digue, Victoria Road, Non material amendments to planning application. Additional windows to front and rear gables and removal of ground floor window to rear.  <b>b)</b> The Old Kennels, Kirkham Shaw, Erection of cart lodge for two vehicles.</p>	
<p><b>10. Village Enhancement</b>  <b>a)</b> Christmas tree in VH garden. The location was questioned, although it is very small at the moment it has been planted very close to a wall and close to the entrance. Will it cause problems when it grows? If it is to be moved it should be done very soon. MT pointed out the tree is planted in memory of Helen Gray.  <b>b)</b> Litter picking. Council service for collection of litter picked up by Villagers is up and running.</p>	

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<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>a) River Crossing. A meeting has been arranged Sunday 7th Feb 2 to 4 pm in Orsett VH. This is in addition to the meeting in Horndon VH at 7pm on same day. MT said how important it was to work with others and the need to involve our MP, Stephen Metcalfe. KT met with other Forums to coordinate approach. Kim has a three minute slot to present evidence to a Council Witness Session. The considered views will be presented to Highways England. SL reports that neither she or Stephen Metcalfe cannot attend the Sunday meetings but will be at the meeting at the Culverhouse Centre and, in general, Stephen M is more likely to be available on Friday to Sunday. Cllr S Little said don't just sign the petition, heartfelt letters are more effective.</p> <p>b) Horses on Horndon Rec. Deidre Graham said the statement last meeting that horses are banned from the Rec is incorrect and she is seeking further information. She also questioned the permission given to the Cricket and Football clubs but KT said that these pay rent to use the Rec. It was raised that horses don't just walk around the Rec but they gallop and leave very deep holes that are a danger to other users.</p> <p>c) Sue Little reported that the Orsett Forum is now up and running. Chair: Alan Peaford, Vice Chair: Keith Francis, Secretary: Alison Thomas</p> <p>d) Bus Update: Cllr B Little is waiting for release of the budget for rural bus services in Thurrock. Budget may be boosted from some of income from parking fees. Bulphan bus route future is uncertain and the temporary funding for the Fobbing service runs out soon. He warned that the future of all subsidised services is undecided and nothing can be taken for granted. Carol Rintoul asked if it was possible for her to put up Bus User Group notices in the notice board, KT says he has a key.</p> <p>e) Alan Pollington reported the dangerous state of pavements in the Village, broken slabs and damaged tarmac. Largely due to cars driving over pavements. Others complained about cars parked completely on the pavement so that buggies cannot get past without going into the road - advised if this happens call the police.</p> <p>f) Two possible abandoned cars reported Saffron Close and Mill Lane</p> <p>g) Huge quantity of rubbish around footbridge over A13, can Council clean up?</p> <p>h) Overweigh vehicles are using Lower Dunton Road and South Hill ignoring the weight restrictions on the B1007. Cllr B Little reports that the Council have allocated money to check on weight restriction violations.</p> <p>i) Widening of A13 to 3 lanes. Bernadette W asked why "quiet" tarmac is not being used as the annoying traffic noise is from the tyres rather than from the engines. Relevant TBC officers are Ann Osola and Nathan Drover.</p> <p>j) Pat Douglas reports that Gateway Radio/TV are interested in making a programme about Horndon Marketplace, who should they contact? A: Anne Sentance</p>	<p><b>S Little to report</b></p> <p><b>S Little requests details</b></p> <p><b>B Little will investigate</b></p>
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Meeting closed at 9.45pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

**NEXT MEETING** : 2nd March 2016 at 8pm – The Woolmarket