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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 4th September 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Shirley Ballard, John Caton, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllr Sue Little, Paul Mansfield, Malcolm Nicholas, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Christine and John Vereker, Kate Williams, Peter Woodard, + 3 others who left before their names were collected. Also guests: Paul Rodgers - project manager for major schemes delivery Thurrock Council and Dan Ambrose - Kier Construction

Apologies: Bernadette Wakeling, Cllr Barry Johnson, Kelly Judge, Alan and Mary Pollington, PC Laura Brady

Item	Action
<p>Paul Rodgers - Thurrock Council and Dan Ambrose - Kier Construction had come to the Forum to outline plans to avoid traffic chaos in the Village at future A13 closures. Although there was no official signposted diversion route through the Village, last weekend when the A13 was closed in both directions between the Orsett Cock and the Manorway roundabouts many vehicles including HGVs came through the village causing gridlock and road rage in High Road, the "Hole in the Wall", Orsett, Victoria, Gordon and Hillcrest Roads. Thurrock Council were already monitoring traffic flow and speeds through the Village and will continue to do so. The Council have come up for proposals to be applied during upcoming A13 closures to try to minimise this. These include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Signage on the A128 at the Orsett Rd junction and on the B1007 Horndon Bypass at the North Hill junction to dissuade drivers from taking a route through the Village. * Rotating messages on electronic signboards to tell HGVs not to come through the Village * Temporarily block the "Hole in the Wall" * Temporarily introduce one way traffic, Northwards in Gordon Road, Southwards in Victoria Road to ease traffic flow. * also Community Speedwatch will be out on Saturdays of the closures. * To ease traffic flow on the A1013 (the "official" local traffic deviation route), The Northern part of Buckingham Hill Road would be closed so the traffic lights would be permanently green for A1013 traffic. <p>There are no more full closures Orsett Cock/Manorway programmed for 2019 but there are 8 partial closures of the A13 both directions under the Orsett Cock Roundabout where A13 traffic must come up the "off" sliproad and straight down the "on" sliproad. The Eastbound "off" sliproad at the Orsett Cock has been widened to two lanes to ease traffic flow. These partial closures are not expected to cause so many vehicles to divert but the measures outlined above will be phased in and tested during these partial closures ready for some full closures that will be necessary in 2020.</p> <p>A long discussion took place covering the problems, the above proposals and other suggestions and Air Quality in the Village. Kim thanked Paul and Dan for coming to the meeting to present their proposals and for listening to the residents.</p> <p>Due to the time taken by the above presentation and discussions, the remaining business for the meeting was dealt with in less depth than usual</p>	<p>Paul Rodgers to email the results of the traffic monitoring to KT to pass on to the Village.</p>
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting The Meeting commenced 8.02pm 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) New Play equipment for the Rec: <i>The equipment was installed and ready for the last two weeks the school holiday. The Official opening was held on the 22nd August with the Mayor in attendance. The old rubber play flooring was left on site but has been stolen.</i></p> <p>b) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road. Temporary lights still in place.</p> <p>c) Buses - <i>No discussion.</i></p> <p>d) Bus Shelter/Canopy and Electronic Notice Board, High Rd- possible relocation of</p>	

