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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 3rd April 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Peter Belsham, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllr Barry Johnson, Pat Pollington, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Valerie Rood, Mike Tarbard, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Lisa Anderson, Maggie Nash, Cllr Sue Little, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Carol Rintoul, Judy & Peter Rood, Sarann Thomas, Bernadette Wakeling

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting The Meeting commenced 8.06pm 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) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road. Temporary lights still in operation but extra lanes opened, new lights in place but not yet operational. <i>Reasons for delay disputed between Persimmon, BT, Contractors and Thurrock Council. A1013 30mph speed limit in place but only signs are at the Manorway and Orsett Cock roundabouts but apparently there is no need for repeat signs as spacing of lamp posts indicate a default 30 limit.</i></p> <p>b) Buses - <i>MT reported that he has placed copies of No.11 timetable in Country Fayre. Carol R says new No.11 busses from NIBS are comfortable and so far have been on time.</i></p> <p>c) Bus Shelter/Canopy and Electronic Notice Board, High Rd- <i>MT reports these are being considered in this new financial year but the budget has been cut so the outcome may not be positive.</i></p> <p>d) Lower Thames Crossing. - <i>Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation.</i></p> <p>e) Cholley's Farm. Bernadett W has been in contact with all possible Council names involved and has been promised a report - <i>Nothing received still despite many months passing - Could Cllr S Little chase?</i> Also noted the footings for a new huge 'barn' at Saffron Gardens but most of the present agricultural buildings seem to be used for non-agricultural purposes. <i>This has reported to the Council who have said that a potential breach of planning control has been identified and Planning Enforcement Officer M Ager is to formally investigate.</i> Can Cholley's Farm and the Wall to Saffron Gardens be added to Historic England's "At Risk Register"? <i>Cholley's Farm is not on the National At Risk Register but is on Essex CC's Listed Buildings at Risk Register.</i></p> <p>f) 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. <i>Again no feedback on this yet. People said it appears that the houses are being built first whereas it was thought planning approval required the Hospice to be built first?</i></p> <p>g) Installation of Dual Purpose Waste Bins to fight Dog Waste on Pavements. New bins in place. <i>Old bins now removed.</i></p>	<p>BW Cllr SL</p> <p>Cllr SL</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report KT has been going round to try to reactivate defunct Forums. Orchard CF and Aveley and Kennington CF are now operating. The latter has the complication in that another Aveley organisation uses the term "Forum" in its title although it is not a Thurrock Council recognised Community Forum - it is hoped to persuade them to drop Forum from their name to avoid misunderstandings. KT has been assured by Matt Ford (Thurrock Council) that they are "working on" measures to deter traffic from going through the Village to bypass the A13 roadworks. The road works are now well under way and traffic has increased through the Village but there is nothing on the turnings to the Village to warn them, especially HGVs, against using this route because of the congested narrow roads and the restriction at high Rd/Orsett Rd.</p>	

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<p>4. Vice Chair He has received further literature and email from Civic Voice and has now received the renewal notice (£60 based on 40 members). Should we renew? It was generally felt that both the printed and email literature contains useful information on how others deal with similar issues that affect us. To make this information more available to our members MT will forward the Civic Voice emails to anyone who provides their email address.</p>	<p>All: Contact MT if you wish to receive these</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report a) The funds stand at £2002.67 all issued cheques have been cashed. Interest is due in a few days but will be derisory.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre The theme for 2019 is Disney. Next meeting Sun 14 Apr 8pm at the Bell. Several new members have joined the committee but more would be welcome.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club In March they visited Warley Place to look at the Daffodils. Towards the end of April they will be going on a Bluebell walk at Langdon Hills - date/time TBA.</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. thurrockcommunitypolicingteam@essex.pnn.police.uk (confirmed 24 Aug2018) b) NHW Vehicle theft and thefts from vehicles continuing. Beware:- Organised groups of fake charity ex-offender "boys and girls" attempting to sell shoddy, overpriced household items in the Village. c) Our Community Police Officer Laura Brady really does intend to start attending Forum meetings. <i>Soon...</i> d) Community Speed Watch – <i>We now have a large team but for various reasons they have not been out in the last few weeks..</i> e) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. <i>Keen but needs money.</i></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 KT to follow progress</p>
<p>9. Planning a) The Laurels, Lower Dunton Road 19/00392/PHA Rear extension with a depth of 8 metres from the original wall of the property.</p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement a) Fly Tipping. Continues, <i>please report all instances to the Council and if they don't take prompt action, contact Kim.</i> 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 will speak again to Paul Avery Friday 5th.</i> c) Great British Clean Up - a session in the Village is being held - meet 11 am Sunday 7th Apr at the Village Hall. ALL Welcome - supported by McDonalds and Thurrock Council d) Deidre has a 3 acre field that needs cutting and tidying by "farm scale equipment". KT will contact John Wheaton</p>	<p>KT to contact Kier MT/Paul Avery ALL KT</p>

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11. Any Other Business

a) Recreation Ground. The Council have taken out the old wooden equipment that failed the safety test. *KT met a Council Rep and their Contractor at the Rec and discussed the old equipment and a plan for replacement. Thurrock Council is to replace, install and maintain new equipment. The Children at the school are being surveyed to see what they would like to see. It is important that equipment caters for all age ranges and for that purpose the Forum, and the Village in general, are asked to put forward what equipment they would like. Do not be inhibited, there is a lot of space and equipment that leads to "noise" can be relocated further away from the houses. There is a choice of materials including: Processed wood, natural rot resistant wood, or painted steel. If responses are received within 2 weeks the equipment could be installed before the start of the summer holidays. An area or areas for small children will be fenced to keep out dogs although it may be installed at a later date. People felt that they do not know what is available and requested a link to on-line catalogues for further information.*

KT to supply link to information.

b) Largely due to the efforts of Rob Groves, Hardie Park has been transformed from a much vandalised little used area into a popular, well used, well equipped, park with a cafe. Rob is supported there by a group called Friends of Hardie Park. Rob is now trying to extend this success to other parks by visiting Forums to set up a "Friends of Thurrock Parks" organisation. Our Forum cannot alone sign our Rec to this as the other stakeholders, the Scouts and the Cricket Club, must also be involved.

KT to talk to the Scouts and the Cricket Club

c) Public Footpaths. Deadline of 1st January 2026 for requesting "forgotten" footpaths to be added on to the Definitive Footpath Map anything not on the Definitive Map by that deadline will be lost. Paul Wakeling has found 40 such cases in the Horndon/Orsett area alone. He is currently working on the paperwork so nothing to show anybody yet..

KT to ask Essex Bridleways Association if they are aware of this.

d) MT said that Bata Heritage Centre are holding an Open Day on Sat 13th Apr between 10am and 2pm in the old Bata Administration building at the entrance to the Bata factory site. Also work is almost complete on refurbishing the burnt out East Tilbury Library/Bata Heritage Centre and everyone is invited to the official reopening of the Centre on Tuesday 23rd Apr between 10am and 4pm where visitors will have the opportunity of restoring a damaged Bata object.

e) A group of four university students, Matt Watkins, Julia, Jack and Phil, from the RCA attended the March meeting. For a project about Climate Change they wanted to collect stories from people of this lower Thames area. *Did anyone contact them and provide ant stories? - Apparently not!*

Meeting closed at 9.12pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: 1st May 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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