



**Minutes of the Open meeting held on
Thursday, 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm
in Bulphan Village Hall**

Present: Janet McCheyne (Chair), Cllr. Brian Little, Dave Hale, Angela Shearing, Corinne White, Alan Cox, Judy Wright, Rod Addison, Diane Parsons, Dawn McMahon

Visitor: Helen Catterick, Local Area Co-ordinator

No.	Detail	Action
1.	Janet welcomed all to the meeting.	
2.	The minutes of the last Open Meeting held on 8th September 2016 were agreed and signed	
3.	<p>Matters arising from minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The next meeting of Thurrock Road Users Group would be this coming Monday. Janet will attend to represent Bulphan Forum b) The trees discussed at the last meeting were deemed too small to plant out yet. Rod had kindly agreed to continue to nurture them. They need repotting and Naomi will collect mesh “boxes” from the council next week. c) A resident has expressed an interest in providing a memorial bench at the far end of the park. d) Update on the layby: the layby on the A128 has been closed temporarily for improvements. This has led to lorries parking on the cross-hatching opposite the Plough, and (unlit) on the section of road from the A128 to Pear Tree Lane. Cllr. Brian Little said that residents could contact him with the details (time, date, location, registration number etc) and he would look into it. e) Redundant loop update: Matthew Ford (council officer) is working on closure of that part of the road. The legal steps are lengthy, but Cllr. Brian Little said it will happen. f) Pieris Place building site: there have been concerns over HGV movements and lack of signage: John Taylor, Thurrock Council Enforcement Officer, visited the site today and left a message that the concerns had been addressed. However, he did want a conversation with Janet to discuss the matter. Residents raised further concerns over littering by contractors, parking on the verge and muddy roads. Janet was asked to write to the contractors, expressing these concerns, to see if a solution could be found. 	Janet
4.	Treasurer’s Report: Janet reported that £18.99 had been spent on a new tennis net cable, and that Bernie had applied for the admin allowance of £300 from the council.	
5.	Planning matters: Application for an assisted-living complex in Church Lane: this had been withdrawn, and since resubmitted. Residents were invited to respond to the application.	
6.	Bus users meeting: Judy Wright reported that, thanks to Cllr. Brian Little offering Bulphan’s 2 representatives, they would be attending the Bus users meeting next week. Judy had already submitted comments in writing.	Judy Wright

7.	<p>Village Hall matters:</p> <p>a) Dave Hale reported a new regular booking: Dazzle Dance. Acrodance had already increased their hours. Many positive comments had been made about the hall by hirers.</p> <p>b) Shop update: the hall committee will soon be making a decision on the chosen builder; the Charity Commission have received the proposals for changes to the Constitution and we await their approval, and there will soon be a meeting between the council officers and hall committee to discuss details of the hand-over of the hall to the committee.</p> <p>c) The village hall committee would like to have a Christmas tree by the Bull and had pledged to donate a third of the cost; Forum members were asked if they would also agree to the Forum paying a third. This was agreed unanimously. The remaining third would come from Community Cafe funds.</p>	
8.	<p>Bulphan in Bloom matters: Alan Cox reported that the council had donated 10 hanging baskets to replace the 2 stolen from the church; he and Dave Hale had volunteered to repair the village entrance gate, in the New Year: Graham Pinkerton has a post, and Brian Little offered to donate some wood. 3 weeks ago, Bulphan in Bloom planted 1,000 plants in barrels, boxes and pots around the village. Bulphan in Bloom's AGM will be held in the Parish Room at 8pm on Monday 21st November 2016.</p>	
9.	<p>Police update: the Community Policing Team sent an update for the month of October, which included 20 caravans moved on from West Thurrock; recovery of thousands of pounds worth of stolen vehicle parts and a brand new industrial vehicle in North Ockendon; dealing with a report of modern day slavery; addressing major flytipping on agricultural land; execution a warrant regarding a brothel and numerous mobile patrols in Bulphan, Orsett, Horndon-on-the-Hill and East Tilbury.</p>	
10.	<p>Questions from the floor:</p> <p>a) Helen Catterick, local area co-ordinator explained that she supports vulnerable adults in the community, and now holds a regular monthly surgery in the Churches Centre, Orsett on the 1st Friday from 8.45 - 11am. She takes referrals from people like doctors and district nurses, and doesn't solve people's problems for them, but works alongside them to help them solve the problems themselves.</p> <p>b) There was a discussion regarding sections of street lighting which were being turned off at night. Cllr. Little said that Thurrock Council are not yet operating Part Night Lighting. They are however changing lights to more efficient and safer LED lights. He asked residents to give him details of times, dates and locations of sections of light not being on.</p> <p>c) Residents reported damaged and unlit bollards on the A128 and at the junction of A128 and Church Road (east)</p> <p>d) It was suggested that the speedwatch volunteers should go out earlier in the morning, when the speeding was extra noticeable. Cllr. Little explained that Speedwatch can only operate in daylight hours.</p>	
11.	<p>Next Open meeting: Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Bulphan Village Hall</p>	
12.	<p>Future meetings and events: 24th December, Father Christmas sleigh tour and refreshments back at the hall. Starts 4pm.</p> <p>Open meetings in 2017: 12th January, 9th March, 11th May, 29th June (AGM), 14th Sept, 9th Nov.</p>	