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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 4th March 2020

Present: Kim Towlson Chair

Lisa Anderson, Peter Belsham, Moira & Peter Brainwood, Jan & Tony Chambers, Joy & Jimmy Dalziel, Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Linda Illing, Cllr Barry Johnson, Cllr Sue Little, Maggie Nash, Nick McDonald, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Mike Tarbard, Sarann Thomas, Bernadette Wakeling, Peter Woodard, + from St Luke's Hospice: Marilyn de Battista

Apologies: Diane Baker, Kelly Judge, Malcolm Nicholas, Alan Pollington, Carol Rintoul, Judy Rood

Item	Action
<p>0. Marilyn de Battista from St Luke's Hospice gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation about the new hospice in Lower Dunton Road. A brief summary of some of the main points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building progress is on track with roof now on and the building watertight. • Schedule 106 money will deliver a shell of a building with £447,000 required to fit it out. This capital sum will be raised from:- Rotary and Round Table, Will and Legacy donations, Corporate donations. Roughly half of this has already been raised. • Delivery from developers to St Luke's expected in the Summer with first patients in by Christmas 2020 • Some St Luke's activities are currently housed in rented premises, many of these will be relocated to LDR to switch expenditure from rent to hospice activities. • Main facilities at LDR include, 6 in-patient beds, family and friend facilities, Adult and children counselling, Education for own staff and paying external elderly care providers. Basildon and Thurrock hospices will be operated as a single unit with both providing care and support for people from the two boroughs. • The site has space for future expansion in the long term <p>For full information on St Luke's Hospice see www.stlukeshospice.com</p>	
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting The meeting commenced at 8:00pm immediately following the AGM. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved. (Refer to earlier minutes for full background information)</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:- Paul Rogers' name was spelt incorrectly</i></p>
<p>2. Matters arising</p> <p>a) Parking on yellow lines. TC Enforcement team attended but came at school holiday time when there were no parents parking so a wasted effort. It was said that during term time it is a case of repeat offenders, the same cars parked on the same no-parking areas. Residents observing this were urged to report this using the TC "Report It" system including details of location, date and time, vehicle registration and photos if possible. <i>(Note:- Subsequent to the meeting, I have checked the "Report It" system which is based on fixed category forms and cannot see any category allowing the reporting of parking offences - perhaps our Councillors can advise?)</i></p> <p>b) A13 widening. <i>KT contacted Mat Kiely at TC to again to request the promised survey results, he has responded promising to chase the relevant department.</i> MT questioned if the Buckingham Hill and Horndon Village protection measures were necessary during partial A13 closures i.e. when closed only under the Orsett Cock so traffic has to come up, then down, the slip roads. Also the website showing what closures would be in place was not clear, this complaint has been passed to the Communications Dept to resolve.</p> <p>c) The repair of "Dip" in the Horndon Bypass. Apparently the <i>surfacing work has been completed but to an unsatisfactory standard and will be re-done. MT to chase this.</i></p> <p>d) Traffic lights at end of Buckingham Hill Road, the temporary lights are still in place and still, at times, not operating properly. <i>No change.</i></p> <p>e) Bus Shelter for High Rd. and possible relocation of the bus stop towards Vincent Ave. <i>MT has written to TC requesting an update but no reply received yet and nothing relevant to Horndon in the minutes of the last Bus User Group</i></p>	<p>Cllr BJ and Cllr SL</p> <p>"Highways" (at TC) to email traffic survey to KT.</p>

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<p>f) Lower Thames Crossing. - Highways England have released some responses to the earlier Consultation. HE has now released the Supplementary Consultation & this closes on the 25/3/20. It was said that the recent High Court ruling on the Heathrow Airport expansion could be relevant to the legality of the decision to pursue the LTC. HE have been asked this and replied that they don't know at the time of HE Info Event in E Tilbury. KT said that anyone who had already responded to the Supplementary Consultation could respond again quoting that judgment and its implications. The government has set a target in law of net zero emissions by 2050 & this had not been considered by the involved Government Bodies. Kim T did ask that all HOTH Residents/Friends & Family return the HE Questionnaire but to try & have a full understanding of the Questions by using available HE Literature, or visiting the HE Info Sessions or use the TCAG Web Site.</p> <p>g) Cholley's Farm - listed building under dilapidation risk and now proposed demolition 19/01514/FUL and 19/01515/LBC. 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 and take the complaint forward. <i>A formal letter of objection to the demolition was emailed to TC by KT on 13 Feb. PeterW said that no comment from the HSoc/CF has been placed on the TC planning website.</i> <i>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.</i></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 Planning Enforcement Officer M Ager is to formally investigate. <i>BW has written to TC asking what action the Council is taking and pointing out that any change of use has not existed for the 10 or more years for it to become legal. She has received a reply from Nadia Houghton that "in mid-January Marilyn Ager asked the owner to submit a planning application and M Ager would be asked again to re-visit the site and contact the owner to request that a planning application is submitted as soon as is practicable" and as soon as she had more information she would be in touch...</i></p> <p>i) Hospice Site Work - See Item 0 above</p> <p>j) 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 and Forum members are urged to submit objections before the Last Consultation Date of Thu 19 Dec 2019. There has been some changes to the application and Last Consultation Date extended to 7/02/2020. <i>KT sent a formal objection on behalf of HSoc/CF and that letter is on the TC Planning website. Thurrock Planning Officers recommend refusal of this scheme but the Planning Committee are strongly in favour and have asked the Officers if they can find any way of reconciling this with Planning Frameworks so they can recommend acceptance!</i></p>	<p>ALL MEMBERS</p> <p>KT/BW/PMW</p> <p>ALL MEMBERS</p>
<p>3. Chair's Report</p> <p>a) Kim Towlson reported that in addition to the work for this forum he has been helping to re-launch or revive forums that have collapsed due to lack of officials or support. He is Chair of the Association of Thurrock Forums and has been attending as many of the other Forum meetings as possible.</p> <p>b) KT's grant applications:- £36000 for CCTV with ANPR rejected by the Council alternative sources are being investigated. Before taking this forward some CCTV Installers/Suppliers (based in the Village) should be invited to the next meeting to explain what CCTV could offer. <i>KT has contacted many CCTV suppliers but all except one only do private residential installations. He is hoping the one who does Commercial and Public Area installations will be able to attend the April meeting.</i></p>	<p>KT</p>

