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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 1st June 2016

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

Apologies: Brian and Sue Little, Mary Rawlings

Item	Action
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.05pm. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.	<i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> Cheque from F&F was for £265.73 not £265.53
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 b) Dumping in laybys - all cleared? Reported that tyres have been dumped in the hedge opposite Brooklyn Farm. c) 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. Some pot holes have been filled.	It is hoped that Brian Little will report at next meeting
3. Chair's Report a) There have been no other Forum meetings to attend this month. b) Queens Birthday. Monday 30th May tea party for OAPs. Most invites have been sent out but some eligible have not received yet. c) The Lower Thames Crossing Admin Group have met with their counterparts in Kent, useful and productive exchange of information. What is result of asking if people directly affected by any of the proposed routes have received warning of compulsory purchase? Patchy- some who would be affected have received warnings but others have not, no discernable pattern. d) Essex Heritage Trust meeting on 17 May with agenda how to protect your heritage. Turns out the focus was to protect heritage from theft rather than development threats. When asked about the threat from a Thames Crossing, the question caught them out without any answer. e) A new Mayor has been chosen: Kathy Kent - the wife of John Kent the recently resigned Leader of the Council. f) The new Conservative led Council is looking for volunteers to take over a wide range of activities normally carried out by paid staff such as Parish Safety, some Policing activities etc. Kim has told them that it is going much too far, Community Speed Watch by itself is enough to make volunteers unpopular...	
4. Vice Chair a) Mike said he has received a plethora of publications, these are on the table for anyone to read b) Mike said he would like to congratulate Sue Little on her re-election to the Council.	
5. Treasurer's Report a) Mike T. reports balance of £2248.11 after receiving interest of 59p	
6. Feast and Fayre The next, and final, meeting will be at the Bell Inn 8pm on Sunday 5th June. Alan Pollington replied to Kim's question that the Male Voice Choir do not require a stall.	New volunteers always welcome.
7. Gardeners' Club The Plant Swap on 17th May went very well. A visit to Paul's garden on 12th June. The Club will have a Plant Stall on both days of F&F.	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. b) A serious break-in in Horndon with a violent attack on the householder was reported c) Urged to ensure doors are locked so nobody can just walk in d) Community Speed Watch: Still lots of drivers speeding. e) Lots of empty Nitrous Oxide cannisters are being left in the car park at the Rec - indicates substance abuse is a problem there.</p>	
<p>9. Planning Carried over from April (a) 26 South Hill Crescent 16/00229/COND, discharge of conditions - Time limit - Materials -Landscaping -Working hours - Highways access - Parking area. KT has written a letter expressing concerns. (c) (The former A D Theobald 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. New this month a) Mojave, Hillcrest Road 16/00673/HHA: Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, loft conversion with part rear dormer b) 8 Robinson Road 16/00382/FUL: Two self contained annexes. It is reported that from the documents filed, each of these looks like a complete new dwelling at least the size of the existing house on the site!</p>	<p>KT to write with an objection from the Hsoc/CF. STOP PRESS: this planning application has been withdrawn</p>
<p>10. Village Enhancement No topics raised</p>	
<p>11. Any Other Business a) The problem with inconsiderate and illegal parking continues - a car was parked on the pavement in High Road, close to Hillcrest, completely blocking the path thus forcing pedestrians into the road in this dangerous location at the crest of the hill c) The grass in the Rec has not been cut and Kim thinks it is now too long for the Councils mover to be able to cut it. He offered to get a farmer to cut it but has not received an answer from the Council. The grass immediately around the play equipment had been cut but that has now grown too long.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:50pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

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