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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 6th April 2016

Present: Kim Towlson Chair
 Mike Tarbard Treasurer (& Vice Chair)
 Lisa Anderson, Dianne Baker, Peter Belsham, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Linda Illing, Sue Little, Brian Little, Maggie Nash, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Beverley Richardson, Judy Rood, Sarann Thomas, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Carol Rintoul

| Item | Action |
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| <p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.05pm. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p> | <p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> None</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 is still investigating. b) "Layby" by Orsett Cock Roundabout - lorries continue to be present and are being issued with fixed penalties. More problems with other laybys on A128. Looking at closing them but insufficient lorry parks are in the planning process. c) Problems with dumping in laybys especially opposite Brooklyn Farm-considering closing this. d) South Hill (Langdon) pot holes have been filled, the slippery surface on the double bend will be raked to improve grip and a 50mph speed limit will be imposed.</p> | <p>Brian Little to investigate</p> |
| <p>3. Chair's Report a) Kim attended two other Forum meetings, Bulphan and Orsett. Orsett Forum is just getting off the ground after being relaunched. b) Queens Birthday. Andrea Nunnery has firmed up arrangements and is organising the evening disco on 11th June but all tickets have already sold out. On Monday 30th May there will be a childrens party at the school and a tea party for OAPs. Kim is hoping that Woolmarket Ladies will help in supplying names of the OAPs and will help the OAPs get to/from the school on the day. c) The third Village Information meetings about the Lower Thames Crossing was held on the 13 March, the consultation period has ended and we now await an announcement from the Government but when this will be is not known. Members of the Steering Group, Cllr John Kent, Cllr Brian Little met with Rt Hon. Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport and Andrew Jones, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport to discuss the arguments and data against another Thurrock crossing. The latter is actively working on the project. Mike Tarbard emphasised that CPRE should be approached as the HS/CF is a group member. KT reported that CPRE are already involved as Keith Francis who lives in Orsett is (or was ?) the Thurrock District CPREssex Group Contact. Some very good letters have been printed in the Gazzette and Enquirer. KT also reminded people that although the HE consultation period has closed the petition is still open and individual objection letters can still be sent to the government.</p> | |
| <p>4. Vice Chair: Mike Tarbard reports that the 265 bus has gone from the Village but we are now served by a re-routed No. 11 which provides an excellent service to Basildon Town Centre and Basildon and Orsett Hospitals. We have lost a direct contact with Stanford and Grays although it is possible to get off the 11 and catch the 100. The 11 is a great step forward but remember, use it or lose it!</p> | |
| <p>5. Treasurer's Report Mike T. reports balance of £2307.52 after receipt of 94p interest for March and April. We are due to pay the subscription of £60 to Civic Voice and £265.73 for insurance, although the FnF may pay this. Mike reports that £25k community funding is available although groups must raise 10% and conditions apply.</p> | <p>We should draw up a list of potential projects and apply.</p> |

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| <p>6. Feast and Fayre The next meeting will be at the Bell Inn 8pm on Sunday 17th April. The Raffle this year will be organised by Gorkha Learning For Life</p> | <p>New volunteers always welcome.</p> |
| <p>7. Gardeners' Club There will be a Bluebell Walk at Langdon Hills, date to be arranged when the Bluebells peak.</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) Alan P has has problems with non-delivery of emails from Kim c) Spate of break-ins of sheds and garages and a few into houses. Deisel has been syphoned from trucks in Orsett d) Village speed traps have been out in Orsett and Horndon. Registration numbers of speeding vehicles have been sent to the Police. In Orsett the same person was clocked speeding on two different days.</p> | |
| <p>9. Planning a) 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. b) Malgraves Meadow, Lower Dunton Road. 16/00232/FUL Retrospective planning permission for the retention of a biomass building containing biomass boiler with external flue and associated wood storage c) (The former A D Theobold and Sons Blacksmiths) The Forge Mill Lane. 16/00336/FUL. Demolition of existing structure and erection of a new dwelling. This site was subject to a previous application that was drawn to a misleading scale and the drawing omitted the Lock Up in the Church that blocked a window on the drawing. That application was withdrawn before being considered by Planning. The site is tiny unless the adjoining properties of Mount Works or the Morgan Restorers are also involved. This building is in the Conservation Area and is noted as being of "Significant physical/built form"</p> | <p>Carried over from last month: KT to write to oppose if this is asking for carte blanche removal of conditions</p> <p>KT will talk to the owners of Mount Works and The Morgan Restorers to get their views</p> |
| <p>10. Village Enhancement a) Kim T noted that it is be too late to plant a replacement Millenium tree in the Rec this season.</p> | |
| <p>11. Any Other Business a) Dangerous pavements and parking on pavements. In particular the pavement next to the Church Wall where the demarkation between the pavement and road is only a white line and not a kerb. A large white van is often parked on the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk in the road which is dangerous. b) 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. c) Cllr B Little reported that the (noise) Enforcement Notice on Crystal Vale Kennels will not be enforced as Crystal Vale is undertaking remedial work. d) Cllr S Little reported that Eddie Wright at Dundon Golf Club is discussing an application for 17 or 20 Appartments to be built on part the Langdon Hills Golf and Country Club site. This would be more building on Green Belt. He has invited Cllr S Little to attend the golf Club for a meeting and she would like to be accompanied by the Chair of the Forum as a witness. This will have to wait until after the Council Elections.</p> | <p>S Little to report</p> <p>B Little will investigate</p> <p>S Little and KT to arrange in due course</p> |

Meeting closed at 9.20pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING : 4 May 2016 at 8pm – The Woolmarket