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<p>the bus stop towards Vincent Ave where the footpath is wider. <i>Mike T in his Vice chair's report says following a meeting with the Housing Dept re the bus shelter the outcome looks positive</i></p> <p>e) Lower Thames Crossing. - Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation. <i>Ground surveys are being carried out in many locations, apparently a few problems have been found in some places. Stephen Metcalfe MP tabled a request in Parliament for the Cost / Benefit of the project as currently proposed to be looked at again, apparently the Government agreed to do this.</i></p> <p>f) Cholley's Farm - listed building under dilapidation risk. <i>A Stage One Complaint, cw a timeline summary of all communications with the Council, had been submitted. The official response by Council has been received since the last meeting and this was read out to the meeting. This rejected all our complaints except for conceding that "updates have not always been provided as often as would have been expected". The meeting felt that the Council ignored the evidence in the timeline and voted for the Committee to take this complaint further.</i></p> <p>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>Four months have passed 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. 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. Show home nearly complete but no sign of a 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>i) There are huge excavations going on in the field to the East of the B1007 almost opposite the drive to Gt Malgraves. Cllr SL said the Council are aware of this and nobody seems to know who is doing this or what it is for and so the Council have served an Enforcement Order to force disclosure of what is being done and by whom.</p>	<p>Cllr BJ</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) KT has not attended many other Forums this month as most do not meet in August but he has been continuing with the efforts to try to reactivate defunct Forums. He has also been involved in getting new play equipment in the Rec.</p> <p>b) KT's grant applications:- <i>All are "in" but not yet decided</i></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. • Application for a Sensory Room for the school (National Lottery) • New whiteboards for the school (Thurrock Council) 	<p>KT</p>

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<p>4. Vice Chair a) MT reported on the bus shelter situation, see 2.d) b) He has written to Kier about the mud on the road from the Kier site on the B1007. This is dangerously slippery when wet and there seems to be no attempt to clean this, especially when compared to the efforts made in Buckingham Hill Road by the contractors working on the Environmental Park. c) MT also pointed out the public spat in the local papers between Susan Yates of the Historical Society and Thurrock Council over the latter's poor record in protecting Thurrock's Heritage. Cholleys Farm is mentioned in these exchanges. d) MT also pointed out that the "dip" in the B1007 Northbound carriageway just N of Ardern Hall Chase has got so bad that cars are in danger of losing control when they hit it. This is the dip that was filled a couple of years ago without sorting out the underlying problems so inevitably it has reappeared. e) Emails from Civic Voice are forwarded them to anyone who requested copies.</p>	<p>Cllr SL All: Contact MT if you wish to receive these</p>
<p>5. Treasurer's Report a) The funds stand at £2545.03 with interest of 94p for July and August and an admin grant of £600 from Thurrock Council. b) MT also asked for confirmation that F&F are now sourcing their own individual even insurance as the HSoc/CF now rely only on the Council's insurance which doesn't cover FnF - KT confirmed FnF do take out their own cover.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre The FnF Committee are now working for 2020. Next meeting 8pm in the Bell on 15/09/2019. More volunteers would be welcome.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club They do not meet in August but on Wed 11th September they are going to Furzelea Gardens, Danbury</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. thurrockcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk (changed 1 May 2019) b) NHW Thefts of fuel from the BP garage continue as do various other instances of petty theft in the Village c) Community Speed Watch – Now going out Saturday Mornings as well as in the week.. d) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. See grant app. under 3-b) e) PC Laura Bradey will be holding a Coffee with Cops meeting in the Woolmarket tomorrow, 5th Sept 2-4pm. Come along to discuss any Police/Crime issues</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 progress</p>

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<p>9. Planning</p> <p>a) 14 South Hill Crescent 19/00979/CLOPUD Single storey side extension.</p> <p>b) Land adjacent Aquatic Lodge, Robinson Road 19/01104/CLEUD Application for certificate of lawfulness for continued B8 use of part of the premises. (Storage and Distribution)</p> <p>c) Green House, Robinson Road 19/01206/FUL Permission to build two detached 3-bedroom bungalows. The walls will be a combination of stone and render with a slate roof.</p> <p>d) The Swan, High Road 19/01249/LBC External painting of the front, side and rear of the property. (white)</p> <p>e) Langdon Hills Golf Club, Lower Dunton Road 19/01247/CLEUD Use of 11 no properties as residential properties.</p> <p>f) Sable House, Horndon Road 19/01229/OUT Outline planning application for the erection of a 2-bedroom bungalow to existing garden</p>	
<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>KT to contact Kier MT/Paul Avery</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>a)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>PaulW</p>

Meeting closed at 9.33pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: Wed 2nd Oct 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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