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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 6th February 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllr Barry Johnson, Christine Ludlow, Maggie Nash, Malcolm Nicholas, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Mike Tarbard, Carol Rintoul, Judy & Peter Rood, Valerie Rood, Sarann Thomas, Kate Williams, Bernadette & Paul Wakeling, Peter Woodard. + Andy Millard-Thurrock Council

Apologies: Peter Belsham, Cllr Sue Little

Item	Action
<p>0. Local Development Plan Consultation.- A presentation by Andy Millard - Thurrock Council Assistant Director Planning, Transport and Public Protection</p> <p>Kim opened the meeting at 8.03 and Introduced Andy Millard whose presentation would be the first item on the agenda so he would be free to leave afterwards.</p> <p>Andy explained the importance of a Local Plan to prevent development for growth or building being driven by private developers and Central Government. The Local Plan lasts for 20 years but is refreshed every 5 years or so. Central Government and Thurrock Council have identified that 26,000 new homes are required corresponding to 1713 dwellings per year. 7,000 can be accommodated in existing urban areas, some more by shifting industries currently embedded in residential areas to industrial sites releasing their former sites for residential use. The Local Plan also covers Infrastructure and areas to be used for economic growth which includes industry and commerce.</p> <p>Developers and Landowners have offered sites for development and these are all shown in the consultation documents but being offered does not necessarily mean being accepted for inclusion in the Draft Development Plan. The Council say that the growth requirement cannot be met without encroaching into the Green Belt and that the options seem to boil down to these alternatives 1) Greatly expand existing Urban areas, 2) Greatly expand existing Villages, 3) Introduce new Large Urban areas (New Town(s)) or 4) some smaller scale mixture of the others.</p> <p>Andy encouraged everyone to visit www.thurrock.gov.uk/localplan to view the documents and the maps and to fill in the response forms. He said that there is a presentation/consultation on Friday 15th Feb between 4pm and 8pm at Orsett Churches Centre. He also invited anyone to email him on amillard@thurrock.gov.uk if we have any questions for him. He stressed that this stage of the consultation process is the most importance. Responses are listened to, and are more effective at influencing development than waiting until areas have been designated as development areas in the Local Plan and then objecting to a particular development on one of those areas. Several members of the Forum expressed strong feelings that, in the past, residents' views have been completely ignored. A numbers of specific examples were given. Consultation ends at 5pm, Friday 8 March 2019</p> <p>Andy was thanked for bringing his very informative presentation to the meeting and answering many questions.</p>	
<p>AGM The meeting was then adjourned at 8:35 to allow the AGM to be conducted. (See separate AGM Minutes)</p>	
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Meeting re-commenced 8.55pm</p> <p>The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p> <p>KT reported that Cllr Sue Little is not well. The Meeting expressed their best wishes to Sue for a full and speedy recovery.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- None</i></p>
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) Traffic light at end of Buckingham Hill Road. <i>Still causing chaos. There have been a number of accidents caused by lights not working and drivers ignoring the lights..</i></p> <p>b) Orsett Rd speed limit signs <i>are now the right way round although if the TRO dated 25/1/2019 is approved these signs will be removed as Blackbush Lane will also be restricted to 40 MPH.</i></p> <p>c) Buses - <i>MT reported on the last bus users group and Carol R had information directly from Gavin Bennett at the Council. Some of the information was contradictory so do not rely on the following until there is published information:- NIBS taking over</i></p>	

