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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 7th November 2018

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Shirley Ballard, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllr Barry Johnson, Cllr Sue Little, Malcolm Nicholas, Alan Pollington, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Judy and Peter Rood, Barry Smith, Sarann Thomas, Bernadette Wakeling, Mike Tarbard, Sue Price, Peter Belsham, Valerie Rood, John Pope & Tracey Ashwell, Environment & Highways Directorate & Matt Ford, Transport Development/Highways

Apologies: Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Brian Little, Kate Williams, Maggie Nash, Carol Rintoul & Peter Woodard

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Kim welcomed all and the Meeting commenced 8.10pm The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- None</i></p>
<p>Guest Speaker: John Pope, Environment & Highways in attendance to answer all Bus Users related Questions. A short summary is attached to these Minutes.</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Matt Ford, Highways in attendance to answer all Road & Highways related Questions. A short summary is attached to these Minutes.</p>	
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) Traffic light at end of Buckingham Hill Road not started but should have been in place in May. <i>Work is promised to start in November 2018. See Matt Ford Summary</i></p> <p>b) A13 widening between the Orsett Cock and the Manorway.. <i>Dan Ambrose from Kier Construction gave a presentation about this project. The main points included:- Cost £79Million. Main work starts early 2019, completion Autumn 2020. The present 2 lanes in each direction are overloaded with 77,000 vehicles/day. All new bridges will be in place before the old ones are removed and two (narrow) lanes in each direction will be kept open almost all of the time to minimise disruption. The present footpath parallel with the A13 that crosses the slip roads of the North Service area will be re-routed behind, ie to the North of the Service area, this is seen as an improvement and will be safer. Construction Labour and Materials will be sourced locally where possible to benefit the local Economy. The road will be surfaced with the best low-noise product available on the market. All sound barriers that have been removed will be replaced and in some cases extra lengths added. More trees will be planted than have been removed. Kier are keen to maintain good relations with the local Community and can help local charities or other local community groups with free labour and materials. He urged people to visit the drop-in event that Kier are holding on Tuesday 16 October 2pm to 8pm Methodist Hall, High Road, Horndon. Kim Towlson thanked Dan on behalf of the meeting for a very informative presentation. See Matt Ford Summary</i></p> <p>c) Orsett Rd speed limit signs are again the wrong way round although apparently put the wrong way round by the Council.</p> <p>d) Buses missing the Village and unreliable. <i>Carol reported that Monday the bus was bang on time and it was a newer bus! It seems that they are "slotting in" better busses. There was a meeting of the Bus Users Group but neither MT not CR was available to go and Gavin Bennett has not yet sent out minutes of this meeting. Regarding Carols complained to the Council that the No11 bus does not connect with any other services and the reply from John Pope detailing a whole list of services it meets in the very West of the Borough but nothing in the East. John Pope was invited to this evenings meeting but was not available, we will continue to invite him. See John Pope Summary</i></p> <p>e) <i>Bus Shelter/Canopy and Electronic Notice Board, High Rd, Nothing seems to have happened. Being pursued by MT. See John Pope Summary</i></p> <p>f) <i>Lower Thames Crossing. H.E. Q&A session for all residents on Wed 19th September in Orsett Village Hall:- several here attended but no new information was</i></p>	<p>KT to inspect</p> <p>KT to resolve</p> <p>KT to invite John Pope Cllr SL to keep on the case</p>

