



Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 8th April 2019 at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall AGM

Present:

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives			Sub.C
Jenny Meads	JM	Chairperson	PI	Dave Plant	DP		T/P
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Kabul Sandu	KS		PI
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer		Rita Dawson	RD		
John Fox	JF		P/T/PI	Jean Lindsay	JL		CL
Brenda Scott	BS		F	Derek Parker	DGP		
Roy Jones	RJ		P/T	Kim Towlson	KT	TCAG	
Tony Sharp	TS			Peter O'Rourke	PO		PI
Hazel Parr	HP		PL/CL	John Evans	JE		
				Bill Dawson	BW		
				Gary Byrne	GB		PI
				Angela Lawrence	AL	Councillor	

Sub-committees:

T	Thurrock Road User Group	CL	Christmas lights
P	Policing	F	Flowers
PI	Planning		

		Action
1	Apologies for absence Alex Anderson, Sue Griggs, Malcolm Knight, Fay Plumb, David Plumb, Christine King, Abenga Olajugbagbe	
2	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	Matters arising There were no matters arising.	
4	Policing and Safety (PC Victoria Harris & PC Mark Miller) There are no known traveller races planned for the Manorway and no planned road closures. A13 signage. Asked traffic units to do extra patrols and there were no reports of problems. Reported that the sign by the Orsett Cock is misleading and the speeding illuminated sign could be positioned at a better place. Victoria will refer it back.	

Youth shoplifting. There were 8 reports in February and 7 in March. Police are working closely with Morrisons. There are plans to ban a perpetrator from Stanford shops if problems persist. Victoria has been doing patrols in Corringham.

Motor vehicle thefts in Thurrock. January 2018 - 68 reports of car thefts. January 2019 - 81. February 2018 - 74, February 2019 - 92. March 2018 - 80, March 2019 - 85.

Motor thefts in Corringham, Fobbing & Stanford, February 2018 - 4, February 2019 - 8, March 2018 - 3, March 2019 - 4. In April a moped was stolen and someone was arrested at the scene.

Theft from vehicles in Thurrock. February 2018 - 90, February 2019 - 102, March 2018 - 80, March 2019 - 116. However, figures are down in this area. February 2018 - 6, February 2019 - 5, March 2018 - 7, March 2019 - 9 (4 overnight). Victoria has put in successful request for funding and operation started last night. Crimes seem to be committed by opportunists targeting all types of vehicles.

Not so many burglaries in the area. Thefts of keyless cars - advise people to keep their keys in tin foil overnight. Do not leave keys by the door.

Victoria isn't using the fire station yet though some others are. Fire station is not intended to be a permanent place. The forum were reminded that Roger Hirst said that the situation would mirror another setting elsewhere in Essex. There is an IAG meeting on 8th May; this can be raised as well as the need for funding to improve facilities at the fire station.

GB has been monitoring speed illuminated signs in Dunstable Road and is concerned at numbers. This is dealt with by 'casualty reduction'.

Knife crime week. Stop and search has been effective with good results. Knife bins outside Grays station. 46000 knives collected nationwide. Additional funding may be available. All officers can stop and search.

Nuisance motor bikes and vehicles. There was a serious collision in Ockendon; the injured was an offender. There were 4 vehicles stopping traffic on A13 and a section 59 warning was given.

Reminder of the crash on Manorway in 2017 when a person's leg needed to be amputated. There has been a prosecution.

There is a pop up event in King Street, Stanford on Tuesday 9th April.

JF

	<p>ATM scams. These need to be reported to police and not Facebook. A handout was available about this.</p> <p>A13 at a standstill last Saturday night. Initially due to an accident, then a runner from stolen vehicle. Two matters had to be dealt with very quickly.</p>	
5	Item cancelled	
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Reports were available for all to see; there were no additional transactions. Christmas lights money is to be ringfenced and this was agreed. What would happen to the money if the lights didn't continue? DP World donations can only be used for operational items (not capital) and the forum would have to go back to DP World for their advice.</p>	
7	<p>Sub committee reports:</p> <p>Christmas lights</p> <p>A volunteer is still needed to manage the lights and the committee will look at next steps. Note, a small group was set up after the meeting, consisting of JL, HP and PP.</p> <p>Planters and flowers</p> <p>BS estimates that a budget of £300 is needed for this year. It is not proposed to supply hanging baskets. A purchase of high-vis vests with forum names would be useful. The planters are in a bad way structurally; some are rusty and we had emergency work last year with more work needed this year. Some are Thurrock's responsibility, some are the forums. The forum would also like a memorial bench outside Morrison's where Tommy will be situated. It is hoped to apply for funding for these items from the CEDF.</p> <p>THRUG</p> <p>Next meeting is 25th April.</p>	
	<p>AGM</p> <p>Kim Tolson, Chair of TAF took the floor. The committee stood down. KT thanked JM and the team for their hard work.</p> <p>JM proposed as Chair by TS and seconded by JF. JM re-elected. PP proposed as Secretary by DP and seconded by RJ. PP re-elected. AR proposed as Treasurer by KS and seconded by JF. AR re-elected.</p> <p>BS, TS, RJ, MK were all re-elected onto the committee. HP was also elected as committee member.</p> <p>Retiring members BD and JF were thanked for their hard work and commitment to the Forum and the community.</p>	

8	<p>Public forum</p> <p>JF continues to have concerns about the numbers of police officers in Thurrock and the SS17 area. Despite the doubling of financial contributions the numbers have not doubled. Suggests the forum demands that Roger Hirst attends a forum meeting to explain. JM will ask for this to be an agenda item at TAF, as other forums will have the same concern.</p> <p>Forum plans for a planning sub-committee may need to be reconsidered. At the TAF meeting there was a discussion about an infrastructure levy being introduced. There is a further TAF meeting in May for representatives from each forum discussing how we access the infrastructure levy. Suggested two members attend this meeting, before any planning sub-committee meets. The meeting is on 15th May – email JM if you would like to go this meeting (two places available). DP proposed that we do not give away any green belt until all brown field sites have been used. Very little green belt in the area so needs protecting. Parking spaces also need to be considered and the type of structures are important.</p>	JM
9	<p>Ward Councillor Reports</p> <p>No reports.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Kier Construction open day is coming up on Thursday 18th April from 9am to 6pm. PP will email members. Forum would like to invite DA to a meeting.</p>	PP

**Next meeting is on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30pm
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