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<p>the No. 11 service from First (NIBS previously had financial difficulties but has been taken over but still run as a separate company). Route between Horndon and Basildon to be rerouted to include Stanford, Corringham and Fobbing, Service now 2 hourly (and only 6 per day in each direction?). The first Basildon bus available for bus pass holders is the 10:25. New Service will start in 1st April 2019, timetables will be available in the shop, on the bus stops and on-line.</p> <p>d) Bus Shelter/Canopy and Electronic Notice Board, High Rd- MT believes we have a chance of getting the Shelter but little chance of the E-Notice Board.</p> <p>e) Lower Thames Crossing. - Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation.</p> <p>f) Cholley's Farm. A meeting took place on 11 Oct 2018 between Thurrock Council, Nic Page and the owner's structural engineer. Genna Henry for Thurrock Council promised to send minutes of the meeting of 11 Oct 2018 and any reports arising from that meeting. Nothing has yet been received - still true in February 2019.</p> <p>Can Cholley's Farm and the Wall to Saffron Gardens be added to Historic England's "At Risk Register"? Cllr BJ confirmed Cholleys's Farm is not on the National At Risk Register.</p> <p>g) Hospice Site Work & change from 50 Houses to 80. It was alleged that the Redrow advertising hoardings at the site promote 4 and 5 bedroom houses more in keeping with the original 50 house plans rather than the smaller houses in the current 80 house plans. No feedback on this yet.</p> <p>h) Installation of Dual Purpose Waste Bins to fight Dog Waste on Pavements. KT:Now promised before the end of March</p>	<p>Cllrs SL and BJ to chase</p> <p>KT to investigate these registers.</p> <p>Cllrs SL</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report Nothing to add to AGM report.</p>	
<p>4. Vice Chair Nothing to add to AGM report.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer's Report a) The funds stand at £2001.76 with 47p interest received since the AGM statement</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre The theme for 2019 is Disney. New members for the Committee are still needed. . Next meeting Sun 17 Feb 8pm at the Bell.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club No events in February.</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 Continuing vehicle crime and driving off without paying from the A13 Fuel Stations.</p> <p>c) Police intend to start attending Forum meetings again. When exactly?</p> <p>d) Community Speed Watch – Active and expanding activities.</p> <p>e) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. This needs taking further. Reported there was a CCTV mast in Victoria Rd but was vandalised and has been removed.</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>KT to follow progress</p>

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<p>9. Planning</p> <p>a) 16 Victoria Road 19/00115/HHA Single storey front and rear extension.</p> <p>b) Woodside, Kirkham Road 19/00155/HHA New pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension. Loft conversion incorporating rear dormer windows and rooflights.</p> <p>c) This is Bulphan, so for information:- Land adjacent Bulphan By Pass and Church Road, Bulphan 19/00021/SCR Outline planning permission for development comprising: 116 residential units with associated amenity space and parking 3 retail units. Public House. Landscaping. Noise buffer. <i>This is the land to the South and East of the Village Hall/Recreation Ground and bounded on the East by the A128. Bulphan Forum is taking an interest in this. Apparently opinion in the village is split on this.</i></p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement</p> <p>a) Fly Tipping. <i>Continues, please report all instances to the Council and if they don't take prompt action contact Kim.</i></p> <p>b) 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. In the light of Dan Ambrose offering Kier Construction's help with projects, can they help with this? <i>MT has spoken to Paul Avery who is interested in helping, they will go together to have a close look.</i></p>	<p>KT to contact Kier</p> <p>MT/Paul Avery</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Recreation Ground. Last week the Council have started taking out some of the old wooden equipment. <i>KT contacted the Council and they say this was examined and failed the safety test. It will be replaced after consulting with the Village to see what is wanted. It was suggested that the Schools should be involved as the Children are the actual users.</i></p> <p>b) Public Footpaths. Paul Wakeling asked if everyone was aware that many traditional Public Rights of Way were temporarily closed during the war or simply failed to make it onto the Definitive Footpath Map and there is a deadline of 1st January 2026 for requesting them to be reinstated onto the Definitive Footpath Map. Anything not on the Definitive Map by that deadline will be lost. He says he has been investigating old maps and has found 40 such cases in the Horndon/Orsett area alone and that these would provide links between registered footpaths to make a joined up network of routes rather than the disjointed fragments that are registered on the Definitive Map. It is therefore important to try to get as many as possible reinstated. Anyone who uses any footpath should check the Councils footpath map to check it is on there, if it is not, request it to be added, or you may find it blocked off after that date and there would be nothing that could be done about it. There are certain procedures that must be followed to request routes are added to the Definitive Map. Paul has spoken to a Thurrock Council Official who said that no requests have ever been received for Thurrock. In other areas the Ramblers and other groups are actively pursuing this. Paul also said the Network Rail are trying to close many of the footpath crossings over railways, often suggesting unacceptable long diversions for walkers via busy roads without footpaths.</p>	<p>KT to ask Essex Bridleways Association if they are aware of this.</p>

Meeting closed at 10.12pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: 6th March 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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