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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 3rd July 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllr Barry Johnson, Kelly Judge, Maggie Nash, Malcolm Nicholas, Sue Price, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Kate Williams, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Diane Baker, Moira & Peter Brainwood, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Cllr Sue Little, Alan Pollington, Mary Rawlings, Bernadette Wakeling

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting The Meeting commenced 8.01pm The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> Interest was not 48p & 4pp it was 46p & 48p</p>
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) New Play equipment for the Rec: <i>Might be a delay in finishing so it may not be finished for the start of the school summer holidays</i></p> <p>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>Still waiting for BT to undertake this work but Council have no influence on BT</i></p> <p>c) Buses - <i>Carol R said buses delayed last Monday due to traffic lights at N Stifford for gas leak repair. Nibs poor at answering queries about this. Cllr BJ said repairs should be completed Friday.</i></p> <p>d) Bus Shelter/Canopy and Electronic Notice Board, High Rd- It was suggested that the space problem could be solved if the bus stop was relocated towards Vincent Ave where the footpath is wider. <i>A Site Meeting was held, looks very possible as sufficient room for shelter but Council needs to check ownership of grassed land and whether any services buried there then consult neighbours.</i></p> <p>e) Lower Thames Crossing. - Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation. <i>The Task Force has new Chair and Residents representative. HE has publicised that ground surveys will be undertaken.</i></p> <p>f) Cholley's Farm. 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. The Meeting instructed KT to take it to the Local Authority Ombudsman. <i>KT reported that Ombudsman can only investigate if at least Stage 1 of the Council's formal complaints procedure fails to result in a satisfactory response. KT/BW/PW have produced a timeline summary of all communications with the Council and, using this, have submitted a formal Stage One Complaint today. Receipt has been acknowledged.</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. Another month passes and still nothing heard. KT requested Cllr BJ to investigate. <i>Another month still nothing 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>g) 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.</i> 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>One house possibly a show home now up to 1st Floor level way ahead of anything else including Hospice.</i></p> <p>h) <i>In a Benfleet newspaper there was an article saying Eddie Wright is going to build 200 houses/retirement homes on his Langdon Hill Golf Club. No planning application has been made.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr BJ</p>

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<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) KT has been continuing with the efforts to try to reactivate defunct Forums. <i>Defined as officially existing but do not hold meetings. MT queried what happens if the administration expense money has already been distributed but then a defunct Forum becomes re-activated. KT said this is handled by holding back a small sum of the budget each year.</i></p> <p>b) The Tea Party held at the School on the 21st June was a success but as the Lunch Club would have immediately followed the F&F it has been postponed until the 8th/9th/10th July.</p> <p>c) Traffic, especially HGVs, diverting through the Village to bypass the A13 roadworks. The Council claim that traffic through the Village has NOT increased which is untrue. <i>Kier would like to put up advisory signs before the turnings into the Village warning of narrow roads and unsuitable for HGVs but need Council approval. KT has written a strong letter to the Council saying action is needed now.</i> <i>MT asked if the Council is concerned about the financial position of Kier? Cllr BJ said the Council are aware but do not seem to be worried. He will take this up with the Council formally.</i></p> <p>d) KT's 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) KT has received a letter saying this is being considered. <i>Now informed it has gone to the next stage.</i> • Application for a Sensory Room for the school (National Lottery) <i>Has slipped KT to take forward</i> • New whiteboards for the school (Thurrock Council) <i>it has gone to the next stage.</i> <p>e) At the AGM of TAF (the Thurrock Association of Forums) KT was re-elected as Chair of TAF.</p>	<p>KT</p> <p>Cllr BJ</p> <p>KT</p> <p>KT</p> <p>KT</p>
<p>4. Vice Chair</p> <p>a) MT said his neighbour had visited Kier and asked about sound reduction measure and was told there will not be a bund built for noise reduction, no land has been purchased for this. There will be a 2.1 m high heavy anti-noise timber fence and planting of mixed native trees and hedging.</p> <p>b) Emails from Civic Voice are forwarded them to anyone who requested copies.</p>	<p>All: Contact MT if you wish to receive these</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>a) The funds remain at £1944.09 with no income or outgoings since June's meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre</p> <p>It seemed to go very well with very hot weather. Usual problems of cars parked everywhere where people try to avoid paying £3 for parking and a full days entertainment but we have no powers to stop this. KT said many people seem keen to have a 2020 F&F. Some people expressed the view that stalls/foot outlets compete with Village businesses. KT invited anyone concerned to attend the F&F Committee, and maybe join it.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club</p> <p>They had a very successful day and sold a huge number of plants and will be making a donation to F&F.</p>	<p>New members always welcome.</p>

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<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. thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk (changed 1 May 2019)</p> <p>b) NHW Thefts continue of and from Vehicles, from houses and even food from a fridge! Check locks, do not leave windows open, even first floor as some thieves are very agile, be wary of scams.</p> <p>c) Community Speed Watch – <i>Not been out as too busy with other things.</i></p> <p>d) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. <i>See report under 3-d).</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 a) Hill House, Malvina Close 19/00890/HHA Construction of detached double garage b) 24 Stephens Crescent 19/00877/HHA Part front extension with alterations to porch.</p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement a) Fly Tipping. Continues, <i>Reports of a motorbike pushed into the hedge in Blackbush Lane. 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>KT to contact Kier MT/Paul Avery</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business b) Largely due to the efforts of Rob Groves, supported there by a group called Friends of Hardie Park, 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 now trying to extend this success to other parks by visiting Forums to set up an informal "Friends of Thurrock Parks" organisation. <i>The Scouts and the Cricket Club have agreed this could be useful so we intend to sign up to this group for Horndon Rec.</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. <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></p> <p>e) Bernadette's stall at Feast and Fayre selling second hand books to raise money for the Palmers Theatre Group's expenses: A great success, a huge number of books were sold and a significant sum of money was raised.</p>	<p>KT</p> <p>PW</p>

Meeting closed at 9.03pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: 4th Sept 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket
NOTE NO MEETING IS HELD IN AUGUST

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