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## Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Present:** Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Deirdre Graham, Cllrs Brian & Sue Little, Sue Price, Alan Pollington, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Bernadette Wakeling, Kate Williams (Local Area Coordinator), Peter Woodard

**Apologies:** Peter Belsham, Janet McCheyne, Mary Rawlings, Sarann Thomas

| Item  | Action   |
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| <p><b>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b><br/>Kim T welcomed all &amp; the Meeting commenced 8.05pm<br/>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Traffic Speed Sign on Orsett Rd confirmed fully working.</li> <li>b) Fly tipping , not too much around Horndon, dreadful in E.Tilbury. Continue to report immediately to Council hotline</li> <li>c) Road signs on Orsett Road knocked down. Brian Little arranged a site meeting, Council agreed there is a problem that must be resolved, also chevrons at bends to be replaced. Chevron now been graffiti sprayed so provides no warning.</li> <li>d) 40 mph/National speed limit signs still facing the wrong way at end of Blackbush lane where it meets Orsett Rd. after Council had supposedly corrected these. Some discussion ensued with lack of agreement of what is the correct way! More information needed.</li> <li>e) On the subject of signs, it was suggested that "Repeat 30mph" signs are needed in S.Hill, Pump St and Horndon Rd</li> <li>f) The sign on N. Hill warning of the width restriction in the "Hole in the Wall" is damaged, parts missing and needs renewing.</li> <li>e) Inconsiderate parking:- Public Consultation about yellow lines and the High Rd/Hillcrest and Mill Ln/Hillcrest junctions has completed. Lines may be in place by November. Not in place yet but imminent.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>3. Chair's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Visited Linford, East &amp; W Tilbury Community Forum meeting. Very dynamic, lots of passion shown by attendees. Not attended any Orsett or Bulphan Forum meetings</li> <li>b) The Lower Thames Crossing - E. Tilbury &amp; Linford Forum held a meeting on 26th November in the Community Hall. Well attended circa 120 people but many view it as a Done-Deal so didn't bother to attend. It is not a Done-Deal. CPRE-Kent did not show up. Highways Eng. declined to attend. People are getting excited about some published plans for a Tram Line crossing the River to Link Lakeside and Bluewater. Plans are at a very early tentative stage and this project is unlikely to affect the plans for the new road crossing.</li> <li>c) Village Shops:- The Post office is looking for a temporary assistant. Both the Post Office and the Village Butchers would like more people in the Village to support them. Another case of Use it or Lose it.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>4. Vice Chair - Mike Tarbard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Mike T couldn't attend Bus User Group on 15th Nov but has read the minutes and not much interest to us in Horndon. First Bus has come up with new timetables after Christmas due to increased traffic. There is a suggestion that Horndon is being bypassed when busses are behind schedule to catch up with the timetable. BL is to chase up the enquiry into this. Next User Group 20th June.</li> <li>b) Bus shelter:- M.T. is trying to find out why the Council think we cannot have one, there may be a misunderstanding of what is required.</li> <li>c) MT suggests the Society/Forum should make a financial contribution towards the Christmas Evening, see under Gardeners Club.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Cllr B.L.</b></p>                              |
| <p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The funds stand at £2431.12 solvent but not enough for a legal fighting fund.</li> </ul>  |  |

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| <p><b>6. Feast and Fayre</b><br/>Planning continuing for 2018 F &amp; F</p>   | <p><b>New volunteers always welcome. Next meeting Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 8pm in The Bell</b></p>   |
| <p><b>7. Gardeners' Club</b><br/>The meeting at Thurrock Thameside Nature Park scheduled for Wednesday 8 November for a coffee, chat and a walk was postponed for one week because of the Centre being closed for maintenance. The access road has been resurfaced and is very much improved. The next event is a Christmas Entertainment Evening, held jointly with the Gardeners Club and the Society/Forum on 13th December.</p>   | <p><b>New members always welcome.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>8. Police and NHW</b><br/> <b>a) Contact Details for local police:-</b><br/>         Tel: <b>101 for non emergencies. Calls cost 15p</b><br/> <b>07710 079193 for info and PCSO only attendance.</b><br/> <b>Emergencies should still be reported to 999.</b><br/> <b>ThurrockCPT@essex.pnn.police.uk</b> (This email is <b>not</b> continuously monitored)<br/> <b>b) NHW</b> beware of people operating the "Nottingham Scam" selling household goods at inflated prices but trying to get into the house, or assessing for a later break-in. Often pretend to be disabled, deaf or disadvantaged in some way.<br/>         House security with multi-point locking UPVC doors - must remember to pull up the handle to engage the multi-point locks, the standard lock is easy to spring open.<br/>         Advanced scanners can 'read data' from modern lockless keys inside the house from outside and the car can then be opened, started and driven away without needing the actual keys.<br/> <b>c) Crime incidents in the area including stolen cars, scratched cars and break-ins.</b><br/> <b>d) Community Speed Watch</b> - New volunteers have been recruited. The Camera has been recalibrated..</p>   | <p><b>NHW or ECM Address:-</b><br/><br/> <a href="https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/">https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/</a><br/><br/> <b>Contact independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or <a href="http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a></b></p> |
| <p><b>9. Planning</b><br/> <b>a) Knavesmere, Orsett Road 17/01497/HHA</b><br/>         Single storey rear extension.<br/> <b>b) Greenacre, Orsett Road 17/01472/FUL</b><br/>         Change of use from residential to part commercial / part residential use. This involves the use of the swimming pool for swimming lessons for children, six at a time. A plan showing twelve parking places was included (6 pupils arriving + 6 leaving). During discussion it was noted it is on a bend there is no footpath so access to this by foot would mean walking in the road. Although 12 parking spaces were marked on the plan, later arrivals would block in earlier arrivals. It was thought this was not a practical proposition for the changeover between classes and the Society/Forum should oppose the application on this basis.<br/> <b>c) Langdon Hills Golf Club, Lower Dunton Road 17/00051/FUL</b><br/>         Re-contouring the land to construct bunds using imported material (retrospective).<br/> <b>d) The question of Cholley's farm (Listed Building) was raised again as it is still open to the weather and deteriorating rapidly. The last we heard was that the Council was communication with the owner via informal telephone discussions for a pre-application for potential re-use of the building.</b></p> | <p><b>KT to write</b></p>  |
| <p><b>10. Village Enhancement</b><br/> <b>a) The historic finger post at Orsett/Blackbush Lane can be repainted by the Soc/CF but this would be a job for the Spring.</b></p>   |  |

