

West Tilbury, East Tilbury, Linford Forum

28th March 2019

Linford Methodist Church, 7pm for 7.30pm start

Present: John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice, Frazer Massey – Tres, Cris Bowling-cook – Sec, Michael Keal, Gordon Stevens, Iris Crane, Pam Painter, Rob Quick, Val Adams, Rose Phillips, David Crates, Mike Tarbard, Scott Sullivan, Lesley Keefe, Julian Howes, Steve Swinney, Fiona Williams, Jan Fawsitt, Kim Towlson – Chair Horndon/TAFF, Daphne Harvey, Brain Martin, Cathy Worby, Rosie Roast

Apologies: Dan Ambrose – Kier Construction, Cllr Sue Sammons

Minutes from February were agreed and signed noting the exception of the Pathways Meeting being attended by Mr Steve Swinney.

Highways Planning Thurrock Council – Julian Howes

Julian Howes came to explain why we had experienced Lorries travelling into East Tilbury Village and going through West Tilbury Village when everyone had be informed of the route these lorries would be taking due to the Fort Road being closed for the next 48 weeks. He said that if anyone had the details of Lorries travelling in either of the above places and Registration numbers these could then passed over to jjowes@thurrock.gov.uk he would make sure the necessary action was taken, the company concerned has warned their drivers of consequences. Dave Bowling said he had sent through footage to Julian and Julian said that he had not got it. The Fort Road is being strengthened and widened to allow Lorries and access to the new Tilbury 2 and also a train track to run into Tilbury 2, and that Thurrock Council were issued with a Development Consent Order and only had 28 days to respond taking into account any issues that may arise will regard to the local roads. It was pointed out that the Lorries were travelling on a road which has a weight limit of 7.5 tonne this is in place to protect the Gas Pipe Line, but Julian said that they could revoke this limit if they needed too. It was pointed out that the first day was a disaster as there was insufficient signage out and it was believed that the employees in the Planning Office should have been out on the route to make sure that the route was working and checking everything, this was not the case.

It was asked why when the Stanford le Hope/Manor Way some years back needed a bridge it was done in a weekend. It was pointed out that Thurrock Council Highways department should be working in the interest of the people and consulted the people who were going to be effected by the Fort Road closure again it was felt that the Officers were not doing this but trying to justify that 28 days was not enough time and that they had other issue to sort, and that when it went to Appeal there was only 3 people from Thurrock Council and 7 Barristers from the other side and that they were unable to do anything.

It was also mentioned to Julian that there had been little information if any given to the anyone in East Tilbury but there had been lots of meetings in Tilbury and again the question was asked WHY

was East Tilbury not included as they were directly involved having Lorries re-routed around the lanes.

There are also extra Lorries on the lanes because of the Power Station, and West Tilbury are already sending in information if Lorries are caught going through the Village.

It was also brought up about the Lights at the bottom of Buckinghamhill Road and when were we going to have the main lights working. Julian said that there was a problem in as much as Persimmons had buried under the road the BT lines when they were told to run them along the edge, this is what is causing the hold up because until BT approve the works the lights cannot be put on and temporary lights have to be used. However Persimmons are now reaching the point in time that will incur Enforcement to act and this will mean that the works needed will be done and that Thurrock Council will then reclaim the monies from them. Another problem was Julian thought that until the A13 was finished this would not be done. It was put over quite clearly that the original works were due to be done 2 years ago as part of the Boulevard's housing estate and if he thought that this was the case then as far as we were concerned no more houses should be allowed to be built due to the amount of cars, houses and people trying to get out of East Tilbury and Linford not to mention the need for emergency services needing to access both places and navigate the train barrier.

It was asked how many Lorries were allowed to use Walsh's on a daily basis as people believed that there had been an increase in Lorry movements of late. We believe the Movements should be 60 in and 60 out, we had evidence this was being exceed. It was also brought forward that Walsh's Lorries seemed to travel in groups which causes congestion and that Wheel washers were meant to stagger the release of the Lorries.

Mud on the road was also brought to Julian's attention and the fact that there had been accidents on the road and near misses due to the mud this time it was from CSL site, Ingrebourne Valley and also the Council Tip and why were planning not checking that these sites were operating with Wheel washers and if the mud was bad an additional jet was used. The Recycle centre (Tip) were as guilty as they didn't even have a wheel washer and nothing was being done by Enforcement to monitor the problem.

