

West Tilbury, East Tilbury and Linford Forum

26th September 2019 at Linford Methodist Church 7pm for 7.30 start

Present: John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice Chair, Frazer Massey – Tres, Cris Bowling-cook – Sec, Rosie Roast, G Ford, D A Gunn, S P Gunn, Karen Tremlett, Lindsay McFarlane, Daphne Harvey, Pam Painter, Iris Crane, Gordon Stevens, Bob Quick, Kim Towlson- Chair Horndon & Taf, Jimmy Allan, Dave Crates, Liam Judd, Kimberley Wood, Barry Edwards, Catherine Worbey, Lesley Keefe.

Apologies: Scott Sullivan, Mike Tarbard, Valerie Adams, Sue Sammons, Michael Keal, Dan Ambrose, Jan Fawcitt

Minutes were signed for June as no meetings took place in July/Aug due to extreme weather conditions.

Gobions Park

The piece of green railing which was taken by the council a long time back has been replaced and makes the front look better. The Skate Park has been signed off and has been designed so that it can be extended and after some teenagers spoke to Frazer they were pleased that this was the case. The Gym equipment will be placed around the park and organised by Cllr Sue Sammons but paid for by Walshes. It was said that CCTV needs to be put over the park to help stop vandalism and also to monitor Country Lines dealing from the station. Dave Bowling asked if Frazer had been in touch with Fields in Trust to register the Park land for perpetuity as the area is increasing and will be needed by children in the future and the investment being put in by s106 monies and also being matched by other sources. It was raised by George Ford that the land at the side of the park could be used for parking cars and monies charged for each car, this was discussed and believed the land was owned by the farmer and is also access for the farmer to land at the back and that we did not really wish to encourage this alongside the park with children as this should be a safe area, even though George said it could raise money. The Gobions Park committee are also working with Rob Groves also Thurrock Parks.

Buckinghamhill Lights

Cllr Frazer Massey said that the traffic lights should be on by the end of the month. Cris Bowling-cook asked why it was that there were big neon signs on the A128 telling lorries over 7.5 tonne not to follow Satnav to go through Orsett Road yet Thurrock Council was allowing lorries of well over 7.5 tonne to use the back route from Tilbury/Station Road when there was also a weight limit of 7.5 tonne due to a Gas Pipe, why did the council allow different rules to be broken in the borough especially with everything else happening in East Tilbury/West Tilbury yet again non enforcement by enforcement officers. It was also pointed out that the A13 widening was impacting on the

community with closures of roads from East Tilbury and Linford as the Buckinghamhill Road was being closed virtually every weekend to re-route the A13 along the Stanford Road as well as road works blocking the roads the community was expected to use and this needs to be addressed. Cllr Frazer Massey will look into this situation.

Lower Thames Crossing Meetings

There should have been 3 meetings but one was cancelled. On the first meeting Bob Quick said that 3 people were there from HWE but they never answered any questions that were put to them. The DCO has not yet been applied for but is expected to be 2020 now. The proposed service station at East Tilbury is still undecided because as yet there the whereabouts of the Portal is undecided. The Taskforce meeting going forward with Highways England need answers. Problems occurring along the proposed route are Chalk, High Water Table, Pylon moving, Junction on M25, Health Impact Assessment.

Thameside Nature Park

Additional Ranger has been employed by way of 2 part time posts. Lots of events happening at the nature park and the park will be open late on Firework night so that people can come and see the displays along the Thames from the site. The fishing lakes have been given over for the period of one year to a Fishing syndicate to see what is in the lakes. The syndicate is restricted on the amount of fishing to take place as the lakes hold creatures of specific interest. The local residents had always been told that they would be given the opportunity to fish the lakes as they were the ones who had had to put up with the lorries and the dust when the nature park was a dump, this has not at present been the case and was put across by George Ford. Jimmy Allen is the contact the syndicate to see if day passes are available for local people and Jimmy will report back next meeting.

A.O.B.

Community Speed Watch

Bob Quick said that he was getting a little despondent as he had been unable to go out due to lack of people will to do Speed Watch. It was quickly explained to Karen and Lindsay who attended their first meeting of the Forum what it is that the Speed Watch team do.

Pam Painter said that there will be a Harvest Lunch on the 6th October, 27th October tea and cakes 2-4pm with the Christmas Bazaar on the 7th December at St Catherine's. The local Women's Institute is holding a meeting on 7th November at 7.30pm at St Francis Centre new members welcome.

Karen and Lindsay from the Boulevards estate asked about improving the park and Dave Bowling said that if they put a case together maybe they could join with Gobions Park to put forward for more money from s106 which is still to be allocated to East Tilbury from the Boulevards build. It was also brought up about Frome Park again Dave said that people should get together and put forward their needs as there were sufficient funds still available to East Tilbury from s106 funds.

Gloucester Road – The problem of people just parking along this road was causing a safety issue as parking was blocking either side of the crossing and on both sides of the road not allowing cars the move through as the road was blocked. Cllr Frazer Massey to look into this.

Barry Edwards, Kimberley Wood and Liam Judd wanted to Thank you to the Forum for the monies that had been obtained from the s106 monies to buy new equipment. They also said about the amount of dog walkers who were not picking up after their dogs and often they had to spend a lot of time before matches clearing the pitches that the youngsters where going to use. The Forum said that maybe it was time to take pictures of the dog owners who did not pick up after the dogs a name and shame on local webpage. They also said that they were hoping to use a piece of land which could be closed off so that there were not so many cars parking on the verge in Muckingford Road.

George Ford asked if the Silhouette of the Soldiers was going to be put out as it was 50 year Anniversary of the Northern Island conflict.

Rosie Roast asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of the Street cleaner as she would like to have a word with him but as yet she couldn't find him using his schedule. Frazer to look into this.

Library was now open and the Reminiscence Centre. There are two rooms and Daphne said she would be a key holder.

Neighbourhood Plan needs to be registered.

Dave Bowling has highlighted that all functioning forums are interested and the plan to form five registered neighbourhood forums from fifteen is more likely to be supported by the council as they only get money from central government for the first five .It was foreseen that the Welcome Forum would combine with Stanford forum and Corringham forum, but unfortunately Mayor Piccolo is standing down as Chairperson and along with all other officers hence Kim Towlson is arranging a meeting in order to relight the Stanford forum . The plan is to register as a neighbourhood forum and thus design a simplistic neighbourhood plan that runs along with the councils local plan which will be introduced alongside the "to be adopted" community infrastructure levy. This will give the community more say on a greater proportion of the money collected. We need to get enough people and apply for a grant to put the plan together and involve twenty one signatories whom reside within the area identified. The grant is from locality and is an annual application. Meetings to further this will take place but we need to have people with skill sets involved if we can.

David Crates mentioned about the old anti flood systems and how they need urgent maintenance was it possible to assign responsibility, was it the environmental agency.