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<p>available.</p> <p>g) Chase Cholley's Farm with involved Departments. The Council told Cllr SL saying that their Officers consider the building too dangerous to enter and inspect and therefore it is likely that the only report seen by Historic England will be prepared by the owner's agents. One of our members has been inside Cholleys Farm since this statement was made, photos have been taken, the timbers seem sound and the building does not seem to be dangerous! MT has met Historic England who told him they are not aware of the HSoc/CF interest and communications on the matter.. Hannah Jenner is dealing with it for the Council. Orsett Forum should be notified as Cholley's Farm is in Orsett Ward. Historic Eng, the Council and The Owner's Agents have a meeting planned for 11th October. Who is allowed to attend? Cllrs SL and BJ to find out although neither of them are available to attend. Can Cholley's Farm and the Wall to Saffron Gardens be added to Historic England's "At Risk Register"?</p> <p>h) Ensure Sue Little monitors Hospice Site Work & change from 50 Houses to 80. Ongoing. Cllr SL:- haven't heard anything.</p> <p>i) Chase installation of Dual Purpose Waste Bins to fight Dog Waste on Pavements. Cllr SL says all bins received have been allocated to Aveley.</p> <p>j) Next Bus Users Meeting 27/11/18</p>	<p>KT to pass on documentation KT/SL to chase</p> <p>Cllr SL</p> <p>Cllr SL MT</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) Kim has once again attended several C.Forum meetings:- Corringham, Orsett, Bulphan, Welcom and also Essex Bridleways.</p> <p>b) Lower Thames Crossing Group held a quick meeting on the 23rd and on the 27th met with Highways England and Steven Metcalfe MP. Asked many questions, some were answered there but are awaiting answers to many. Kim mentioned the importance of replying to the current HE Questionnaire before the closing date of the 20/12/18 & how to be fully aware of the Questions & the replies</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>4. Vice Chair - Mike Tarbard referred to comments made to John Pope & Matt Ford</p>	<p>MT</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>a) The funds stand at £2100.83 (still inflated by £100 because it includes £100 from the Church towards the OAP's Christmas Lunch. The HS/CF will hold this until it is required)</p>	<p>MT</p>
<p>6. Feast and Fayre</p> <p>There will be a F&F next year but there has been resignations from the Committee so new members are desperately needed. Help and advice will be given - nobody would be dropped in at the deep end. A theme for 2019 is needed. Various have been suggested but a decision to be made at November Meeting</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club</p> <p>On Tuesday 16th October 8pm we will be bringing our apple press to the Woolmarket. Anyone who has a glut of apples is welcome to bring them along to press into juice. This proved very successful & enjoyable. The next Project is a planned Daffodil Bulb Planting Session, see Beverley R for details.</p>	<p>New members always welcome.</p>
<p>8. Police and NHW</p> <p>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. thurrockcommunitypolicingteam@essex.pnn.police.uk (confirmed 24 Aug2018)</p> <p>b) NHW Range Rover stolen from Bulphan. Attempt to steal wood. A13 Westbound Services £30 fuel stolen. Rectory Rd Orsett, entry via ground floor window, keys taken and Land Cruiser stolen. Brentwood Rd, damage to gate.</p> <p>c) Police intend to start attending Forum meetings again.</p> <p>d) Community Speed Watch – Active but no major problems on South Hill and Orsett Road. Other "permitted" monitoring locations are required.</p> <p>e) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved.</p> <p>f) Sue Little informed the Meeting that a further 8 Police Officers will be employed in the New Year.</p>	<p>NHW or ECM Address:- https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/</p> <p>Contact independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org</p> <p>SL</p>

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<p>9. Planning</p> <p>a) Langdon Hills Golf Club 18/01436/FUL Front and rear infill extension, dormers and means of escape route, conversion of hotel rooms into self-contained apartments.</p> <p>b) 16 Victoria Road 18/01466/PHA Rear extension with a depth of 4 metres from the original rear wall of the property, with a maximum height of 3.5 metres and eaves height of 3 metres.</p> <p>c) Hill Tops, Orsett Road 18/01366/HHA Loft conversion with rear dormer, Juliet balcony and one front rooflight. Part single storey and part two storey rear extension and first floor front extension.</p> <p>d) 1 South Hill 18/01586/HHA Double storey rear extension with Juliet balcony.</p> <p>e) Little Malgraves Farm, Lower Dunton Road 18/01557/DML Demolition of dwelling and former equestrian and storage structures.</p> <p>f) Land north of A13 and east of Horndon Road 18/01602/PORTPR Replacement of the Horndon Road footbridge.</p>	<p>BR</p>
<p>10. Village Enhancement</p> <p>a) Fly Tipping. <i>Continues, please report all instances to the Council.</i></p> <p>b) Parking in Mill Lane opposite the Village Hall makes it difficult or impossible to get in or out of the VH car park. Is the solution double yellow lines here or widening the VH entrance?</p> <p>c) Comments were also made about the village hall garden becoming overgrown and glass and litter on the ground at the side of the hall behind the wall to the High Road. <i>V.H. Committee have now done a lot of work</i></p> <p>d) Old fashioned Finger Post at corner of Orsett Rd/Blackbush lane:- poor condition. Several people felt this old sign that indicates Tilbury Ferry is of great historic interest reflecting the former importance of Orsett Road and that Tilbury Ferry once carried motor vehicles. MT has been seeking quotes and investigating if the Council will provide insurance cover. - In the light of Dan Ambrose offering Kier Construction's help with projects, can they help with this?</p> <p>e) DG asked if a list exists of all Listed Buildings in Horndon. <i>This information is readily available on the internet. KT will print a list for Deirdre</i></p>	<p>KT/MT</p> <p>KT</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Bulphan have painted white stripes like cattle grids on their roads at entry to the Village. These produce an effective warning rattle - can these be used in Horndon?</p> <p>b) Kim mentioned that Tommy would be present at the Remembrance Day Outdoor Service & then would be moved into the Church for the Church Service, 11/11/18,</p> <p>c) The Soc/Forum has been invited to the Music Society Xmas Gathering, 12/12/18, 8.00pm at the Woolmarket. More details to follow.</p>	<p>BR</p>

