

West Tilbury, East Tilbury and Linford Forum

25<sup>th</sup> April 2019@ Linford Methodist Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start

Present: John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice Chair, Frazer Mazzey – Tres, Cris Bowling-cook – Sec, Gordon Stevens, Iris Crane, Pam Painter, Paul Lickman, Rose Phillips, Valerie Adams, Kerrie Mansfield, Janice Fawsitt, Rosie Roast, Kim Towlson Chair Horndon/TAFF, Michael Keal, Lesley Keefe, Ian Haydan, Jimmy Allan.

Apologies: David Crates, Cllr Sue Sammons, Bob Quick, Mike Tarbard, Steve Swinney.

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed and signed

Meeting opened with an update from Dan Ambrose from Kier Construction about the A13

- A **temporary 40mph speed limit** is now in place on the A13 between Orsett and Stanford-le-Hope. The A1013 Stanford Road and Orsett Cock Roundabout has been reduced to 30mph too.
- Lane widths have been narrowed on the A13, with **temporary crash barrier installed to enable construction works to take place at the side of the road – without the need to reduce the number of lanes available** – to keep traffic flowing.
- **Feedback from drivers has been positive so far** – traffic appears to be flowing well with the lower speed limit.
- Drivers may have noticed the large cranes at the side of the road between Orsett Roundabout and the BP Services – these are building underground shafts for deep drainage installations.
- Elsewhere, BT are undertaking service diversions at the Orsett Roundabout which involves some lane restrictions around the roundabout and on the approaches to the roundabout.
- From mid-May, we will start major works at Orsett Roundabout to enable us to construct the supports for the new bridges. This will require **overnight** closures of the A13 with a simple diversion via the roundabout.
- At Horndon Road Bridge, piling works will start in May. To minimise the disruption to residents, this work will take place during daytime hours.
- National Grid will be undertaking major gas diversions near Saffron Gardens Bridge through the summer. Most of their works will take place in the nearby farmers fields, so won't impact road users.
- We have a defibrillator on site and have registered it with the **National Defibrillator Network**. This connects the ambulance service and bystanders with details of local defib services helping to get urgent assistance to those having an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. We recently attended the **South Essex Skills workshop** at South Essex College in Grays – a good opportunity for us to speak to young people about career opportunities in construction and on this project.
- We are trying to benefit the local economy whilst we are here, by using local suppliers and sub-contractors. In the period between December and February (3

months) **we have invested £416,000 on businesses within a 10 mile radius** of the project.

- We hold a **monthly ‘Meet the team’** event at our offices at the old Toomeys garage – to offer people a chance to ask any questions they have about the works. A list of dates can be found at [www.thurrock.gov.uk/a13](http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/a13) or in the project newsletter.
  
- Q&A:
  - *I have noted Dave’s request for the defib to be donated to the forum at the end of the project and will ask the Project Manager and report back in due course.*
  - *There was a request for a donation of topsoil – we should be able to do this, but just need to sort out the paperwork to enable us to transfer materials from one party to another.*
  - *Request for trees – the landscaping for the project will take place towards the end of 2020. The request could be considered at that time.*
  - *Request that Kier attend the local Funday – date to be confirmed and shared with Kier.*

### **Mucking – Jimmy Allen**

New goods in the shop are proving popular. They had a bumper Easter Weekend with Magic show and animals which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The summer events for the holidays etc are being planned. Work is being carried out with Enovert on the access roads to the lakes which are hoped to be opened in 2020. Again it was raised that whatever syndicate gets to operate the lakes understands that the local people of East Tilbury have been promised for years that they will be able to fish on the lakes and that the syndicate are invited to come to our Forum and explain requirements to obtain a fishing licence. A Defibulator is required at Mucking with the footfall increasing and John Purkiss was asked to look into this as he sits on the Mucking Trust Board. Steve Swinney had caught up with Jimmy with regard to the verity of birds seen on the site. There is planned a Bird Club for the Youth also Young Ranger and Duke of Edinburgh skills on Saturday.

### **Potterton Home – Halt Drive**

This issue has been ongoing for a number of years with more issues arising recently with the Police being called as residents were concerned for the welfare of the occupants all of which are children and the lack of care/attention given to the children. John said he would talk to Cllr Sue Little and CBC to contact Stephen Metcalfe.

### **Gobions Park**

Walsh’s waiting to provide the Gym Equipment for the park, a new skate ramp is planned and the council stated they would match the 60,000 which has been obtained for the park from s106 monies they will then double that figure from another fund making 120,000.

The committee put on an Easter Egg Hunt at Easter with Walsh's donating a Portaloo for the day. Everyone enjoyed there day. The AGM is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm at Linford Methodist Church. Jan Fawsitt whilst doing a litter pick over the park found a train ticket at the park with a lot of Metro papers used to start a fire which would indicate that the people came from outside of East Tilbury. Dave Bowling asked if British Transport Police had been asked to keep an eye of the park as it falls within there remit.

### **Funday**

After a few dates everything finally came together and the date for the Funday will be Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 4pm. Discussion was had with regard to the stage as this is the biggest outlay on the day. Kerrie to contact Wayne at Walsh's to see if they will sponsor part of the event again this year and report back to the Forum. It is a day enjoyed by all the residents of the area. A small charge will have to be made again this year for the childrens Bouncy Castles etc so that future Fundays can take place.

### **AOB**

#### **Rosie Roast – Litter-pick**

Rosie is planning a Litter pick in Linford and will notify residents via the East Tilbury Page of the date as there is a lot of rubbish around the green.

#### **Gordon Stevens**

Gordon said that the road outside the school East Tilbury Primary has been reduced and the lorries are mounting the pavement as they cannot pass each other and they could before. The problem is caused because the new pedestrian footpath is raised whereas before it was level with the road. Cllr Sue Sammons to be contacted with this issue.

#### **Pam Painter**

New vicar has been appointed Michelle Marshall, and she comes from South Woodham Ferris where she is an associate priest at present and will be inducted in early July. The position is a part time post and is House for duty. We hope that the church will be open more once Michelle is settled as the church provides a lovely space and could be used to help the community, and we would like to invi Michelle along to the Forum when she is settled in.

#### **Dave Bowling**

AED should be up in East Tilbury Station next week, this has taken a while to do due to people being made redundant and new people having to help. Dave also thanked Gordon Stevens for his 40hrs of Litter picking between East Tilbury and the village.

#### **Frazer Massey**

A soft opening of the Library has taken place with the main opening to take place Oct/November. The overall view is better than expected with two rooms available as well. Bata Heritage have moved back in and feeling at home.

Cris Bowling-cook asked if Boys and Girls Club had yet come forward with their requirements for the 10,000 that was acquired for them by Dave Bowling (£106 monies) for Outdoor and Indoor Sports Activities and if they haven't then maybe we should be looking for a group who would use the monies as Boys and Girls Club has known about this money for 8 months.

An application has been made to turn a residential house into a nursery, converting 6 rooms inside into 9 with a room at the bottom of the Garden to use as a classroom employing 5 members of staff, this has meet with opposition and people are asked to email their objections to the council.

Next meeting to take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 usual place and time