

West Tilbury, East Tilbury and Linford Forum

27th June 2019 @ 7.30pm

Linford Methodist Hall

Present: John Purkiss – Chair, David Bowling – Vice Chair, Cllr Frazer Massey – Tres, Cris Bowling-cook – Sec, Cllr Sue Sammons, Kim Towlson – Chair Horndon & TAF, Bob Quick, Iris Crane, Gordon Stevens, Pam Painter, Lesley Keefe, Rose Phillips, Kimerley Wood, Catherine Worbey, Dave Crates, George Ford, Steve Swinney.

Apologies: Mike Tarbard, Jimmy Allen, Kerry Mansfield

Minutes of previous meeting were agreed and signed.

Funday

Thanks were given to everyone who helped at the event this was done in many ways by people Litter picking and helping generally. The Funday was down in numbers due to having to change the date more than once to accommodate the hiring of equipment and other factors. Everyone who attended enjoyed the day, a date will be announced shortly so the same doesn't happen again. Monies made after deductions for hiring of equipment etc will be ring fenced again so as to future proof the Funday in the future.

As this is the **AGM** the committee stepped down and the proceedings were taken over by Kim Towlson who is Chair of TAFF.

Kim Towlson asked Cris Bowling-cook if anyone had indicated by email they would like to take a place on the committee, the answer was no. Kim Towlson then asked if anyone present would like to take a place on the committee no one answered. Kim Towlson then asked if anyone would like to nominate anyone for the position of Chairperson:

John Purkiss was proposed by Graham Ford and seconded by Pam Painter, Kim Towlson then asked John Purkiss if he would accept and he said Yes.

Kim Towlson asked if anyone would like to nominate anyone for the position of Vice Chairperson, David Bowling was proposed by Bob Quick and seconded by Cllr S Sammons, Kim Towlson then asked David Bowling if he would accept and he said Yes.

Kim Towlson asked if anyone would like to nominate anyone for the position of Secretary, Cris Bowling-cook was nominated by David Crates and seconded by Iris Crane. Kim Towlson asked Cris Bowling-cook if she would accept and she said yes.

Kim Towlson then asked if anyone would like to nominate anyone for the position of Treasurer, Frazer Massey was nominated by Bob Quick and seconded by Lesley Keefe, Kim Towlson asked Frazer Massey if he would accept and he said he would for the next year but someone else would need to come forward for 2020 due to other responsibilities.

Kim Towlson then spoke to the people present who form the Forum, which is non-political group of people who work for the benefit of their community together and communicate with the Thurrock Council or organisations on behalf of the community and anyone can attend a Forum meeting from the community with the 4 elected members to benefit the community where possible.

Kim Towlson then handed the meeting over to the elected members.

Gobions Park

The Skate Ramps which is the piece of equipment that has kept Frazer and Scott busy. They had 6 companies put forward to look at. Hopefully ground will be broken in Sept all being well and the Skate Ramps will start to appear. Walshes donated £10,000 to the park, £5,000 is being spent on Gym Equipment £3,000 is to be put toward works over the park and £2,000 is for Maintenance. Thurrock Council will not take responsibility for the Gym Equipment A Zipwire is also planned to be put back into the park after Thurrock Council took down the old Zipwire the new one is to have a metal framework. Cllr Frazer Massey is going to talk to Enerverts and Fields in Trust to try to safeguard the park as a park for the community for perpetuity.

