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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 1st March 2017

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Peter Belsham, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllrs Brian and Sue Little, Margaret Nash, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Dianne Baker, Nell Edwards, Linda Illing, Judy Rood

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.00pm The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- None</i></p>
<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Pot holes. The 'fast' repairs seem to be holding but new holes have appeared. Keep on reporting them to the Council and they will be repaired.</p> <p>b) Painting:- 1) Play equipment in the Rec. The Youth Offenders will be painting this equipment. 2) Woolmarket lobby and stairwell. They have met Peter Brainwod and can paint the Woolmarket when final approval is given by the Woolmarket Management Committee and coordination with bookings sorted out.</p> <p>c) Assets of Community Value (ACV) identifying these to Thurrock Council in the attempt to add further safeguards to these Assets in years to come. KT has met with Phil Anderson and the wording of the letter agreed. Now needs personalising for each site and sending.</p> <p>d) Road Lights:- On Lower Dunton Road. All still OK but work continues. Alan Pollington questioned if the new LED lighting in Orsett Road is as bright as the old lights. Urged to report this if it seems to be the case as this may be adjustable.</p> <p>e) Traffic Speed Sign on Orsett Rd still not working. Council is going to inspect it to see if there is dirt on the sensor.</p> <p>f) Residents Concerned as to daily truck movements from the Langdon Hills Golf Centre, Lower Dunton Road. No further reports on this.</p> <p>g) Fly tipping still a problem. Keep on reporting incidents.</p> <p>h) Has work started on the Housing/Hospice development? The reported work relates to a building behind Little Malgraves Hall (not connected with Hospice development). A complaint was received by the Council that a building was being converted to a two bedroom house. Enforcement Officers have identified a breach of planning regulations and action will be taken.</p> <p>i) Discourteous parking and driving in the Village was discussed. Meeting outside School including Cllr B Little, KT and the School. Very interesting antics observed. School asks for sensible parking in every newsletter, now trying to get the Children involved to educate their parents. Straw pole reveals that most of the Children are driven to school even though 70% live in the Village. Graham James School in Corringham has been successful in persuading parents to park in the Car Park behind the shops, KT to ask how they got this message across. The Council has, or is, publishing proposals for Consultation for yellow line parking restrictions at the relevant HillCrest Road junctions but this wont make any difference without enforcement. Possibility of a cctv camera on the school property.</p>	<p>In hands of Peter Brainwood & Woolmarket Committee</p> <p>KT</p>

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<p>3. Chair's Report a) Kim attended an Orsett Forum meeting in advance of their AGM, he was unable to attend Bulphan's meeting. b) Kim said that he attended another Bridleways meeting on 9th Jan at the Swan and the group is requesting for horseriders to be able to use Mucking Park. (This is the land being claimed to the East of Buckingham Hill Road opposite the Council Tip). Riders from East Tilbury would like to use part of Gobions Park - this is rather a small area. c) The Lower Thames Crossing: Still awaiting an announcement. There was an item on the LTC on BBC TV Tonight on Tuesday evening. It was said that that they are still going through the correspondance received from the Consultation. Cllr Gledhill was interviewed and was still asking for Option D despite that the only routes left on the table are A and C. Possibly an announcement in the budget?</p>	
<p>4. Vice Chair:- a) Mike T reported there is a meeting of the Bus User Group in Grays on 22nd March. Following the retirement of the owner Amber Coaches have been taken over by Nelson Independant Bus Services. All existing services will continue to run, initially at least, using the same busses. b) TAF meeting on 21st March, Stifford Clays. KT to attend</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer's Report a) The funds stand at £2231.75 although the cheque for £60 to Civic Voice has not yest been cashed. b) Civic Voice membership has been renewed.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre Planning going smoothly. Theme is Jonathan Swift. Looking for more street entertainment this year. Next meeting 12/3/17 8pm in the Bell</p>	<p>New volunteers always welcome.</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club An enjoyable meeting held at Thurrock Thameside Nature Park. Many outing arranged now spring is on the way! March - Visit to Miss Wilmott's Garden. April - Talk by representative from Essex Wildlife Trust Chafford Hundred Gorge Reserve. May - Plant swap evening - Guided tour of Chafford Gorge. June - Visit Lullingstone gardens - Plant Stall on the Feast and Fayre Weekend. July - Tea in Linda C's Garden. Deirdre G says she is planting four major forest trees in her Safron Gardens field - not a Gardeners' Club event but Paul Wakeling is helping her to choose and source the trees.</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. <u>orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk</u> b) NHW going smoothly. Three incidents on report: Theft from Motor vehicle (a laptop). Theft from Cricket Club Orsett, till ripped out and alcohol stolen. Theft from store. c) Community Speed Watch Out in Orsett and Bulphan, 8 reported will be receiving letters.</p>	

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<p>9. Planning Arising from last meeting: a) Cholley's Farmhouse - Listed Buildings at risk. Kim has received email from Council, the process of protecting this building is under way. b) The street name sign for Holmes Close. The Council told the householder not to replace the old sign on the new wall as they will be fitting a new freestanding one. This has now taken place. A comment was made that the placing is poor as it cannot be seen until you are already in the Close. New: c) Copperfiels, South Hill 17/00205/HHA - Front Porch d) Myrtle Cottage, Pump Street 17/00191/CLOPUD - Single storey rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer. e) Silverdale, Horndon Road 17/00181/CLOPUD - Single storey side extension and rear facing dormer window. f) Harmill House, Orsett Road 17/00261/HHA - Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension. g) Land adjacent Sub Station (Major) Lower Dunton Road, Bulphan 17/00251/SCR - Request for Environmental Impact Assessment. Screening Opinion: Proposed installation of a gas powered grid balancing plant with a generating capacity of 20 MW and associated ancillary works. h) Balgownie Farm, Lower Dunton Road 17/00162/FUL - Erection of six executive houses on previously developed land (revised application following planning approval). This application seeks to revise one of the house types.</p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement a) Painting the shabby play equipment in the Rec, see 2 b) b) Kim T to arrange planting of replacement Millennium Tree at the Rec</p>	
<p>11. Any Other Business a) School traffic sign in Hillcrest Rd opposite Mill Lane is so faded it cannot be seen. b) Saturday market this Saturday 11th 10am to 1 pm. There will only be 4 this year to avoid clashes with Coffee Mornings bu other Organisations. c) Thurrock Council Health service Consultation. How do want the Health Service in Thurrock to look like in the future? Please respond with your views. KT to Post info on Facebook d) Increase in Dogs Mess reported. KT suggests reporting it via Councils Online service. Bulphan had a campaign of spraying dog poo red so it was very visible. It was felt that more bins would help - send detailed location requests to KT.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9:36pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING including AGM : 5 April 2017 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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