



**Minutes of the Open meeting held on  
Thursday, 8th November 2018 at 7.30pm in  
Bulphan Village Hall.**

**Present:** Janet McCheyne (Chair), Angela Shearing (committee), Peter Tarrant (committee), Dave Hale, Corinne White, Bob Shearing, Roy Thomas, Iris Aedy, Claire McComb, Judy Wright, Rod Addison  
Cllr. Sue Little, Cllr. Barry Johnson, Kim Towlson (Horndon-on-the-Hill Forum), Angela Savage (Orsett Forum), Laura Blake (Thames Crossing Action Group - TCAG), Dot Blake (TCAG),

**Apologies:** Diane Perkins (committee), Annette Miles (Treasurer), PC Laura Brady

No.	Detail	Action
1.	Janet welcomed all to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.	
2.	The minutes of the meeting held on 13th Sept 2018 had previously been distributed to those on the Forum email list and hard copies had been available at the Community Cafe. They were approved and signed	
3.	<b>Matters arising from minutes, not already on the agenda</b> All actions from the last meeting had been carried out.	
4.	<b>Treasurer's report:</b> Current balance is £9,874.25 (of which £111.24 is ring-fenced for the entranceway £195.00 for the drainage group and £3441 for the Mardyke Way Interpretation sign). The grant application to have the Village Hall Car Park resurfaced had been unsuccessful.	
5.	<p><b>Lower Thames crossing update:</b> Laura Blake, vice-chair of the Thames Crossing Action Group explained the current situation regarding the Lower Thames Crossing and stressed the importance of completing consultation forms or the online consultation.</p> <p>Highway England events gave us the opportunity to speak with HE advisers, but <b>our comments will only be taken into consideration if they are sent to the consultation postal or email address.</b></p> <p>Many points were raised by Laura and residents regarding the current HE proposals: no decision has been made and it is very important that residents respond to the consultation, which closes on 20th December, using their own words to add comments. The consultation form is specific to the proposed route: make it clear if you are opposed to the current proposed route - even if you might support a crossing elsewhere.</p> <p>All 49 Thurrock Councillors are opposed to the proposed crossing route and have requested a judicial review.</p> <p>Every member of the household (including children with parental permission) can complete the consultation form, and every resident of the UK is entitled to take part (HE are emailing all DARTcharge members asking them to respond, and are holding information events in non-local venues e.g. Dover).</p> <p>Cllr. Barry Johnson will ensure that the fire officers in Thurrock (and Essex) are being kept fully informed about the implications of the proposed route for their operations, and check that they will be responding to the consultation.</p>	Cllr Barry

