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## Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Present:** Kim Towlson Chair

Diane Baker, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllr Barry Johnson, Janet McCheyne, Dawn McMahon, Maggie Nash, Malcolm Nicholas, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard, Naomi & Amy Cooper,

**Apologies:** Lisa Anderson, Moira & Peter Brainwood, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Cllr Sue Little, Alan Pollington, Beverley Richardson

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> The Meeting commenced 8.06pm The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p>Corrections to previous minutes:- None</p>
<p><b>2. Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> New Play equipment for the Rec: Andrea Bull had emailed and later presented drawings of the proposed equipment showing their layout in the available space. The plans were very well received with surprise expressed that all the equipment shown was within the available budget. Kim reminded the meeting that the initial budget will not cover full fencing of the area but only alongside the car park, nor will it cover outdoor gym type equipment. Money raising, grants and other funding could be sought for these.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road. Temporary lights still in place but often not operating. New lights in place but not yet operational. <i>Latest explanation for delay:- Waiting for BT's but BT apparently have said they have no idea when they will be able to undertake this work.</i></p> <p><b>c)</b> Buses - <i>Carol R said that everyone is very happy with NIBS busses and their drivers</i></p> <p><b>d)</b> 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. A meeting to discuss moving the bus stop is to be held this month. MT requested Peter W to provide him with a copy of the Conservation Area Map</i></p> <p><b>e)</b> Lower Thames Crossing. - Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation. The Task Force has lost it's Chair and also its Residents representative - HE will not attend any Task Force meeting until it has sorted out its members.</p> <p><b>f)</b> Cholley's Farm. Bernadette W has been in contact with all possible Council names involved and has been promised a report - 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>KT has written to all involved in previous correspondence but did not cc the CEO:- still no response. BW reported that the fence erected to deter vandals from entering the building has been removed. The Meeting instructed KT to take it to the Local Authority Ombudsman.</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>Another month passes and still nothing heard. KT requested Cllr BJ to investigate</i></p> <p><b>Can Cholley's Farm and the Wall to Saffron Gardens be added to Historic England's "At Risk Register"?</b> <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><b>g)</b> Hospice Site Work - appeared that the houses were being built first with no sign of work starting on the Hospice. <i>Redrow announced that they have completed the "spine road" which gives access to enable work to start on the Hospice. They held an "Official Opening" of this road, claiming local Councillors were in attendance .(although neither Cllrs SL and BJ were there), and said work would now be starting on the Hospice as well as the 80 houses.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">PW</p> <p style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">KT to escalate</p> <p style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">Cllr BJ</p>

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<p><b>3. Chair's Report</b></p> <p>a) KT has been continuing with the efforts to try to reactivate defunct Forums. He also has been involved with the Lunch Club at the Swan and with the Tea Party to be held at the School on the 21st June.</p> <p>b) Old A13. MT pointed out that the 30 mph limit was not being observed. KT said that although the legal requirements for the speed limit were met, the signage was confusing with "End of Road Works" signs being interpreted as end of a temporary speed limit and insufficient "New Speed Limit Reminder" notices for people used to the longstanding old limits.</p> <p>c) 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>Following on from the hopeless response from the Council KT has given up with the Council and is meeting with Kier on Monday to see if advisory signs can be put up by Kier before the turnings into the Village warning of narrow roads and unsuitable for HGVs.</i></p> <p>d) KT's grant applications:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £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) <i>KT has received a letter saying this is being considered.</i></li> <li>• Application for a Sensory Room for the school (National Lottery)</li> <li>• New whiteboards for the school (Thurrock Council)</li> </ul> <p>e) KT announced there is an AGM of TAF (the Thurrock Association of Forums) on Tuesday 11th at 6:30 in Chadwell St Mary Hub (the Library) and any member of any Thurrock Forum is welcome, it is not restricted to Forum Chairs.</p>	
<p><b>4. Vice Chair</b></p> <p>a) MT attended the Bus User Group meeting yesterday, not much said and the meeting finished early. He is waiting for the meeting regarding the Bus Shelter referred to in 2.d)</p> <p>b) He has received various emails from Civic Voice and has forwarded them to anyone who requested copies.</p>	<p><b>All: Contact MT if you wish to receive these</b></p>
<p><b>5. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>a) The funds stand at £1944.09 after receiving interest of 48p and 4pp for May and June. He has renewed annual membership of Civic Voice for £60 and for CVS which is free. He has also applied for the annual running costs grant from the Council and wondered if TAF has changed the basis on which the grant is allocated. KT confirmed that it has, the Total Council grant is now simply divided by the number of active forums, each receiving an equal sum. Horndon will gain from this.</p>	
<p><b>6. Feast and Fayre</b></p> <p>The theme for 2019 is Disney. Next meeting Sun 16th June 8pm at the Bell. Several new members have joined the committee but more would be welcome. A few stall spaces are still available. Judy R pointed out that the Church Flower Festival is echoing the Disney theme.</p>	<p><b>KT</b></p>
<p><b>7. Gardeners' Club</b></p> <p>In May they had a very nice visit to Leonardslee Gardens, Sussex and a very enjoyable Plant Swap in the Woolmarket. Next meeting Monday 11th June in Linda Illings' garden.</p>	<p><b>New members always welcome.</b></p>

