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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 6th November 2019

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Peter Belsham, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Linda Illing, Kelly Judge, Christine Ludlow, Kelly Ludlow, Maggie Nash, Alan Pollington, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Judy Rood, Barry Smith, Mike Tarbard, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard plus guest from the Welcom Forum: John Purkiss

Apologies: Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Peter & Moira Brainwood, Cllr Barry Johnson, Cllr Sue Little, Carol Rintoul, Sarann Thomas, Kate Williams

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting The Meeting commenced 8.03pm 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) A13 widening. Paul Rodgers (Thurrock Council) promised to email the results of the Traffic survey: <i>This still has not happened.</i> The planned closure of the A13 below the Orsett Cock roundabout this weekend <i>has been cancelled at the request of the Council because the A1013 is being dug up to repair water mains.</i> Even without an official A13 closure there has been a huge amount of traffic through the Village causing gridlock at evening rush hours. Sometimes the cause is an accident or breakdown on the A13, at other times there is no apparent cause. There will be a 45 minute Road Closure at the Hole in the Wall on Sunday for the Remembrance Parade. Reports persist in the local press apparently substantiated by comments from the Council that the A13 works are 10 months behind schedule and are way above budget <i>although Keir still say the completion date of Autumn 2020 is unaltered.</i></p> <p>b) The repair of "Dip" in the Horndon Bypass. <i>Although billed as temporary, the standard of work is appalling and cars still get thrown about when passing over it. The foundations have sunk in several places and it needs to be remade properly.</i></p> <p>c) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road. <i>Not completed by 31 Oct as promised and the temporary lights are still in place and still regularly failing. New target date for the permanent lights: middle of December.</i></p> <p>d) Buses - <i>No discussion.</i></p> <p>e) Bus Shelter, High Rd. and relocation of the bus stop towards Vincent Ave. <i>Letter to be sent to consult local residents has been drafted and will be delivered soon. If approved it is likely to happen after March 2020.</i></p> <p>f) Lower Thames Crossing. - Waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation. Ground surveys are being carried out in many locations, <i>apparently a problems with unknown toxic waste in East Tilbury may result in the portal and the service area to be repositioned. There is currently a severe danger of flooding due to a collapsing sea wall in this area. The Environmental Agency and Council both deny they are responsible for maintaining the Thames sea wall so nothing is being done about it and the farmland is in danger of contamination by salt water. Stephen Metcalfe is now involved in this matter.</i></p> <p>g) 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. As the official response by Council was risibly inadequate the complaint was raised to the next level. <i>While we are waiting for the Council to answer this complaint, the owner has submitted a Planning Application to demolish the listed building and replace it with a new residence, see 9. Planning. Jonathan Keene of the Council Planning has phoned KT and suggested a meeting be set up within the next 10 days to try to hammer out a solution. He said that the planning application is on hold and we should not worry about consultation or decision dates. The meeting felt that an undocumented verbal assurance was inadequate and that the statement should be confirmed in writing. It also felt that two or more representatives of the Forum should attend the meeting.</i> 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</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>Register but is on Essex CC's Listed Buildings at Risk Register.</p> <p>h) 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. KT requested Cllr BJ to investigate. Four Five Six months have now passed still nothing heard.</p> <p>i) Hospice Site Work - Even more homes complete but still no sign of a Hospice. Apparently a Basildon newspaper reported that the Hospice is not going to be built. The meeting suggested a representative visits site and requests to be shown the hospice site. [Additional info: From the Icen website:- The ribbon was cut by Eileen Marshall, CEO of St Luke's hospice at Nethermayne, Basildon, which will run the new six bed hospice, whose building is being funded by Skye Strategic Land, the site developers who sold of the other part of the site on Lower Dunton Road, near Horndon on the Hill, to builders Redrow. ... The hospice will be built by the Natta Building Company who are obligated to hand it over to St Luke's within a year of today's ceremony (which was 4th June 2019) also see https://natta.co.uk/project/st-lukes/</p> <p>j) 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. This Golf Club apparently has new owners although, allegedly, Eddie Wright still has an interest. A "Hybrid" planning application for extensive housing and other developments has been made, See 9. Planning. It was submitted to Thurrock Council on the 7th October and Approved by the Council on 25th October. A layman's inspection of the on-line documentation suggests that this application is only a "Screening" application for the Council to declare that an "Environmental Impact Assessment" is not required. It was hoped that one of our Councillors could clarify this but neither was present.</p>	<p>Cllr BJ to ask Planning what is happening</p> <p>KT</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) KT has attended several other Forums this month and has been working to revive defunct Forums.</p> <p>b) 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). Although rejected by the Council alternative sources are being investigated. • 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) MT reported to Cllr SL the dirty state, and obstruction by foliage, of the road signs up North Hill. This has been remedied quickly. KT requested that anyone reporting issues like this should initially use the Councils on-line system and only if nothing is done should our councillors be contacted or they will be overwhelmed.</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 stand at £2546.45 with interest of 96p. It was asked where had these funds come from, answer was coffee mornings and other events in the past.</p> <p>b) With the accounts year end on 31 December approaching, MT requested that anyone with expenses to claim gets them in asap.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre</p> <p>The FnF Committee are now working for 2020. Next meeting 8pm in the Bell on 17/11/2019. More volunteers would be welcome. Villagers would have opportunity of choosing the theme.</p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club</p> <p>On 12th November 8pm in the Woolmarket they have a talk by the Beekeepers. Non-members welcome.</p>	<p>New members always welcome.</p>