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<p>4. Vice Chair a) MT reported on the bus shelter issue under 2. e) earlier 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 a) The funds stand at £2405.38 with one cheque for £17 uncleared.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre The chosen theme for 2020 is "The Roaring Twenties". More volunteers would be welcome. Next meeting 8pm in the Bell on 15/03/2020 <i>Bernadette reported she still needs to liaise with the VH Committee re Circus Tent in the VH car park. KT said the F&F Raffle this year would be in aid of "The Brain Tumour Charity" and conducted by someone who's family has been affected by this condition. The tickets are now on sale and will be sold at a Mini Craft Fair in The White House, High Road from 3pm to 9pm on Friday 13th March. The raffle will be drawn on the Sunday of the F&F.</i></p>	<p>KT</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club They are visiting Warley Place on Friday 13 March (but will be back in time to attend the Mini Craft Fayre)</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 <i>(changed 1 May 2019)</i> <i>The police want to revive "Coffee with Cops".</i> b) NHW Reported crimes in Orsett Ward continue including a rock thrown at a car on the A13 and more thefts from vehicles. c) Community Speed Watch – <i>Will be out when weather permits</i> 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/ Contact independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org KT progress</p>
<p>9. Planning a) Castagnola, Hillcrest Road - 20/00002/HHA First floor side extension. b) The Laurels, Lower Dunton Road - 20/00229/CLOPUD - Construction of outbuildings for pool, gym and games room. c) The Old Bakehouse, High Road - 20/00218/HHA - Part single storey rear extension with 2 roof lights</p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement a) Fly Tipping. Continues. <i>Please report all instances to the Council and if they don't take prompt action, contact Kim.</i> b) Refurbishment of the old fashioned Finger Post at corner of Orsett Rd/Blackbush lane. <i>KT has spoken to Kier who said they will "look into it". The meeting was reminded that the detached original Horndon-facing "finger" is available if Kier is able to re-fit it as it is much more authentic than the modern one currently fitted..</i></p>	<p>KT</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. Nationally there is pressure to extend this deadline beyond 2026 as it is taking some 20 years to actually get 'lost' footpaths reinstated.</p> <p>b) Concern was expressed that vehicles were parking on the double yellow lines at the narrow point in High Road. <i>KT has contacted the Council and forwarded photos as they are sent to him.</i></p> <p>c) Peter Belsham reported that recently there has been an increase in HGV's arriving at the Hole in the Wall and reversing back into Church Close or for HGVs with trailers all the way to Francis Close. This problem had eased but obstructions on the A13 seems to have led to an increase. It is sometimes due to HGV drivers using cheaper car Satnavs. All the signs in the Village are to international standards. Can anyone seeing an incident take Registration Numbers, photos if possible and "Report It" on the TC website.</p> <p>d) A complaint was made that the McDonalds sign on the A13 services is too high and too bright. Specific planning consent was granted some time ago for this increased height sign to enable drivers to see it when approaching the services despite the curve in the road. This situation is unlikely to be changed by the A13 widening, but maybe visibility can be checked when the widening is complete.</p> <p>e) Are there any plans for celebrating the 75 anniversary of VE Day? KT: There are plans for a celebration in Grays but he has not heard of anyone planning anything in the Village apart from possibly something in The Swan. TC has grants for local celebrations for bunting etc but the closing date for applications is tomorrow (5th March).</p>	<p>PaulW</p>
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Meeting closed at 9:32pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING: ~~Wed 1st April 2020 at 8pm - The Woolmarket~~
Due to Covid-19 restrictions the meetings have not been taking place since March

NEXT MEETING: See website or facebook for details

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

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