All the problems we face would appear to show that we have a weak Council who do not use the

Steve Swinney asked Julian again so as to clarify what needs to be done with regard to Lorries using the wrong route. 1. Get registration 2. Report to Julian at jhowes@thurrock.gov.uk Steve said that had already been done and Julian had lost the information so how did we know anything would be done.

Mucking-Fiona Williams

Fiona brought along to the meeting the new range of goods that are now available from the shop at Mucking with a picture on them of the estuary. They are still looking for a new ranger and interviews are the end of April. Over Easter there a lot of activities going on which are posted online and it was asked if they could put up posters in the various Noticeboards in East Tilbury one being Gobions the other in the Memorial Park. Enovert have finished the parking area by Herongate Lakes which holds 25 cars and a walk around the lakes would be available at the end of 2019/20. It was

raised about disability access to the lakes and had this been taken into consideration. The question of locals being allowed priority fishing licences by the syndicate that eventually runs it came up again as when Mucking was first given as a Nature Park it was agreed that locals would be given priority and as a Forum we would like to keep this insight for the many local people who fish and have waited patiently for years to be able to do so.

Gobions Park

The Skate ramp was more expensive than planned due to the Council taking away all the Skate ramp as it was deemed to be unsafe, but there is a pot of monies that Frazer could hopefully gain access too, to help with the cost of replacing it with a concrete one.

Funday

As the Boys and Girls Club are having their events weekend on the same weekend that we planned to have the Funday and Frazer wanted to use the same team it was decided that the event would be moved to Sunday 1st Sept and this was agreed by the whole Forum, however this date is not set in stone as equipment has to be organised.

East Tilbury Medical Centre

Jan Fawcitt said that the Staff were staying, and the changeover was Monday 1st April and should anyone have any problems to let the PPG know.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Community Infrastructure Levee is due to come into force alongside the Local Plan and we need to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan in order to have more say on how the finances are spent in OUR community by the council. This needs to be done sooner rather than later.

Issues to be brought to Cllr Sue Sammons

Houses of Multi Occupancy (HMO) Thurrock is now licensing H.M.O as from the 1st of June but this is only in certain parts of the borough of which East Tilbury is not included, and we feel it would be detrimental to this area if the problems identified by Thurrock council were easier to set up here as Landlords would not be restricted by payment or registration to set up such lucrative H.M.Os. There is an obvious result. This amounts to discrimination against certain areas in Thurrock! These establishments can be used to support many types of residents including those released from Her Majesty's prisons. – raised by Dave Bowling

31 Holt Drive, Children crying out for help, distressed etc. – raised by Steve Swinney

Princess Margaret Road – maintenance of verges. Gordon Stevens has worked hard clearing the verges along the road between East Tilbury and East Tilbury Village of litter and also at times tidying up the fauna and flora so as to make the walk to and from Coalhouse Fort and the Village enjoyable however on the day the Council Gardening Works Team came they only went up to Love Lane and when Gordon who was there asked why they were not continuing to the Village they said that they only had to go to Love Lane as that was where Princess Margaret Road stops.

AOB

Rosie Roast - asked if there was any way we could purchase Pickers to do a Litter Pick and not have to rely on the Council to supply, John said that there are funds available which she could apply for from CVS or Dave said that there are Pickers at the Fort which could possibly be borrowed. Rosie said that she was not doing the Keep Britain Tidy Litter Pick as everything had to be sorted into various bags etc. and this could be harmful as there are a number of glass bottles about containing liquid of some form.

Brian Martin – re Better Together said that he had spoken to Dr Ram re the Pilot scheme and that Dr Ram had not fully understood and would now like to be part of the scheme. CBC to notify Sabrina

Daphne Harvey – Hipee Club Thursdays 4-6pm was now on at the Methodist Church Hall.

Mike Tarbard – Library will be opening end April. Bata Heritage is working with schools with regard to teaching about Bata in their community and there is an Open Day on 13th April and 12th October starting at 10am – 2pm. Leaflets will be put out. CBC said she would do the Village. There are things that still need to be sorted with the Council but as they are in Purder nothing can be done. Furniture for the library is being paid for by the Council, Jenny Holding has a paid post and there are volunteers. Nataline and Rosalyn Jones are the key holders.

Next Meeting to be held on Thursday 25th 7pm – 7.30pm start