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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 3rd May 2017

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Shirly Ballard, Deirdre Graham, Cllrs Brian and Sue Little, Maggie Nash, Sue Price, Alan Pollington, Beverley Richardson, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Dave Gray, Carol Rintoul, Dianne Perkins

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.00pm The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p>Corrections to previous minutes:-</p>
<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Pot holes. Keep on reporting them to the Council, the dust cart cameras are a trial in conjunction with Aston University and it doesn't yet replace the Public reporting.</p> <p>b) Painting:- 1) Play equipment in the Rec. It has now been declared that the Young Offenders cannot do outside painting, so negotiations be restarted with the Adult Offenders Team. 2) Woolmarket lobby and stairwell - this will be done by the Young Offenders and work will start on the 16th May.</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. Extra Assets were requested including the Holm Oaks, Cholleys Farm and others. Debate as to who at Council to send this to, suggested Phil Anderson may know.</p> <p>d) Traffic Speed Sign on Orsett Rd not working. Was reported that the solar panel has disappeared, maybe this is being repaired/replaced?</p> <p>e) Fly tipping still a problem. The fly tipping on pedestrian only, part of N Hill has been removed but new incidents have been noted.</p> <p>f) Housing/Hospice development. Developer has withdrawn apparently replacement being sought.</p> <p>g) Road signs on Orsett Road knocked down - by bend in both directions.</p> <p>h) 40 mph/National speed limit signs face the wrong way at end of Blackbush lane where it meets Orsett Rd</p> <p>i) A13 a report says quiet tarmac is to be used for this road surface, is this true? Yes a quiet grade will be used for all, ie including existing, lanes. Money allocated, plans to be released soon.</p> <p>j) Deidre Graham asked what percentage of freight from DP World goes by rail? 70% by road, 30% by rail - limited by capacity on the rail system, bottleneck at Barking. Majority of rail freight goes at night when fewer passenger trains run.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KT to report " "</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) Kim attended meetings of Feast and Fayre, Essex Bridleways, Small Business Forum. He is also trying to attend every other Community Forum meeting to introduce himself and raise awareness of what we are doing especially wrt C3 Crossing.</p> <p>b) The Lower Thames Crossing: The land area to be taken for the Essex side stated as 150 acres beforehand is now said to be 1000 acres! There are firm plans for three new schools in Thurrock but one, The Orsett Heath Academy, would now have the new Route 3 right next to it, so will the School plan be scrapped or relocated? The way objections have been handled is unfair: of 47000 replies, Traffic England's analysis has removed 13000 of these on the basis that they were being pushed by a campaign group as they contained "similar wording or phrases". This is devious and underhand as this policy was not declared in advance and it is "normal practice" for skilled writers to offer their letters as templates or guides for others to follow. Stanford-le-Hope from official data is the second or third most polluted place in the country.</p>	<p>Post April meeting:- Route announced = Option C Route 3</p>

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<p>4. Vice Chair, Mike T:- a) Asda are withdrawing the Asda Bus from Horndon as it is not financially viable. This is an Asda nationwide policy not just Thurrock and noted that the Council is not involved in this. Possible workarounds:- 1: Take No 11 bus to Asda Basildon. 2: regulars to join Transvol and book their mini bus for the same journey, or 3) Switch to on-line shopping. None of these adeas were popular, and as for the No11, tenders to run the service are in and we wait to see if it continues. MT will attend the forthcoming bus user group. There will be no "Cake on the Hill" this Friday (5th) because of a funeral in the church. Felicity is no longer Church Warden, Sonia Ward has taken on this role and Felicity will be Deputy Warden.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer's Report a) The funds stand at £1905.08. Paid out £266.93 for Public Liability Insurance renewal, it is hoped F&F will cover this cost. Renewed Thurrock CVS membership (free)</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre Planning going smoothly. Deirdre asked if her field could be used to help with the parking problem? Problem is all the traffic would have to come in and out through the "hole in the wall".</p>	<p>New volunteers always welcome. KT will mention this to FnF Committee</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club In April, Andy came to the village to give a talk about the history and development of Chafford Gorges Nature Park. Our next meeting will be a Plant Swap evening 8pm on Tuesday 9th May in the Woolmarket</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. We have had a lull in incidents in Orsett ward but now 3 cases of driving off from the BP garage on the A13 without paying.. c) Community Speed Watch - not been out as much as some of team on holiday. 3 new recruits plus PCSO's to be trained so will strengthen the team.</p>	

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<p>9. Planning</p> <p>a) The Barn, Arden House, High Road 17/00512/NMA Conversion and alterations to existing building for use as a single dwelling. Amendment to recent application and changes to main site access.</p> <p>b) Rawley, High Road 17/00489/HHA Demolish and replace existing porch to front of property.</p> <p>c) Myrtle Cottage, Pump Street 17/00528/CLOPUD Loft conversion: rear dormer and front roof light.</p> <p>d) Castagnola, Hillcrest Road 17/00557/HHA Single storey front and side extension.</p> <p>Other planning issues:-</p> <p>e) Q Anyone know the state of play with the Biomass burner in Lower Dunton Road, Subject to appeal of the enforcement action?</p> <p>f) Gypsies setting up in various locations, Salt store on A128-already great quantity of rubbish tipped there, Road to Gammonfields, Attempted entry to fenced off site at S end of Baker St. Action is being taken. by Police and Council.</p> <p>g) Always lorries in Old Brentwood Road just N of Orsett Cock Rndabt. This has 7 tonne limit (<i>What no signs?</i>) so they shouldn't be there, enforcement action is being taken, reports with date/time and photos showing registration numbers would help the Council. Forthcoming changes to Orsett Cock roundabout may provide opportunity to solve safety issues.</p> <p>h) There have been a crop of unsightly large advertising signs erected, are these legal? (These are not the 'sponsored roundabout' signs that have permission.) Examples: 1) Orsett Cock Roundabout between the A1013 westbound and the A13 westbound 'on' slip road. 2) On South side of A13 before reaching Five Bells Roundabout. 3) On South side of A13 between Tilbury slip and the now-closed layby. Again photos and exact locations requested by Cllr B.L.</p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement</p> <p>a) The historic finger post at Orsett/Blackbush Lane is looking very dilapidated. Can it be repainted</p> <p>b) Kim T to arrange planting of replacement Millennium Tree at the Rec- deferred to Autumn as too dry to plant.</p> <p>c) Anyone arranging hanging baskets for the Woolmarket? Yes, Jane Barry has planted them and will nurture them until established and then will hang them.</p> <p>d) Judy Rood praised the 'mock' doors on the side of Oxley House that now hide the unsightly blockwork.</p>	<p>KT to report to Council</p> <p>KT</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Alan P walked down S.Hill and reports the pavement is not only very rough but also slopes sideways towards the road which make walking hazardous. KT advises take a photo of it and report it on the Council website.</p> <p>c) Missing seat for swings in rec? Cllr S.L.: Specialist seats were ordered for Horndon, will check if they have arrived. MT reported that the leader of the Council Cllr Gledhill had said that a large sum of money (£1.5M?) was being made available for upgrade of play equipment throughout the Borough. We don't want Horndon to be forgotten. it was also reported that the Lady Taverners raised money for enhancing play equipment for disabled children especially in villages. There is no such equipment in Horndon so we should try for some of this.</p>	

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

NEXT MEETING: 7 June 2017 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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