Meeting closed at 10.05pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: 5th December 2018 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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

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Appendix:-

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John Pope Summary:

Mike Tarbard, Will the Bus Suppliers have to tender for renewal of Contracts?

John P, Tenders were sent last week but a complicated process as to the possible Closure of Orsett Hospital & the creation of Hubs. Changes may be required in April, 2019. John went on to say that the 11 Service costs £244K per year carrying 155 person per month from HOTH. Yes, there are concerns with the Service but routing & frequency is being checked.

Sue Price, asked as to whether the 11 Service could run at weekends but John would have to check costs?

Sue Little, asked as to all Services in Thurrock & Tenders?

John, replied that all operators can bid & run to their planned routes but they are not interested in the Villages such as Orsett, Bulphan & Horndon. The Council do not have to ensure that these areas are covered. However, School Services do have to be covered & are controlled

Tracey Ashwell went on & explained some of available options.

Mike Tarbard, asked as to the possible supplier of the Horndon Bus Shelter?

John , replied that they are looking at various Options & a Capital Bid is in place. The Council can decide where it can be sited if the suggested site is found to unsuitable. Estimated cost of the Shelter & Notice Board approx. £15K.

Bernadette W asked why the 565 Service had been withdrawn?

John, replied that the Subsidy had been removed.

Kim T thanked John & Tracey for their attendance.

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Matt Ford Summary:

Matt gave a short explanation as to the A13 Widening & did explain that there would be approx. 12 Closures at different times & gave the Bridge renewals as an example.

Night Work to be kept to a minimum due to noise

Buckingham Hill & Old A13 Junction works to begin again in November but if this does not occur, the Council will consider legal action.

Mike Tarbard stated that A13 Works will cause Traffic Congestion in Horndon.

Matt, Agreed & went on to say that the A13 & A127 were over capacity now but Thurrock Council are investigating all avenues to try & reduce this with Contraflows, Diversions, Signage & use of Media.

Mike Tarbard went on to state that Accidents & HGV movements were already causing congestion.

Matt, Agreed again & HGV Traffic is over capacity.

Mary R also mentioned that the Ports, DPW, would increase Traffic as now increasing capacity

Matt, agreed that the A1089 was busy due to the Port Traffic.

Judy Rood asked whether Road Restrictions could be considered for example a Chicane System?

Matt replied that Restrictions are being used & this will include CCTV, Width & Weight Restrictions in some areas.

Matt requested that Kim T as Chair of the Forum should write to the Highways Dept & make a request for Width Restrictions, Close the Hole in the Wall, introduce a One Way System at the Hole in the Wall, if closing is rejected & add further pavements to some roads. Kim T agreed to undertake this.

Matt went on to say that a Public Consultation would have to be considered as to Road Closing or One Way Systems.

Mike T asked that there would be no diversions through Horndon?

Matt stated that this would not happen.

Bernadette W asked as to enforcing Weight Restrictions?

Matt, mentioned that these are in place but difficult to police as HGVs need access for collections & deliveries.

Mike T mentioned lost HGVs?

Matt replied that better signage & communications with the Truck Companies may reduce this.

Judy Rood mentioned that accessing the B1007 from North Hill was difficult at Peak Times.

Matt agreed to investigate this.

Kim Thanked Matt for his attendance & would Email him the suggested actions.