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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 1st May 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Diane Baker, Peter Belsham, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Linda & Roy Eaton, Dave Gray, Kelly Judge, Cllr Sue Little, Maggie Nash, Pat Pollington, Lisa & Nick Porter, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard, Naomi & Amy Cooper, Dawn McMahon. + Andrea Bull - Thurrock Council, PC Laura Brady

Apologies: Lisa Anderson, Moira & Peter Brainwood, Cllr Barry Johnson, Angela Laurence, Alan Pollington, Judy & Peter Rood

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting The Meeting commenced 8.04pm The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- None</i></p>
<p>1.5 Visitors</p> <p>a) Andrea Bull from Thurrock Council presented the results of the consultations with children and residents about new play equipment for the Rec. She said the contributions were very impressive and detailed including drawings and layouts. What was really good to see was that children did not just consider their own age group but older children suggested equipment to suit younger children and vice versa. The favourite request was for a big slide, also popular were "little houses" for young ones, Trampoline, Spinning: Rotating teacups, Trampoline, Monkey bars, Climbing apparatus: get from one end to the other without touching ground, Climbing wall, Twin zip-wire for 'racing', Double See Saw. There is a £50k budget and to meet time deadlines for installing for the summer holidays, equipment no higher than 4m will be considered as higher equipment requires planning permission. Careful consideration will be made as to the positioning of equipment to minimise noise and nuisance to neighbours. By the end of next week a plan will be prepared showing all the chosen equipment and where it fits onto the site. This will be displayed in the primary school and in a window of the Woolmarket. The initial budget will not cover full fencing only alongside the car park. Grants and other funding could be sought. Outdoor gym type equipment is not included in this budget but it is expected that later in the year some will be provided by a different budget. Any comments for Andrea please direct via Kim Towlson. The meeting thanked Andrea for her presentation.</p> <p>b) PC Laura Brady introduced herself. She is the Community Officer for Horndon, Orsett, Bulphan and East Tilbury and is based at South Ockendon. Laura is supported by Aimee Dilloway PSO and another PC is coming soon. Her work is mostly concerned with antisocial behaviour and disputes between neighbours. The Community Policing team collect and pass on intelligence from the public about suspicious activity in the neighbourhoods. If you see suspicious behaviour or strange goings-on please email details to thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk . Especially important is details and registration numbers of any associated vehicles. Intelligence can also be reported via Crimestoppers online or by telephone, it is passed on to the Community Police Team. Non-urgent crime calls should be reported by calling 101 even though it is an awful system and difficult to get through. Emergency calls should be made via 999 but please only use in real emergencies.</p> <p>A discussion followed about youngsters using of Nitrous Oxide from canisters as a recreational drug. Large quantities of discarded canisters are found in the Rec and behind the Village Hall. Those involved are quite brazen about it and don't seem to care if anyone is watching. They also seem to arrive in cars. PC LB said this is an example where passing on the registration numbers and/or taking a photo of the cars and the individuals would be very helpful. The sought after CCTV would help with this.</p> <p>The meeting thanked PC Laura for her visit.</p>	<p>KT to display plans and pass on comments to Andrea</p> <p>See section 8 for contact details</p>
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road. Temporary lights still in operation but</p>	

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<p>extra lanes opened, new lights in place but not yet operational. <i>Reasons for delay disputed between Persimmon, BT, Contractors and Thurrock Council. Council is to give Persimmon another month to resolve before resorting to court action.</i></p> <p>b) Buses - <i>Been OK but have missed Orsett Hospital on two occasions - no use ringing the Council, should be reported directly to NIBS.</i></p> <p>c) Bus Shelter/Canopy and Electronic Notice Board, High Rd- <i>It was suggested that the space problem could be solved if the bus stop was relocated towards Vincent Ave where the footpath is wider. Need to check if a bus would obstruct residents drives.</i></p> <p>d) Lower Thames Crossing. - <i>Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation.</i></p> <p>e) Cholley's Farm. Bernadette 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 - Cllr S Little says she has tried but cannot get information or any action from the Council. In view of this is, and the number of years the Council has not taken any effective action the Society should write to the Council and say that if nothing is heard within one month the Society/CF will contact the Ombudsman</i> <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. 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. Nothing further has been heard.</i></p> <p>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. <i>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. 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? KT said he has heard that approval has now been given for an increase to 100 houses- Cllr SL says she has not heard this. SL has seen the Contract and contrary to everything that was said during the planning stages the Contract does not require the hospice to be built first but work on houses and hospice should proceed "in tandem". So it appears Thurrock Council have again failed to turn promises into legal requirements. Having said that there is no sign of the Hospice proceeding at the same time as the houses which is what most people would expect from the phrase "in tandem".</i></p>	<p>KT to write to Lee Nicholson, cc Lyn Carpenter - CEO Thurrock Council</p> <p>Cllr SL to chase</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) <i>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.- Hasn't happened yet. KT says that his visits to other Forums illustrates the much more severe problems in other neighbourhoods with Antisocial Behaviour, stabbings and other violent crimes.</i></p> <p>b) <i>KT has been busy in his role of Chair of the Association of Thurrock Forums and has also been trying to work on a new edition of the Village Guide.</i></p> <p>c) <i>He reported the Charity football match between the Swan and the Bell had to be held at Bulphan Rec because Horndon Rec was not available as the Cricket Season had started & the Club was holding a VIP Lunch at the same time.</i></p>	

