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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 5th July 2017

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllrs Brian and Sue Little, Maggie Nash, Malcolm Nicholas, Sue Price, Alan Pollington, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Dianne Baker, Peter Belsham, Carol Rintoul, Bernadette Wakeling,

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. Keep on reporting them to the Council.</p> <p>b) Painting:- 1) Play equipment in the Rec. negotiating for the Adult Offenders Team to do this. 2) Woolmarket lobby and stairwell by the Young Offenders:- started but slow and intermittent progress.</p> <p>c) Assets of Community Value (ACV) list sent to Thurrock Council but no acknowledgement received even after a chase-up mail. Will pursue this.</p> <p>d) Traffic Speed Sign on Orsett Rd not working. Hit by a car and destroyed, Council now dealing with car insurance:- Not heard anything since.</p> <p>e) Fly tipping still a problem. still occurring (problem worse in Bulphan). Please report immediately to Council hotline</p> <p>f) Road signs on Orsett Road knocked down - Council mower operator has mangled ALL signs including smashing the hydrant sign. Reported by KT many times, reputedly "in hand".</p> <p>g) 40 mph/National speed limit signs face the wrong way at end of Blackbush lane where it meets Orsett Rd. KT reported but Council reporting system has no category into which this falls. Council to remedy this software fault.</p> <p>h) Inconsiderate parking:- There will be a consultation about yellow lines an the High Rd/Hillcrest and Mill Ln/Hillcrest junctions. Lines may be in place by November.</p> <p>i) Pollution from Idling Engines whilst parked:- Topical as publicised in National Radio/Press. Applies to School Bus and Parents waiting for children.</p>	<p>Cllr B.L. said send a copy to him</p> <p>Report bus to school and request parents to switch off via newsletter</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) June a very busy month:- Visited Bulphan AGM and Orsett AGM (on same evening!).</p> <p>b) The Lower Thames Crossing - Quiet but bureaucracy associated with C Route 3 is continuing... Highways England happy to meet all groups in Essex and Kent on how to mitigate the impact. Concept of "Green Bridge" introduced - Sunken road surrounded by green foliage). Will the hiccup with Paramount Park affect the choice of route? (This project is suspended at present as the Chinese invertors has pulled out following break in link to Paramount Pictures):- Another Investor is said to be interested so the theme park will probably go ahead.</p> <p>c) Major traffic disruption in London Road Grays is anticipated during extensive work on replacing gas mains.</p>	
<p>4. Vice Chair - Mike Tarbard</p> <p>a) Mike reminded everyone of the forthcoming Thurrock 100 walking festival 7th to 9th July starting 7pm on Friday 7th July with a walk around Horndon and a performance by the Complete Commedia Company, see www.thurrock100.com.</p> <p>b) Bus User Group, MT had been unable to attend but can report that regarding the 100 bus, when Amber ceased trading, initially Ensign provided a service but now First Bus have taken it over. There is a subsidy this year but costs are rising so there may be a problem next year.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>a) The funds stand at £2172.41.</p> <p>b) We are due an admin grant of £168 but despite all efforts the Council still sends it to the Feast and Fayre at Linda Carrington's address.</p>	

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<p>6. Feast and Fayre The event seemed to go well. Still complaints about inconsiderate parking in the Village and on both sides of the Road on North Hill. The yellow paint used to mark out for the stalls in High Road is too permanent. The Roadsweeper attending at 5pm was very welcome and the driver did an excellent job making several passes as the stalls were removed and before cars returned. Biffa bins were collected very promptly this year and the Council emptied litter bins</p>	<p>New volunteers always welcome. AGM on Sunday 16th July 8pm in The Bell</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club We had a successful Feast and Fayre weekend with good weather and lots of people wanting to buy our plants. This month we are going to Linda C for 'Tea in the Garden'.</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. c) 5 more cases of driving off from the BP garage on the A13 without paying. Q:- why not introduce "pay before filling" as at Costco, at least in evenings/night? d) Red Suzuki stolen from Baker Street e) Community Speed Watch - Not been out much but training of 3 new volunteers upstairs in Swan on 20th July.</p>	
<p>9. Planning Matters arising a) The Barn, Arden House, High Road 17/00636/FUL <i>Amendment to approved planning application to include provision of subterranean plant room to house ground source heat pump.</i> b) Lower Dunton Road:- i) Enforcement action is being taken by the Council over unapproved Bund Walls at the golf course. ii) Re Hospice: Developer now says he is offering only the "shell" of a hospice instead of a complete unit. This is a direct contradiction of what was claimed by the developers at one of their public meetings. c) Cholleys Farm:- Nothing has been done yet to stop further deterioration of this Listed building. New applications d) Bergholt Cottage, Lower Dunton Road 17/00813/HHA Single storey rear extension, replace roof tiles and over clad building. e) Hillview, Orsett Road 17/00834/CLOPUD Single storey rear extension and loft conversion.</p>	<p>Now Approved</p> <p>Council has this matter in hand</p>
<p>10. Village Enhancement a) The historic finger post at Orsett/Blackbush Lane is looking very dilapidated. Can it be repainted b) Hanging baskets for the Woolmarket.? Jane Barry put them in place before F&F.</p>	<p>Reported</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business a) Summer Tea Party for retired Village residents:- Very enjoyable and appreciated. Will be an annual event by the school. Open to any retired resident - no connection with the school is required. b) New signs have been put up saying No Parking on the Manorway slip roads. c) Still lorries parking in the Old Brentwood Rd by the Orsett Cock Roundabout despite the weight restrictions. d) Kim reports that he has a problem with CPRE Essex not supporting South Essex, re Thames Crossing and Green Belt development. This has been noticed before. He is attending a CPREx meeting to discuss this and would put to them any questions you have. Please email or send them to Kim e) A fatal road accident happened in the Lower Dunton Road</p>	<p>Cllrs say report this, photos showing, or details of, the Licence plate and/or the lorry owners are especially useful.</p> <p>Send questions to Kim</p>

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Meeting closed at 9:16pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: 6 September 2017 at 8pm – The Woolmarket (**No meeting in August**)

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