Buckinghamhill Road

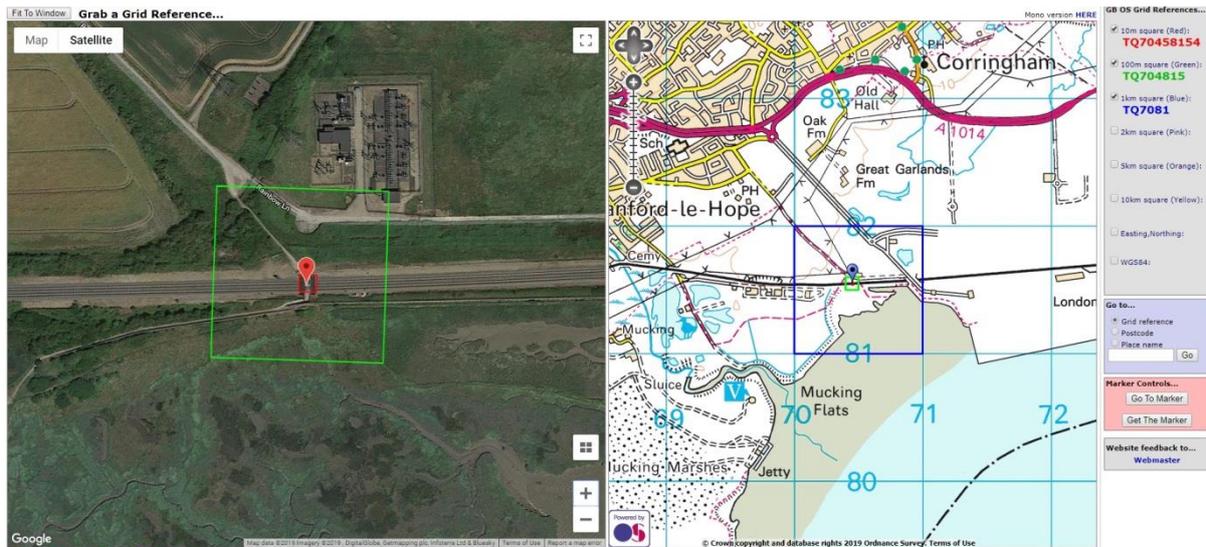
Flooding and Temporary Traffic Lights are causing a problem and we are waiting for BT to look at the problem boxes which we have no date for before the lights can be instated. The flooding is due to pipework underground being damaged at some point by someone and will need to be fixed.

Halt Drive

Problems still continue at this Childrens Home and as a Forum we have advised the local residents to contact Stephen Metcalfe who has been made aware of the situation. Steve Swinney said that Paul Lickman had been in contact with the Potterton Childrens Home at Southend and had been informed that Problem Children where moved around Potterton Homes when they caused trouble. A new manager has been appointed to the Home and time would tell if the situation improved.

Bridle Path

Please find attached picture of the location of the Bridleway showing that the OS map shows two bridleway crossing of the railway. In implementation someone has decided to split the difference! Sensible at the time but with Network Rail trying to block all crossings, we need to get things sync'd. Hence the need for 'Claimed Public Right of Way Evidence Forms' to establish historical use. It is especially helpful if anyone can provide historic evidence of using the route with a bicycle (or horse) as this will force network rail to install a bridleway crossing rather than a footpath crossing if they wish to close the existing track crossing. I will be receiving more forms shortly but they can be received from Paula Watts at TBC



AOB

Bob Quick went out on a Speed watch session in Princess Margaret Road and one vehicle was speeding, but Bob was abused by a driver of a Rainbow Van email to be sent to the company. Bob is still waiting to be told about the Lower Thames Crossing Taskforce Representative.

Kim Towlson said the Lower Thames Crossing Taskforce was still awaiting a Chairperson to be elected and that the letters were still being looked at for the objections to the Crossing.

Gordon Stevens asked if anyone else had noticed the amount of Tape Counters on the roads and where they had been placed. He said he was going to make a map of all the Tapes.

Pam Painter said the Garden Party went well and raised £600. The Church will be open for teas and cake the last Sunday in the month like the Coalhouse Fort. The licensing of Michelle Mathews is the 5th Sept 2019 when she will become our new Vicar. The Music man will be appearing in the church on 7th September and tickets are available.

Rose Phillips brought news that the Kings Head PH has been sold to be a 5 bed house and RWE still have the power station on hold and had heard nothing about Stratera Energy and the noisier proposed power station.

David Crane asked who had passed the design for the Boulevard's and Mews as the properties didn't really fit in the design of Bata Ave or East Tilbury. We were able to say that the design had won an award and was chosen because it was believed they did match the Bata design.

George Ford asked that NO SWIM Signs be placed at the waters edge at the Lakes and the Fort as there was a serious problem with people jumping into water when the weather was HOT as the water is cold and causes a shock to the body and can result in drowning.

Steve Swinney reported that there was a light at the station which was blinding people walking along and that 20-24th Sept Big Country Bird Watch run by the Essex Bird Watch Society.

The meeting finished with the next date being 25th July 2019 at 7pm for 7.30pm start there will be no meeting in August and returning in September 26th.