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## Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Present:** Kim Towlson Chair

Peter Belsham, Deirdre Graham, Cllr Brian Little, Maggie Nash, Alan Pollington, Beverley Richardson, Mike Tarbard, Bob Tilbury, Peter Woodard

**Apologies:** Lisa and Phil Anderson, Dianne Baker, Cllr Sue Little, Sue Price, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Nell Edwards, Janet McCheyne & Janice Curtis

**The advertised AGM has been postponed until the February meeting as there are not 12 members present required for an AGM to be quorate**

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Meeting commenced 8.05pm. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- None</i></p>
<p><b>2. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Pot holes. Some serious new holes have appeared and need to be dealt with. Council is continuing with task of repair using the new fast method. Still need see if the repairs withstand the winter frost and ice.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Play equipment in the Rec still needs attention, one swing saet has been removed. Cllr BL said a Council review is in place to see what needs doing.</p> <p><b>c)</b> Assets of Community Value (ACV) identifying these to Thurrock Council in the attempt to add further safeguards to these Assets in years to come. A letter has been drafted but needs checking before being sent out.</p> <p><b>d)</b> Road Lights on Lower Dunton Road. They have been on but yesterday a cherry-picker was out and they were digging a new hole. Cllr BL said that the wiring needs wholesale replacement but the Council is trying to keep the lights on by 'patching'.</p> <p><b>e)</b> Traffic Speed Sign on Orsett Rd still not working. Cllr BL said the Council is awaiting spares or new sign.</p> <p><b>f)</b> Residents Concerned as to daily truck movements from the Langdon Hills Golf Centre, Lower Dunton Road. Kim T to further discuss with Councillors as it would seem that truck movements have reduced.</p>	<p><b>KT to chase</b></p>
<p><b>3. Chair's Report</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Kim says the Orsett Christmas Fayre was a success and they plan to repeat it this year. He is working closely with Bulphan and Orsett Forums, especially with Orsett after being involved with their Fayre. There is a need for a joint Villages Calendar to avoid date clashes.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Kim T said that the Council is still waiting for information from the horseriders. Dierdre G said cycle paths should be widened and made up as bridleways. Cllr BL said after this was discussed in Council that the Council has a limited amount of money and Essex Bridleways needs to put forward a priority "wants list" ASAP and certainly within 2 weeks. Kim T offered to meet with Ex Bridleways if DG arranges this to push this forward. BR requested that DG asks horse riders not to text while riding this is dangerous.</p> <p><b>c)</b> The Lower Thames Crossing: Government had indicated an announcement in late Autumn but it did not happen, so still waiting. BL said Stephen Metcalfe MP has forcibly put forward the case in Parliament that the proposed plan will not solve the congestion problem.</p> <p><b>d)</b> No further TAF meetings</p>	<p><b>KT &amp; DG</b></p> <p><b>DG</b></p>

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<p><b>4. Vice Chair:-</b> Mike T</p> <p><b>a)</b> The latest Civic Voice email is available to be viewed</p> <p><b>b)</b> Bus User Group. MT could not attend the November meeting but Carol Rintoul attended. Council have agreed to fund Bus 14 that serves Fobbing to run a 6 day service (not Sundays or Bank Hols). There has been an increase in passenger numbers so it is not costing the Council much. The next BUG meeting is on 18 June but neither MT nor CR can attend.</p> <p><b>c)</b> A new hub is being set up in Aveley. The previous Aveley Forum got into financial difficulties and closed down. MT expressed concern that public money might be spent in propping up a failing organisation. Apparently the old Forum was bound up with a Youth Centre and Viola funding of the Youth Centre finished and left a gap of one year until other funding became available. The Council would not cover this gap and so the old Forum closed down.</p>	
<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Mike T reported the balance stands at £2331.48. 50p received in interest, one cheque (Woolmarket hire) has not yet been cashed. We are liquid but have nowhere near enough to fund a major planning campaign.</p>	
<p><b>6. Feast and Fayre</b></p> <p>Going to plan. The Theme is "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift. Next meeting Sunday 15 Jan 2017 8pm in the Bell</p>	<b>New volunteers always welcome.</b>
<p><b>7. Gardeners' Club</b></p> <p>Nothing happens in the Winter months but a very good Christmas Party held in conjunction with Woolmarket Music and The Society/Forum. Thanks to all who provided food.</p>	<b>New members always welcome.</b>
<p><b>8. Police and NHW</b></p> <p><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:orsetnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk">orsetnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Celia was NHW coordinator for High Rd, she has moved from the Village. KT will continue to send out reports.</p> <p><b>c)</b> Some have complained that not all incidents are included in the reports. For Police operational reasons, some may not be included but that doesn't seem to explain the omissions.</p>	

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<p><b>9. Planning</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Jade Farm, Oxford Road 16/01206/FUL. KT wrote as instructed. The application has since been refused.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Fairfield, Orsett Road 15/01390/FUL Proposed change of use of garage from storage to a grooming parlour and use the summer house as a studio - it was felt that the grooming parlour is a commercial undertaking and there is no provision for parking for the clients it would attract. KT wrote as instructed. Awaiting decision.</p> <p><b>December</b></p> <p><b>c)</b> Lyn Vere, South Hill 16/01540/CLOPUD Single storey front extension.</p> <p><b>d)</b> Raphen, Orsett Rd 16/01516/HHA</p> <p><b>e)</b> Tan Y Bryn, Hillcrest Rd 16/01529/HHA Additional second storey to dwelling and drop kerb</p> <p><b>January 2017</b></p> <p><b>f)</b> Les Elms, Lower Dunton Rd 16/01626/PHA Rear extension with a depth of 8m from the original rear wall of the property with a max height of 4m and eaves height of 2.4m</p> <p><b>g)</b> Les Elms, Lower Dunton Rd 16/01712/CLOPUD</p> <p><b>h)</b> Woodlands, Pump Street 16/01717/HHA Proposed single storey side extension and two storey rear extension</p> <p><b>i)</b> Cllr BL reported that the application in Bulphan for 52 Assisted Living Units has come up again and the opposition seems to be waning. Nevertheless the location is wrong as no community exists there to support old and infirm people.</p> <p><b>j)</b> A13 Road widening starting March 2017. Before then core samples will be taken plus surveying so there will be some night time closures before then.</p> <p><b>k)</b> The retrospective planning application Malgraves Meadow, Lower Dunton Road - 16/00232/FUL had been refused and an Enforcement Notice served to remove items and structures. An appeal against the Enforcement has been made.</p>	
<p><b>10. Village Enhancement</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> Still pursuing permission for volunteers to paint the shabby play equipment in the Rec.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Grants available from Veolia but they have to be Match Funded</p> <p><b>c)</b> Kim T to arrange planting of replacement Millennium Tree at the Rec</p>	<p><b>KT</b></p> <p><b>KT</b></p>
<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> DG asked if the Council has any policy on trees as trees combat pollution. Cllr BL said he assumes DG is referring to the situation in Sheffield where the Council is felling street trees to minimise the cost of maintaining footpaths and roads. If so Thurrock Council does not have any similar policy.</p> <p><b>b)</b> MT says the Soc/Forum should seek to enhance their funds by holding a Coffee Morning or some other social event.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:57pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

**NEXT MEETING including AGM : 1 February 2017 at 8pm – The Woolmarket**

**If unable to attend, please inform Kim Towlson on Mob 07724 848069**