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<p><b>8. Police and NHW</b></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. <a href="mailto:thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk">thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk</a> (changed 1 May 2019)</p> <p>b) NHW Fuel theft from A13 BP, theft from parked curtain sided trailers continuing.</p> <p>c) Our Community Police Officer Laura Brady attending this Forum meeting. See report under section 1.5-b).</p> <p>d) <b>Community Speed Watch</b> – Latest training session was this afternoon in the Swan. Nobody found speeding in Victoria Rd but many in Gordon Road</p> <p>e) <b>CCTV</b> Ongoing with the group of residents involved. See report under 3-d).</p>	<p><b>NHW or ECM Address:-</b> <a href="https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/">https://www.essexcommunitymessaging.org/</a></p> <p>Contact independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or <a href="http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org">www.crimestoppers-uk.org</a></p> <p><b>KT progress</b></p>
<p><b>9. Planning</b></p> <p>a) Dabchick, Robinson Road 19/00754/HHA Part single storey front extension to create a porch with roof lantern</p> <p>b) Rockland, South Hill 19/00711/HHA Single storey front and rear extension with garage conversion</p> <p>c) Harmill House, Orsett Road 19/00805/HHA Single storey rear and part side extension with flat roof and 2 glazed lanterns</p>	
<p><b>10. Village Enhancement</b></p> <p>a) Fly Tipping. Continues, please report all instances to the Council and if they don't take prompt action, contact Kim.</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? MT to speak to Paul Avery ASAP.</p>	<p><b>KT to contact Kier MT/Paul Avery</b></p>

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<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>a) Recreation Ground Play equipment. See under section 2-a)</b></p> <p><b>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 has spoken to the Cricket Club who approve of the idea. He has written to the Scouts but no response received so far. <i>Kim pointed out that the Friends of Thurrock Park is an informal and cooperative group rather than constituted group so there should be no clash with other park users. Thurrock Council have appointed three Parks Engagement Officers, many people have questioned whether this is the best use of funds but it is a done deal. The Council have in storage lots of seats and play equipment in storage that can be released to where it can usefully be used.</i></b></p> <p><b>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. <i>Nationally there is pressure to extend this deadline beyond 2026 as it is taking some 20 years to actually get 'lost' footpaths reinstated.</i></b></p> <p><b>c) Kim had been approached to see if the Soc/CF would spread the word or publicise a Discounted Savers Scheme to our circulation list. The meeting felt this would not be appropriate use our email circulation list for this purpose especially in the light of the General Data Protection Regulations.</b></p> <p><b>d) MT reported that a shed had caught on fire in Orsett Road. The Fire Service said that had they arrived about 10 minutes later the whole house would have been on fire. The attending engine came from Basildon as there is now only one engine at Orsett and that was already out on a call. As yet they are not sure of the cause of the blaze. Warm equipment had been put away in the shed the previous day. Although this wasn't thought to be the cause, people were warned to be careful and also be careful of glass or reflective objects that may concentrate the rays of the sun. Such items include, concave magnifying mirrors, glass that may act as magnifying lenses, not only actual magnifying glasses but also bottles, mock crystals, decorative objects. etc.</b></p> <p><b>e) Bernadette W will have a stall at Feast and Fayre selling second hand books to raise money for the Palmers Theatre Group's expenses. All donations of books would be gratefully received and Country Fayre in Horndon and Orsett Stores have both agreed to act as drop off points for donated books.</b></p>	<p><b>KT</b></p> <p><b>KT to ask Essex Bridleways Association if they are aware of this.</b></p>
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Meeting closed at 9.20pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

**NEXT MEETING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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