

East Tilbury, West Tilbury and Linford Forum
Linford Methodist Church
Public meeting 28th November 2019 7pm for 7.30pm start

Present: John Purkiss – Chair, Dave Bowling – Vice Chair, Cllr Fraser Massey – Valerie Adams, Rose Phillips, Kim Towlson – TAF Chair, Iris Crane, Gordon Stevens, Sandra & David Gunn, Rosie Roast, Daphne Harvey, Lesley Keefe, Steve Swinney & Laura Blake - TCAG

Apologies : Cris Bowling, Scott , Mike Tarbard, Cllr Sue Sammons, Jimmy Allen

October Minutes were agreed & accepted

Gobions Park:

Frazer M to meet the Council at the beginning of December to discuss Thurrock Parks, including Gobions. Nesta to be approached re. Funding.

The issue of setting the Waste Bins on fire was discussed.

Rosie R mentioned that it is being found that Hooligans/Vandals are travelling by train to visit areas. Beggars have been seen was also mentioned

The WW1 Soldiers have been stolen from the Memorial.

Hopefully the Skate Park will be started in Jan, 2020 and has been designed so that in future years it can, if required, be extended and is made from polished concrete, so hopefully will not be vandalised. The Rowing Machine, Sit Up machine and Multi Machine brought by Walsh Co will also be going into the park by various pieces of equipment already there to allow parents to take full advantage whilst watching their children play. Cllr Massey is to contact David Sharman of the Fields in Trust with regard to protecting the Park in Perpetuity with a legal covenant and it is also aware that CCTV should be installed at the park to stop vandals who are at present setting things on fire.

Buckingham Hill Road, Traffic Lights & surrounding Area:

Frazer informed the Meeting that it is hoped that work will start on the Lights in Jan, 2020 but he was not overly optimistic that this would be undertaken by then.

John P informed the Meeting as to plans for an Eco Park, Plan # 1012/OW/COI at Orsett Quarry & Walton Hall Farm. Allowed to dig till 2042, 10 years at Walton Hall & 10 years fields opposite. There would be 300 HGV movements a day. However, the roads are badly damaged now. Steve S asked whether there were any Foot Paths & John P replied that there were 2.

Lower Thames Crossing Taskforce:

Laura Blake informed the Meeting on the following:

HE are still checking data from the Consultation & results would be published in Jan.

Ground Investigation Sites had been visited by the TCAG Team.

Essex Portal may be sited at Love Lane.

Concerns as to more than 1 Toxic Dump.

John P mentioned that Panorama had mentioned Dumps in a Programme approx. 1970. It would be checked to see if the footage is still available as maybe of some use.

Dave B mentioned Bore Holes & the need to remove large quantities of water which may be found to be toxic.

Rigs in the river may be seen.

Frazer M & Laura B to visit a Thurrock Site in the New Year.

More LTC Info to be published Online.

HE Drop in Events are currently on hold.

HE have not announced the name of the new Project Director.

Height of Viaduct approx. 9M

The Service Station maybe moved.

Dave B asked if there would be an Impact Assessment Report & Laura B replied that this would be released at the time of the DCO.

Steve S mentioned that Voles & Nightingales had seen in East Tilbury.

Laura B will be contacting all GE Candidates to request their support as to LTC concerns.

A Meeting is planned to be held at Gatwick with other Groups attending.

Bob Q attended Grays Hustings & asked the question as to HE & Purfleet.

The next Taskforce is due to be held on the 16/12/19.

Seawall Defence:

Steve Swinney made a short report as to the Seawall, including the Foot Paths 146 & 200 & Primary & Secondary Flood Defences. This led to a long discussion as to land owned by local Farmers & a Bund to be installed by the Environmental Agency.

Dave B mentioned that the field will be flooded. Steve S confirmed this would occur as Primary Defences would not hold.

John P mentioned that the LTC may be badly affected by this.

Steve S mentioned that land had already been lost to erosion & this can be seen by using Google Maps.

John P concerned that DPW are unaware of these concerns & the affect they have created by the Docks.

Steve S informed the meeting that Kent were undertaking actions to avoid Flooding.

Dave B concerned as to new Power Plant & all affects if the Thames barrier is closed.

Steve S went on to say that the Environment Agency has costed the works at £1 M but reluctant to undertake. They are discussing with local land owners but they in turn do not want to be involved in expensive repair costs. Steve also confirmed that there are expected high tides due in Jan/Feb to add to the concern. Sea water has been found at the Primary Defence.

Dave B confirmed that a Section of the Foot Path is closed at the moment. Some further debate as to the construction, positioning & ownership of the current Foot Paths.

Dave B & Steve S are both concerned that the 2 Forts could be badly affected & the Coastal Path could be lost due to no Secondary Defence. Some concern as to Kids Play Area.

Rosie R asked why no Sea Wall & Steve S replied due to the Hill & not required. Rosie then asked if the LTC would be stopped & John P replied with No.

Dave B asked as to the Power Plant & possible underground pipe near the Viaduct? Joh P confirmed maybe similar to Canvey Island.

Steve S mentioned a Report is due to be published in Jan by Natural England & this will lead to a Consultation. It referred to Cycle Paths & Bridleways . Steve S then read a Text Message/Report received from Natural England re. their concerns & responsibilities as to Foot Paths & Coastal Paths.

Frazer M mentioned that Gary Collins had discussed this with Essex CC & he had asked for this to be added to the Agenda.

Steve S concluded that he felt an East Tilbury Sea Wall would be doubtful/dubious.

A.O.B:

No report as to CSW.

Bob Q reported that he attended the local Hustings & asked as to Traffic Volumes.

Gordon S mentioned Flooding but also felt the Thames should more used to move freight.

Iris C requested the Speed Signs are cleared of branches as these are being obscured. Frazer M to handle.

Steve S mentioned:

Birdwatch 20 to 23/9/19 had seen 89 different species at Coalhouse Fort

Walk planned for the 14/12/19, 10.00am to 1.00pm at Coalhouse Fort

Rosie R Council are not cleaning roads.

Dave B concerned with Doctor's Surgery, responding to calls, Pot Holes at Zebra Crossing, Fly Tipping & the Death of Commuter & letter to the Chief Constable.

Question asked as to Fun Day Date? Frazer M to check.

Frazer M concerned as to mud on Roads & knows of 2 offenders. He will chase.

He is also concerned as Motor Bikes on fields, which require better fencing.

Frazer thanked Thurrock Council for cleaning up the Memorial Garden & John P for the new flag.

He went on to say that CCTV is required at the Nursery, lights are required at the Memorial Park, will check why Memorial Park now floods & will check the Temporary Area at the Buckingham Hill Tip.

Frazer felt the Remembrance Sunday was well attended.

The question was asked as to whether Dan Ambrose, Kier Construction should be invited to the next Meeting.

John P thanked all for attending & informed the Meeting that the next Meeting would be held on the 27/2/20, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, Methodist Church, Linford.

Meeting closed at 9.18pm