

WELCOM FORUM

East Tilbury, West Tilbury and Linford

7pm Thursday 28th June 2018

Present: John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice Chair, Cris Bowling-cook Secretary, Frazer Massey – Tres, Rose Phillips, Valerie Adams, Pam Painter, Linda Mulley, Fred Mulley, Lesley Keefe, Michael Keal, Gordon Stevens, Cllr Sue Sammons, Sandra Gunn, David Gunn, Iris Crane, Bob Quick, Graham Ford

Apologies: Mike Tarbard, Scott Sullivan, Jan Fawcitt

Funday 22nd July 2018 12-4pm everything is being arranged by the Funday Committee and stalls are being booked in, bouncy castles, stage and many things. The Funday is to be opened by Stephen Metcalfe. A small fee will be charged for entrance to the Bouncy castles and this money will be ringfenced for future events along with any profits after everything is paid. John is to see if Walshs will help with the costs as they have in previous years but as yet unknown as to how much. Litter pickers are being organised by Karen Dobson, Cllr Sammons is to organise a key to open the overhead barrier and litter pickers and sacks. Pam Painter has been asked to make cakes for the tea stall which she had kindly offered to do and so have other ladies on the Forum.

Beacon – The Lottery Fund turned down our initial application but another application has been put in this time only for the Beacon to be repaired from a fund at the Council. It has also been said that there is a big event planned at Purfleet for the 100th Anniversary and it would be special to have our Beacon alight at the same time along the Thames Estuary.

Gordon Stevens has this year again done a Traffic Survey to see how much more traffic there is in East Tilbury compared to last year and it is going to be put on a spreadsheet or chart. Gordon is a member of TRUG and was asked to do this by the Forum as there appears to be more traffic which can only be due to the new estate and concerns over the amount of new development proposed by TBC for the future with no improved infrastructure or services. The Forum would like to Thank Gordon for all his hard work. It was also noted that a marked car was carrying out a Survey down the back road to Tilbury.

It was mentioned that there are to be a million new homes in the southeast and a programme on the TV called `Trust Me I'm a Doctor` did a test whereby households had Silver birch trees planted outside and they took a swab from the tv screens it showed that the houses with trees in front had less airborne pollution than those without trees. With the increasing air pollution we need more trees especially as DP World as yet are not up to full capacity and there will be more pollution coming from the water as well as from cars with the proposed LTC.

It was asked what is happening about Buckingham Hill Road junction which we were told would be completed before the A13 works started, this has not happened and Cllr Sue Sammons has said that it will be November before the lights will be installed. This we find totally unacceptable and will write to Thurrock Borough Council Planning and Stephen Metcalfe because it will cause untold

delays in trying to get out of the road and the situation should never have been allowed to happen if the enforcement of the layout of the road and lights been dealt with by the Planning Dept and was brought to light by the Forum. The council can enforce a stoppage of building works until the work is done or carry out the works and claim the monies back from Persimmons, so why do we have to wait until November.

Taskforce – (closed meeting due to new councillors) we are getting a Health Assessment and TBC have written a STRONG document to Highways England with regard to their requirements and the LTC Proposal. One of the requirements is that the LTC does not come above ground until after Muckingford Road.

Speedwatch – Bob said that they had been able to go out and 4 people were caught speeding and 1 person was on a mobile. Frazer to give Bob Quick the names of two residents who after an appeal on the East Tilbury page had stated they were interested and there is a course starting 19th July.

S106 – Dave Bowling brought to the table a request from the school for a MUGGA which could be used by the school/community. This was agreed in principle with a separate agreement needing to be made for the community use with the school before any monies would be paid, but as it was for the benefit of the children and the monies would return to the developer if not used.

Broadband – surveys are being done and hopefully by the end of the year box 11 at Beechcroft will be updated but there was another system called WISP which Frazer is looking into.

Pam Painter said that if anyone had anytime people where needed to help in the churchyard at St Catherines as none of them were getting any younger and if anyone had a hedge trimmer they could borrow please let her know. Daphne also said that helpers were needed at Linford Methodist.

Bob Quick said that Enovet had taken his details after the last months presentation and the fact that FP147 needed immediate work doing to it, they said that they would contact him when they were going to inspect it so far Bob has heard nothing.

Around the Table

Cris Bowling-cook asked Cllr Sue Sammons why it was that KIER had been allowed to put an entrance as you came off the Orsett roundabout onto the A128 this is an extremely busy part pulling two lanes into one and will be extremely dangerous regardless if its only a left turn into the yard by slowing down with cars moving into one lane.