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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 2nd March 2016

Present: Kim Towlson Chair
 Mike Tarbard Treasurer (& Vice Chair)
 John Caton, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Brian Little, Lindsay Miller, Maggie Nash, Sue Price,
 Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Sarann Thomas, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter
 Woodard, *Kirsty Stokes, Thurrock Council Principal Planning Officer - Growth & Strategy +
 Monica, Student*

Apologies: Lisa Anderson, Sue Little, Alan Pollington, Judy Rood, Nigel Seaman

| Item | Action |
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| <p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.05pm. Kim welcomed all present and introduced Kirsty Stokes and Monica who are attending the Forum to make a presentation about the Thurrock Local Plan. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p> | <p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- None</i></p> |
| <p>Presentation about Thurrock Local Plan Consultation by Kirsty Stokes Kirsty explained that since the revocation of the East of England Plan and changes in the UK Government's regulations or recommendations, Thurrock's local plan is out of date and a new local plan must be created to make sure that Thurrock develops in the right way, influenced by local public and not imposed by Central Government. The Regeonal Plans have been replaced by a "Duty to Cooperate" with neighbouring authorities. TBC housing target is 960 houses per year to meet demand, in some recent year only 40 were built! Must now include plots for self-build and custom build. It was revealed that Langdon Hills Golf Club are in the process of applying for 17 appartments to be built. A question was asked of the relationship between National and Local Policy, the answer was that National Policy almost always overrides Local. Thurrock Council are embarking on Stage 1 of the Consultation process identification of the main planning issues. Consultation ends on the 11th April 2016. Details and forms are available in local Libraries and at the Council Offices and on-line at thurrock.gov.uk/localplan and there will be a presentation at Orsett Churches Centre 2 to 7pm Friday 18 March.</p> | |
| <p>2. Matters Arising a) Re 2.a TBC £50 fee for application for Lights, Banners, Bunting, Hanging Baskets plus these can only be erected by approved contractors. Brian Little has received all the info from Dave Gray and will now investigate. b) 2.b"Layby" by Orsett Cock Roundabout - lorries continue to be present.</p> | <p>Brian Little to investigate</p> |
| <p>3. Chair's Report a) ReTBC research to review the need for sports facilities, playing pitches and open spaces across Thurrock; Kim and Jane Barry met Amber and visited the School Playground and the Rec and also brought up question of footpaths and bridleways. b) Complains about parking on the footpaths in the Village have been passed on to the Police, we have been promised more Wardens, especially around the school, who will issue tickets. c) Chaos at the Treacle Mine Roundabout is compounded by the "Scoot" system that optimises the sequence fails when there is too much traffic as there is now with traffic diverting off the A13 to avoid the J30 roadworks d) Queens Birthday. Andrea Nunnery is looking into organising a street party and an evening disco on 11th June e) Village meetings about the Lower Thames Crossing continue, next is 7pm in the Village Hall on the 13 March</p> | |

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| <p>4. Vice Chair: Mike Tarbard reports a Bus User Group meeting is being held on 14 March at 3pm. He cannot go but Carol Rintoul is going. Cllr Brian L reports that a Council meeting last week agreed on a £190k budget for rural busses: this means there will be no cuts but no improvements can be promised.</p> | |
| <p>5. Treasurer's Report Mike T. reports balance of £2306.58 after receipt of 48p interest and paying for a Thank You bottle of wine for the auditor and paying expenses to Jane Barry.</p> | |
| <p>6. Feast and Fayre February meeting at the Bell Inn 8pm due for Sunday 21st moved again, this time because of lack of room in the Bell, now 8pm Sun 6 March</p> | <p>New volunteers always welcome.</p> |
| <p>7. Gardeners' Club The Biennial General Meeting is being held on 15 March</p> | <p>New members always welcome.</p> |
| <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. b) Usual smattering of petty crimes in the area c) Village speed traps - most involved have been busy with LTC matters but traps will be out again in March. Deirdre Graham asked if South Hill Horndon was included, Kim T pointed out the first trap was actually on South Hill.</p> | |
| <p>9. Planning a) La Digue, Victoria Road 16/00199/HHA, demolition of part single storey side extension and replace with single storey double garage b) Arden Hall, Arden Hall Chase 16/00163/FUL, erection of general purpose agricultural building c) Tan Y Bryn, Hillcrest Road 16/00214/FUL, Alteration to approved application. Omit conservatory, add sun lounge. Change fenestration to reduce overlooking and to secure privacy. Alterations to East fenestration. Main dwelling area as originally approved d) 6 Victoria Road 16/00183/HHA, first floor rear extension e) Woodside, Kirkham Road 16/00187/HHA, demolition of existing outbuilding and retention of pitched roofs over pool and garage buildings f) 26 South Hill Crescent 16/00229/COND, discharge of conditions - Time limit - Materials -Landscaping -Working hours - Highways access - Parking area. This apparently is asking for all the conditions to be lifted without being replaced by proposals acceptable to the planners. g) South Hill B1007, Langdon Hills TRO 2016. Proposed 50 mph speed limit (to replace existing 60 mph limit)</p> | <p>KT to write to oppose if this is asking for carte blanche removal of conditions</p> |
| <p>10. Village Enhancement a) Kim T noted that it will soon be too late in the season to plant a replacement Millennium tree in the Rec.</p> | |

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| <p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a) River Crossing. Next meeting 7pm in VH on Sunday 13 March as reported above.</p> <p>b) There is lots of dumping of 'white goods' in quiet lanes, apparently the high value copper is removed and the remainder is dumped - look out for people offering 'clearance' or for any actual dumpers.</p> <p>c) Re 11.e Dangerous pavements - no feedback</p> <p>d) Re 11.i Whispering tarmac. This is not normally used for 'first surface' but if excess noise occurs it is added later. Cllr Brian L said as TBC is responsible for the A13 widening, he would look into whether it could be used first.</p> <p>e) Kim T reports that Tesco have offered a grant for Friends of Horndon School. Shoppers at Tesco are requested to select FOHS as their chosen charity.</p> | <p>S Little to report</p> <p>Little will investigate</p> |
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Meeting closed at 10.05pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING : 6 April 2016 at 8pm – The Woolmarket