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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 2th October 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair
Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllr Sue Little, Maggie Nash, Malcolm Nicholas, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood, Mike Tarbard, Peter Woodard

Apologies: Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, PC Laura Brady, Cllr Barry Johnson, Kelly Judge, Mary Pollington, Sarann Thomas, Paul & Bernadette Wakeling, Kate Williams

Item	Action
<p>0. Land of the Fanns Deborah Brady attended as a guest to describe Land of the Fanns Partnership Scheme. The Fanns (or Fens) spreads over East London and South West Essex is a landscape full of environmental and historic hidden gems. Heritage Lottery Fund have part funded the five year Land of the Fanns scheme which aims to reunify and discover the landscape, strengthen attachment and create a sense of enjoyment of the landscape area for local people and visitors. This is a 5 year project, based at Thames Chase, with 2 years left. Full details are on https://www.landofthefanns.org</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) Paul Rodgers - Thurrock Council and Dan Ambrose - Kier Construction had attended the September Forum to outline plans to avoid traffic chaos in the Village at future A13 closures. In discussion it was felt that the measures had harmed Village businesses and new signs were required to indicate that all businesses were open as usual during the diversions. Apart from that and a small number of people ignoring the one-way system it had worked fairly well, although the A13 closure this time was only under the Orsett Cock Roundabout and not a full closure between Orsett and Stanford. The previous diversion was exacerbated by works on the A128 with traffic lights, now completed, and work with traffic lights on a gas leak in Lower Dunton Road - probably continuing. Work has also started on remedying the "Dip" in the Horndon Bypass, it is hope this will be completed before the next A13 closure. Although promised, as yet no results of the traffic monitoring through the Village has been received. Regarding the rumour that the A13 works are 10 months behind schedule, it has been confirmed that the A13 will be completed in Autumn 2020 as originally planned. Someone mentioned that during a heavy downpour the Manorway roundabout had flooded, the drains appeared to be blocked.</p> <p>b) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road. Temporary lights still in place but the new permanent lights should be working within one month.</p> <p>c) Buses - No discussion.</p> <p>d) Bus Shelter/Canopy and Electronic Notice Board, High Rd. Shelter possible if the bus stop is relocated towards Vincent Ave where the footpath is wider. Council says this looks positive. <i>No further news.</i></p> <p>e) Lower Thames Crossing. - Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation. 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>No news.</i></p> <p>f) Cholley's Farm - listed building under dilapidation risk. 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 and deemed at the last meeting to be inadequate and the Committee instructed to take this complaint further. <i>The Committee has duly submitted a response to take the complaint to the next level.</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</p>	<p>Paul Rodgers to email the results of the traffic monitoring to KT to pass on to the Village</p>

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<p>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. Four months have passed still nothing heard. <i>Five months have now passed and 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"? Cholley's Farm is not on the National At Risk Register but is on Essex CC's Listed Buildings at Risk Register.</p> <p>g) Hospice Site Work - Show homes nearly complete but no sign of a Hospice. See also 9. Planning</p> <p>h) 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. See also 9. Planning</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. <i>Cllr SL:- Despite this the Council still have no idea of what is being done and by whom although work seems to be almost complete.</i></p>	<p>Cllr BJ to ask Planning what is happening</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) KT has attended the Welcome, Bulphan and Orsett Forums this month.</p> <p>b) KT's grant applications:- <i>All are "in" but all 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). <i>KT reports the application to the Council has been rejected with no reason given.</i> • Application for a Sensory Room for the school (National Lottery) • New whiteboards for the school (Thurrock Council) 	<p>KT</p>
<p>4. Vice Chair</p> <p>a) 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 stand at £2545.51 with interest of 48p for September.</p> <p>b) MT has received confirmation from the Council that the Admin grant of £600 previously received resulted from the total grant being split evenly between the 15 active Forums..</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre</p> <p>The FnF Committee are now working for 2020. Next meeting 8pm in the Bell on 13/10/2019. More volunteers would be welcome. Villagers would have opportunity of choosing the theme.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club</p> <p>This month they will be visiting Paul and Bernadette's garden. On 12th November in the Woolmarket they have a talk by the Beekeepers. Non-members welcome.</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 4 Reported crimes in Orsett Ward, One Break-in, Thefts of Mercedeses, Electric bike and Golf equipment.</p> <p>c) Community Speed Watch – <i>Going out Saturday Morning.</i></p> <p>d) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. <i>See grant app. under 3-b)</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>

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<p>9. Planning</p> <p>a) Orsett Fruit Farm, Orsett Road 19/01342/CLEUD Confirmation northern part of Orsett Fruit Farm has been used for class B1 (light industrial) continuously for over 10 years</p> <p>b) Little Malgraves Farm, Lower Dunton Road 19/01394/FUL Amendments through revised house types for 57 dwellings. Change is in response to strong demand for larger family homes in this location</p> <p>c) Highway, Land adjacent to Greenacre, Orsett Road 19/4100/TELENQ Installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.</p> <p>d) The Willows, Kirkham Road 19/01374/HHA Single storey rear extension with dual pitched roof.</p> <p>e) Old House, South Hill 19/01459/LBC Like-for-Like window replacements.</p> <p>f) Langdon Hills Golf Club - Lower Dunton Road The new owners are hosting a Public Consultation day on Wednesday 16 October to introduce their future development plans. These include a revised golf course, a "wellness and mindfulness centre" and a care home for the older population.</p> <p>g) Early report of an application for a large housing development on Marshal Lodge, the old pig farm of Orsett Road</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. <i>MT to has spoken to Paul Avery, it would need to be moved for the renovation which raises question of Who owns it?, Who can give permission, What is insurance situation should it be damaged or any volunteer has an accident?</i></p>	<p>KT/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>b) Bernadette's Drama group has received a grant from Art Council England for a Big Tent and 2 days of Theatre.</p> <p>c) Sue Schwar of the South Essex Wildlife Hospital would like to take part in a Horndon Christmas Fayre</p> <p>d) Lunch Club next week at The Swan Monday 7th, Tues and Wed. Contact Kim</p> <p>e) The Combined Xmas Social of Woolmarket Music, The Gardeners Club and the Society/Forum will be in the Woolmarket 8pm on the 11th December.</p>	<p>PaulW</p>

Meeting closed at 9.41pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: Wed 6th Nov 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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