	<p>The online survey can be found at: <a href="http://www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay">www.lowerthamescrossing.co.uk/haveyoursay</a>  <b>Post response forms or comments to: FREEPOST LTC CONSULTATION (no stamp needed)</b>  <b>Email your comments: <a href="mailto:lrc.consultation@traverse.ltd">lrc.consultation@traverse.ltd</a></b></p> <p>You can respond anonymously if you wish.  Contact the Thames Crossing Action Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="mailto:admin@thamescrossingactiongroup.com">admin@thamescrossingactiongroup.com</a></li> <li>● <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/NoLTChere">www.facebook.com/groups/NoLTChere</a></li> <li>● <a href="http://www.tcag.info">www.tcag.info</a></li> <li>● <a href="http://www.twitter.com/tcaginfo">www.twitter.com/tcaginfo</a></li> </ul>	Every-one
6.	<p><b>Thurrock Road Users Group:</b> this group has been revived and will meet on 12th Dec. 2018 at the Council Offices: Janet and Kim will attend.</p>	Janet/ Kim
7.	<p><b>Thurrock Association of Forums:</b> the next meeting will be on Mon. 19th Nov at Purfleet-on-Thames, 6.30 - 8. Janet, Angela (or Orsett rep) and Kim to attend</p>	Janet/ Angela /Kim
8.	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Local development plan update: following changes in Government expectations, Thurrock Council have to prepare a new Local Development Plan. Janet will write to the Strategic Planning Department, to ensure that they take the latest Government projected population figures into account (the projections are considerably lower than those given previously).</li> <li>b) Former Bulphan Shop: outcome of application to build 2 houses on the site has still not been decided.</li> <li>c) Jusootus: the Forum objected to the addition “by stealth” of a third house on the site of a previous tiny bungalow, but permission was granted.</li> <li>d) Former Harrow Inn: the Wellness &amp; Weightloss Centre is now taking shape. The application of an extra house on the site for the manager is currently being considered by the Planning Committee</li> <li>e) Burrows Farm Yard 2, storage site: Cllr.Sue Little reported that the site owner, who is under enforcement action to remove everything and reinstate, said he expected he would remove about 15 of the (many) containers by 14th November.</li> <li>f) Langdon Golf Course: Eddie Wright has applied to change the hotel into flats.</li> <li>g) Linford Amenity Site: has applied to extend and redevelop the site, making it safer and easier to use. There will also be a ghost right hand turn lane.</li> <li>h) Blossom Barn, Pear Tree Lane: have applied to planning permission (retrospective) for a 2-storey playhouse.</li> <li>i) Redrow have applied to start the Malgraves development by demolishing the nursery/equestrian centre.</li> <li>j) Conrad Energy have applied to install 3 gas-fuelled generators behind the electricity substation and next to the solar farm on Lower Dunton Road (to decarbonise and increase security of electricity supplies). The buildings will be painted in Beaver brown or Hollybush green, if the application is passed.</li> </ol>	Janet
9.	<p><b>Bus users group:</b> Judy attend the meeting on Wed. 19th Sept at the Civic Offices and made sure everyone is aware of the very limited bus service from Bulphan. She raised concerns over whether there would be service to the new Health Hubs, once they are built, and also took the opportunity to praise the reliable and user-friendly service provided by Trans-Vol (contracted by the council to provide this service). It does need more people to use it, in order to sustain it. The next meeting is at the Civic office on Tuesday 27th November at the Council Chamber. Judy, Iris and Dot will attend</p>	Judy Iris Dot
10.	<p><b>Village Hall update:</b>  Dave (Chair of Trustees for the hall) had no significant updates regarding the hall itself.  Janet ran through the current position re building the shop:</p>	

	Plans for an improved design had been submitted to the council and the decision would be made on or before 28th November. The lease can then be signed and building work can start. VAT is payable on the shop-build and trustees are exploring ways of claiming this back.	
11.	<b>Bulphan in Bloom update:</b> Rod drew residents' attention to the many flowers which had been planted around the village; after a very successful Race Night, not aware of any future events until September 2019.	
12.	<b>Police &amp; Speedwatch update:</b> Cllr. Sue Little reported that, in addition to the extra 15 officers provided because of the increase in council tax, Thurrock Council are going to fund a further 8 officers, to work only in Thurrock. They will start January 2019. A resident had noted that Essex has the lowest percentage of police officers per head, nationally. Janet to write to Roger Hurst, current Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner for Essex, to ask why. Kim reported that his newest recruits were still awaiting Speedwatch training, which must be carried out by the police. Our own PC Laura Brady is liaising to see if this can be expedited.	Janet PC Laura
13.	<b>Questions from the floor:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A resident asked whether the council had any plans to adopt the unadopted roads in Bulphan. Councillors were not aware of any plans to do this. Janet will find out what the process would be if there was a demand for this.</li> <li>b) Unfortunately, there have been reports of dog faeces in bags being thrown into front gardens. CCTV will be checked if available.</li> <li>c) Yet again, there have been concerns over vehicles parking on, and completely obstructing, pavements. The advice was that this should be reported to police, as it is very dangerous for pedestrians, especially those with mobility or sensory problems and those with pushchairs or wheelchairs, to have to walk in the road.</li> </ul>	Janet
14.	<b>Next events:</b> Father Christmas Sleigh Tour, from 5pm on Christmas Eve (from the village hall)  Next Open Meetings: Thursdays, 7.30 - 9pm 10th January, 14th March, 9th May, 17th July (AGM) 12th Sept, 14th Nov 2019	