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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 10th January 2018

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Peter Belsham, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Maggie Nash, Sue Price, Alan Pollington, Beverley

Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Bernadette Wakeling,, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Cllrs Brian & Sue Little,, Mary Rawlings, Sarann Thomas

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Kim T welcomed all & the Meeting commenced 8.03pm The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> Item 4a) Next meeting of the Bus Users Group was on 10th Jan. Item 5a) Funds stood at £2341.12</p>
<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Traffic Speed Sign on Orsett Rd confirmed fully working.</p> <p>b) Fly tipping , Blackbush Lane blocked. Continue to report immediately to Council hotline</p> <p>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. Nothing has happened BL to Chase</p> <p>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. Still wrong was round.</p> <p>e) The sign on N. Hill warning of the width restriction in the "Hole in the Wall" is damaged, parts missing and needs renewing. Now completely missing from its post and is laying on the grass verge</p> <p>f) 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. Still not done.</p>	<p>BL</p> <p>BL</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) Visited Linford, East & W Tilbury and Orsett Community Forum meetings and will visit Bulphan's tomorrow.</p> <p>b) The Lower Thames Crossing - continuing, Task Force working with H.E. to mitigate effect of C3. Formal consultation to start soon in early 2018.</p> <p>c) Traffic around Lakeside flows badly especially at Xmas time. Council looking at small mods to routes that may make a big difference to flows. Complicated by ownership of roads and roundabouts split between H.E. and Council.</p> <p>d) Village Shops:- Kim hoped everyone enjoyed their Xmas turkey and if you bought from the local butcher you would not have been affected by the problems a few people had with Tesco turkeys reported in the Press...</p>	
<p>4. Vice Chair - Mike Tarbard</p> <p>a) Mike T attended today's Bus User Group. He is still trying to get a copy of the First Bus enquiry into unreliability. New timetables out MT has copies and so does shop. It has been suggested that you can ring their contact number to find out if a particular bus is running. Need to report all incidents of busses missing parts of a route to save time.</p> <p>b) Re bus shelter by VH: Newly appointed Conservation Officer at Thurrock Council is being consulted about the reasons for turning it down last time</p> <p>c) The Society/Forum paid for the Woolmarket Hire as a financial contribution towards the Christmas Evening,.</p>	<p>Cllr B.L.</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>a) The funds stand at £2321.53 after 41p interest bt still a couple of outstanding cheques to clear solvent but not enough for a legal fighting fund.</p> <p>b) Accounts have been prepared for the AGM on the 7th Feb</p>	

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<p>6. Feast and Fayre Planning continuing for 2018 F & F. the Committee really needs more members so if you can volunteer or think of anyone who can please do so. Theme is 100Y anniversary of the end of WW1</p>	<p>New volunteers always welcome. Next meeting Sunday 21st Jan 8pm in The Bell</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club No meeting in January and Nothing has been arranged for February. Kevin O'Keefe has a large number of Clay flower pots to give away. The School is starting a gardening club for children of all ages. Volunteers are needed, possibly once per month initially, laeter may be once per week. A DBS check is required but will be organised by the school.</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>ThurrockCPT@essex.pnn.police.uk</u> (This email is not continuously monitored <i>and we have no evidence that it is ever monitored</i>) b) NHW be vigeant, lock up, don't make it easy for criminals. c) Community Speed Watch - New volunteers have been recruited, one has now been trained, one awaiting training,</p>	<p>NHW or ECM Address:- https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/ Contact independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org</p>
<p>9. Planning a) The Spinney, Kirkham Shaw 17/01646/FUL Change of use of existing building from temporary to permanent residential accommodation. b) The Green House, Horndon Road X3 17/01677/CLOPUD Loft conversion comprising of a rear dormer box with Juliet balcony. 17/01679/HHA Loft conversion with 2 front dormers and front porch. 17/01690/PHA Rear extension with a depth of 6 metres from the original rear wall of the property, with a maximum height of 3.3 metres and eaves height of 3 metres. c) Petit Place, Hillcrest Road 18/00012/HHA Erection of sun lounge to rear. d) The Laurels, South Hill 18/00015/HHA Single storey front and side extension. e) Little Malgraves Farm, Lower Dunton Road 17/01683/FUL Creation of new hospice and 80 new homes with vehicular access to Lower Dunton Road. This is a revised plan as apparently 50 "executive" homes would not make the scheme financially viable but 80 smaller houses apparently will. It was felt that all the arguements against the 50 house scheme in this Green Belt location applied, but even more so for 80. Traffic, no public transport access, no footpath access, the Council footing the bill to bus children to school (this was dismissed when the Council debated the previous proposal as "Children of executives would be driven in their own parents' Chelsea tractors to private schools in Brentwood!"). At public meetings for the last scheme it was publicly stated that a fully equipped hospice would be provided - but later this was downgraded to only the 'shell' of a building. A written committment should be sought on this point for this proposal. f) The question of Cholley's farm (Listed Building) was raised again as it is still open to the weather and deteriorating rapidly.</p>	<p>All members are urged to look at this application and make there views known.</p> <p>Keep on the case!</p>
<p>10. Village Enhancement <i>none but see 11.f)</i></p>	

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<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Still lorries parking in the Old Brentwood Rd by the Orsett Cock Roundabout and trucks still block the A128 while pulling out on this blind corner. Thurrock Council Enforcement Team have extended operation hours so deterrence will be more effective as offenders will no longer be 'safe' after 10pm. Two dangerous instances witnessed of lorries pulling out of Northern end to go to the Orsett Cock roundabout and completely blocking the A128 on the blind bend for a considerable time while they manoeuvred to make this sharp turn.</p> <p>b) The Brainwoods are seeking to retire from looking after the Woolmarket after having done this for many years: It appears they want to 'ease back' rather than retire completely.</p> <p>c) 32 Free parking places for shoppers in Stanford Sandpit (King Street): these are now signposted, to the right immediately after entry</p> <p>d) There is currently a consultation running on the closure of Orsett Hospital. It opened on 30th November and closes 9th March. Presentation at the Civic Hall 24th Jan 6:30-8:30 and 6th March 1:30-3:30. Please comment if you can.</p> <p>e) Thurrock Council are to inspect Horndon Village Hall on 1st March between 10am and 2pm to assess its suitability for use in 'an emergency' as part of TC's Emergency Planning.</p> <p>f) Peter Belsham noted that the grass verges in Victoria Rd are very muddy where cars drive over them. Could the Council install the plastic matting that has been used elsewhere in Thurrock? Worth asking but probably very low priority for Council funds.</p> <p>g) Could everyone encourage people to attend the AGM on the 7th Feb.</p>	<p>Ask BL to presurise for a solution before someone is killed</p>
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Meeting closed at 9:16pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: 7th February 2018 at 8pm and will include the **AGM** – The Woolmarket

If unable to attend, please inform Kim Towlson on Mob 07724 848069 or Email: cst1952@hotmail.co.uk