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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 8th January 2020

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Diane Baker, Peter Belsham Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Kelly Judge, Linda Illing, Malcolm Nicolas, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Judy Rood, Barry Smith, Mike Tarbard, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard plus guest from S-L-H Forum Fiona Coughlan - Secretary & Treasurer

Apologies: Debbie Bradley (Horndon School), Peter & Moira Brainwood, Cllr Barry Johnson, , Alan Pollington, Cllr Sue Little, Carol Rintoul, Kate Williams

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting The meeting commenced at 8:03pm. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved with one correction.</p> <p>The minutes are getting a bit long so some old information has been cropped. Full background information can be obtained by referring to previous minutes.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- The name of the representative from Thurrock Council was Mick Boon and not Mick Bacon</i></p>
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) A13 widening. Paul Rodgers (Thurrock Council) promised to email the results of the Traffic survey: This still waiting for this.</p> <p>b) The repair of "Dip" in the Horndon Bypass. Work has started</p> <p>c) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road, the temporary lights are still in place and still regularly failing. No end in sight!.</p> <p>d) Bus Shelter for High Rd. and possible relocation of the bus stop towards Vincent Ave. MT did write to Mick Boon. He has been told that because it is in the Conservation Area TC Planning must be involved and "Election Purdah" prevented any action being taken. The meeting felt that the latter was merely an excuse as it was a matter not covered by purdah.</p> <p>e) Lower Thames Crossing. - Still waiting for Highways England's response to the Consultation. Ground surveys are continuing. Nothing has been announced.</p> <p>f) Cholley's Farm - listed building under dilapidation risk and now proposed demolition 19/01514/FUL. <i>A reply has now been received to our Stage Three Complaint. KT, BW and PMW have looked at it and again it seems most unsatisfactory in not recognising clear and documented failings by the Council. KT suggested those three Committee members get together to formulate a reply. PMW said that he was busy and would not be able to assist in the short term. One valid point made in the Stg3 reply is that our points should be made as a formal objection to the planning application for demolition. All interested members of the Forum and General Public should write letters of objection, it should not just be a single letter from the Forum. Regarding the Planning Application, the Council have not yet written to us, as promised, to say the "On hold" status of the planning application has been released and notifying us of the new consultation dates.</i></p> <p>g) 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 Planning Enforcement Officer M Ager is to formally investigate. Cllr BJ to question M Ager to check if the owners did produce proof of lawful operation. <i>Cllr BJ not present so carry over to next meeting</i></p> <p>Hospice Site Work - Even more homes complete but a Basildon newspaper reported that the Hospice is not going to be built. <i>KT wrote to the hospice who replied that the footings are in the ground and they hope the Hospice will be finished by May/June. KT asked if that was a "bare shell" or a complete Hospice - he has received no reply to that question.</i></p> <p>h) Langdon Hills Golf Club LDR. a full application 19/01662/FUL has been received for a total of 178 residential units plus a 64 bed residential care home plus redesigned club house etc etc. This is a huge development on Green Belt Land</p>	<p>Paul Rogers (TC) to email to KT</p> <p>KT/BW/PMW</p> <p>ALL MEMBERS</p> <p>Cllr BJ to pursue this with Planning</p> <p>Outstanding:- KT</p> <p>KT to write an official</p>

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and Forum members are urged to submit objections before the Last Consultation Date of Thu 19 Dec 2019.	objection from the Forum
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) KT has been busy with OAP's dinners at the Swan but has found time to attend a couple of other Forums but nothing else.</p> <p>b) KT's grant applications:- <i>No update on these</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £36000 for CCTV with ANPR 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) 	KT
<p>4. Vice Chair</p> <p>a) MT reported on the bus shelter issue under 2. d) earlier</p> <p>b) Emails from Civic Voice are forwarded them to anyone who requested copies.</p>	All: Contact MT if you wish to receive these
<p>5. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>a) The funds stand at £2527.39. It appears that our 2019 income will exceed our outgoings by £396 thanks to the admin grant from TC.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre</p> <p>The FnF Committee are now working for 2020. <i>Next meeting 8pm in the Bell on 12/01/2020. More volunteers would be welcome. The chosen theme for 2020 is "The Roaring Twenties".</i></p>	KT
<p>7. Gardeners' Club</p> <p>There is no meeting in January.</p>	New members always welcome.
<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) <i>The police want to revive "Coffee with Cops".</i></p> <p>b) NHW Reported crimes in Orsett Ward continue, Vandalism of the Cricket Pitch, Fuel theft from the BP garage and from trucks left overnight, theft of broken down vehicles on the A13.</p> <p>c) Community Speed Watch – <i>Will be out in Jan and Feb.</i></p> <p>d) CCTV Ongoing with the group of residents involved. <i>See grant app. under 3-b). May hold a special Public Meeting under the auspices of HSoc/CF. There may also be licensing and GDPR issues with CCTV taking photos of members of the public in public places.</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</p> <p>a) Hazelmere, Hillcrest Rd 19/01767/HHA Single storey side extension</p> <p>b) Blackthorne Cottage, Orsett Rd 19/01872/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a two storey house</p> <p>c) <i>There seems to be some kind of official type of notice on a pole opposite to the entrance to the Rec Car Park but nobody knows what it says...</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) Refurbishment of the old fashioned Finger Post at corner of Orsett Rd/Blackbush lane. <i>KT to speak to Kier who have offered to help with small Village projects.</i></p>	KT

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11. Any Other Business

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. *Nationally there is pressure to extend this deadline beyond 2026 as it is taking some 20 years to actually get 'lost' footpaths reinstated.*

b) The Combined Xmas Social of Woolmarket Music, The Gardeners Club and the Society/Forum in the Woolmarket on the 11th December was very enjoyable.

PaulW

Meeting closed at 9:47pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: AGM: Wed 5th Feb 2020 at 8pm – The Woolmarket
"Normal" MEETING: immediately following the AGM

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