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## Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Present:** Kim Towlson Chair  
 Mike Tarbard Treasurer (& Vice Chair)  
 Peter Belsham, Peter Brainwood, John Caton, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Maggie Nash, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Lindsay Miller, Richard Powell, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Sarann Thomas, Peter Woodard

**Apologies:** Lisa Anderson, Dianne Baker, Brian and Sue Little

Item	Action
<b>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Meeting commenced 8.05pm. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.	<i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> None
<b>2. Matters Arising</b> <b>a)</b> Re 2.a TBC £50 fee for application for Lights, Banners, Bunting, Hanging Baskets plus these can only be erected by approved contractors. Noted that St George flags are hung throughout N. Stifford, were these done under new regulations? <b>b)</b> Problems with dumping in laybys especially opposite Brooklyn Farm: Cleared, then more dumped but this was cleared quickly. <b>c)</b> Pot holes. Kim pointed out that although pot holes can be reported to the Council by the website, it is much easier to do if you open an on-line user account with the Council.	<b>Brian Little to continue investigations after elections</b>
<b>3. Chair's Report</b> <b>a)</b> There have been no other Forum meetings to attend this month. <b>b)</b> Queens Birthday. On Monday 30th May there will be a children's party at the school and a tea party for OAPs. Anyone having difficulty getting to/from there will be given help. <b>c)</b> The Lower Thames Crossing Admin Group has contacted their counterparts in Kent and will meet them in a couple of weeks. The Kent group already have a barrister engaged. Reported that Andrew Jones, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport has said that nothing is off the table and that Options A & D are still under consideration. KT has asked CPRE Essex Group to request they issue a statement opposing Option C similar to what CPRE Kent has already done. Some very good letters have been printed in the Gazette and Enquirer. Brentwood Gazette had article about the Paramount Theme Park to be built at Ebbsfleet - many people suspect that Option C is primarily intended to provide access to this. <b>d)</b> KT also reported that Essex Heritage Trust is holding a meeting at 2pm on 17 May to discuss how to protect your heritage.	
<b>4. Vice Chair:</b> Nothing to report	
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b> <b>a)</b> Mike T. reports balance of £2247.52. Subscription paid £60 to Civic Voice and £265.73 for insurance. A cheque for £265.73 has been received from FnF to cover this cost, MT has written a letter of thanks to FnF. <b>b)</b> Re £25k available for community funding is available although groups must raise 10% and conditions apply - Call for suitable projects. Nobody has contacted MT with any suggestions for projects	<b>We should draw up a list of potential projects and apply.</b>
<b>6. Feast and Fayre</b> The next meeting will be at the Bell Inn 8pm on Sunday 8th May. All going to plan.	<b>New volunteers always welcome.</b>
<b>7. Gardeners' Club</b> Plant Swap 17th May Woolmarket 8pm	<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> Alan P is now receiving emails from Kim  <b>c)</b> Crime reports: break-ins, stolen cars and fuel, road rage incidents.  <b>d)</b> Community Speed Watch: 9 reported speeding in Orsett in one hour. Registration numbers of speeding vehicles have been sent to the Police who can charge fines as a result of these reports.</p>	
<p><b>9. Planning</b>  <b>Carried over from last month</b>  <b>(a)</b> 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>(c)</b> (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 building is in the Conservation Area and is noted as being of "Significant physical/built form". KT reports John Hudson (Mount Works) had received the consultation note but Colin Wilson (Morgan Restoration) had not. The statutory notices not been posted locally. The Council will therefore extended the consultaion period.  <b>New this month</b>  <b>a)</b> Brelades, Laindon Road 16/00496/TPD: Fell an oak tree  <b>b)</b> Water Tower, Kirkham Road 16/00399/FUL: Conversion of redundant water tower to residential dwelling. Lindsay Miller said this is on her property and the intention is to provide a home for her son. The Water Tower is redundant with the tank empty, it probably dates from the 1930's and could fall in disrepair if no alternative use is found for it. The plans are all viewable on the Council website and show that the changes will be minimal, the tank will remain and the open parts will be glazed in. She said anyone interested would be welcome to visit.  <b>c)</b> Hazelmere, Orsett Road 16/00299/HHA: Rear extension with a depth of 6m from the original rear wall of the property, with a max height of 2.8m  <b>d)</b> Horndon Lodge, Orsett Road 16/00516/PHA: Removal of existing conservatory and erection of more thermally constructed sun room</p>	<p><b>KT to write to oppose if this is asking for carte blanche removal of conditions</b></p> <p><b>KT to write with an objection from the Hsoc/CF</b></p>
<p><b>10. Village Enhancement</b>          No topics raised</p>	
<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b>  <b>a)</b> Carol Rintoul reported the No 11 bus has been very unreliable with timings, the bus company has said it is due to accidents and parking blocking the route but Carol said she had not seen that and thinks it is a convenient excuse.  <b>b)</b> Inconsiderate parking has caused gridlock in the Village recently with large vehicles unable to pass parked cars  <b>c)</b> It was asked if anyone knew when work was going to start on the new Hospice, nobody had any information</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:55pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

**NEXT MEETING** : 1 June 2016 at 8pm – The Woolmarket