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<p>3. Chair's Report (continued)</p> <p>d) 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. <i>Emails sent to Dan Ambrose (Kier) and Matt Fort (Thurrock Council). Dan is surprised to hear that traffic through the Village has increased as they believed with the 40mph limit on the A13 traffic was moving smoothly and people wouldn't be tempted to divert. He has raised it with various people in the Council and their response is that with the consultation that would be necessary before anything could be implemented it couldn't be in place until after winter 2019 which means it would be too late. It seems they are deliberately missing the point, this was discussed during the planning stages of the A13 works and should have already been in place for the start of the A13 works. In any case we are looking for simple prominent signs before the turnings into the Village warning of narrow roads and unsuitable for HGVs</i></p> <p>e) KT has submitted grant applications:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £36000 for CCTV with ANPR to Thurrock Council if not successful he intends to try an application to the PFCC (Police and Fire Crime Commissioner) • Application for a Sensory Room for the school (National Lottery) • New whiteboards for the school (Thurrock Council) 	
<p>4. Vice Chair</p> <p>To make information more available to our members MT will forward the Civic Voice emails to anyone who provides their email address - <i>to date nobody has asked to receive these. Peter W said he already receives them directly from the days when he was Treasurer.</i></p>	<p>All: Contact MT if you wish to receive these</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>a) The funds stand at £1943.15 all issued cheques have been cashed. Interest of 48p has been received.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre</p> <p>The theme for 2019 is Disney. Next meeting Sun 19 May 8pm at the Bell. Several new members have joined the committee but more would be welcome.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club</p> <p>Tomorrow they will be visiting Barnard's Farm. Sat 4th they are going on a Bluebell walk at Langdon Hills and on the 16th May they are holding a Plant Swap in the Woolmarket</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. thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk <i>(changed 1 May 2019)</i></p> <p>b) NHW Vehicle theft and thefts from vehicles continuing.</p> <p>c) Our Community Police Officer Laura Brady attending this Forum meeting. See report under section 1.5-b).</p> <p>d) Community Speed Watch – <i>We now have approval to operate in Victoria and Gordon Roads</i></p> <p>e) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. <i>See report under 3-e).</i></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 progress</p>
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>a) The Spinney, Kirkham Shaw 19/00579/HHA Single storey side extension</p> <p>b) Windward, Orsett Road 19/00474/HHA Single storey rear extension with pitched roof, part double storey front extension converting the windows from flat roof to pitched</p>	

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<p>10. Village Enhancement</p> <p>a) Fly Tipping. Continues, <i>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 to speak to Paul Avery ASAP.</i></p> <p>c) Great British Clean Up - a session in the Village was held, supported by McDonalds and Thurrock Council. Much rubbish was collected and promptly taken away by the Council's workforce.</p>	<p>KT to contact Kier MT/Paul Avery</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Recreation Ground Play equipment. <i>See under section 1.5-a)</i></p> <p>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. <i>KT has spoken to the Cricket Club who approve of the idea. He has written to the Scouts but no response received so far.</i></p> <p>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..</p> <p>d) MT said that Bata Heritage Centre are holding an Open Day on Sat 13th Apr in the old Bata Administration building at the entrance to the Bata factory site. <i>MT reports the Open Day went well with a lot of interest.</i> Work is almost complete on refurbishing the burnt out East Tilbury Library/Bata Heritage Centre and everyone is invited to the reopening of the Centre on Tuesday 23rd Apr <i>MT reported he was away for this but it went well. Bata Heritage Centre gradually restocking their pair of cabinets. Someone has donated to them a pair of 1950's Bata made leather football boots - brand new never used!</i></p> <p>e) Jimmy Dalziel questioned the status of the speed limits on the approach to the Village from the Bypass. Currently it is National Speed limit (60mph) on the Bypass and the first part of North Hill but 30mph before the top of the hill. The Council have submitted an Order to introduce a 40mph limit between the current 30 limit and the junction with the bypass.</p> <p>f) Roy Eaton asked if the Society/Forum had any influence over the situation of residents of the bungalows at the bottom of Horndon Road concerning the noise from the A13 and the carriageway being brought closer to the houses and even when the work is finished it will take ages for small saplings to grow big enough to make much difference. KT explained that this sort of matter is covered by well defined rules set by the Government and that this body has no influence it can bring at that level. As to the trees, planting of large, mature trees is not only very expensive but they have a very poor survival rate.</p>	<p>KT</p> <p>KT to ask Essex Bridleways Association if they are aware of this.</p>

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

NEXT MEETING: 5th June 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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