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<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 (changed 1 May 2019)</p> <p>b) NHW Reported crimes in Orsett Ward, Attempted theft of a Motorcycle, Thefts of BMW, KA (note thefts of broken down vehicles left in A13 lay-bys).</p> <p>c) Community Speed Watch – Active in all permitted locations: Orsett, Gordon and Victoria Roads plus South Hill.</p> <p>d) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. See grant app. under 3-b)</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 Laurels, Lower Dunton Road 19/01492/PHA Rear extension with a depth of 7.58metres from the original rear wall. and 19/01637/CLOPUD Single storey side extension</p> <p>b) The Willows, High Road 19/01502/HHA Single storey rear extension with roof lantern.</p> <p>c) Harmill House, Orsett Road 19/01561/HHA Single storey rear extension with flat roof and lanterns.</p> <p>d) 3 Little Malgraves Cottages, Lower Dunton Road 19/01503/FUL Provision of single storey extension to existing structure to secure HMO licence compliance.</p> <p>e) Land to rear of 1 and 2 Halls Row, High Road 19/01488/FUL Erection of a single dwelling.</p> <p>f) Langdon Hills Golf Club 19/01524/SCR Hybrid Application for restructuring of all golf club facilities. To add 85 bungalows for over 55s, 36 apartments for over 55s, 42 extra care apartments, 64 bed care home, new access road and a bus stop. See discussion under 1. j)</p> <p>g) Cholleys Farm, Orsett Road 19/01514/FUL Demolition of listed farmhouse and erection of replacement detached residential dwelling. See discussion under 1. g)</p> <p>h) Early report of an application for a large housing development on Marshal Lodge, the old pig farm of Orsett Road. <i>No planning application yet submitted.</i></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. 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>No action to report.</i></p>	<p>KT/MT/Paul Avery</p>

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<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) 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>c) MT announced there will be a special service 9:15 24 November in St Peter and St Paul's Church with coffee and cake afterwards to discuss Church finance.</p> <p>d) White van permanently in the B1007 Lay-bye? It has now gone.</p> <p>e) KJ reported dangerous behaviour by teenagers or young adults at the recreation ground around Bonfire Night. They were firing rockets at each other and at cars passing along Orsett Rd. The Police responded quickly but what can be done to prevent this? At least some of them were likely to be adults because they arrive in cars which also means they may not be locals. Suggestions include locked gates at night and/or CCTV. Locked gates causes administration problems with legitimate use of the car park by users of the Scout Hut and Cricket Club. CCTV is to be installed soon in that area...</p> <p>f) John Purkiss emphasised that communities such as Horndon must make sure they benefit from Schedule 106 agreements and the new Community Infrastructure Levy. The latter is the next step from sch 106 and East Tilbury have benefited even though the Council is so unprepared that they have not yet produced forms for it!</p>	<p>PaulW</p>
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Meeting closed at 9.18pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: Wed 4th Dec 2019 at 8pm – The Woolmarket

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