

## Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall

**Present:**

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives			Sub.C
Jenny Meads	JM	Acting Chairperson		Dave Plant	DP		T/CL
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Peter O'Rourke	PO	Frost Est Ass.	
Tony Sharp	TS			Colin Butler	CB		
Cllr Roy Jones	RJ	Councillor	T/CL	Alex Ridley	AR		T/CL
John Fox	JF		CL/P/T	John Evans	JE		
				Trevor Hutchinson	TH	DP World	
				Hazel Parr	HP		
				Kabul Sandu	KS		
				Natalie Warren	NW	Thurrock Council	

**Sub-committees:**

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

	Minutes	Action
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Brenda Scott, Jean Lindsay, Bryan Lindsay, Bill Dawson, Rita Dawson, Malcolm Knight, Roy Eaton, Trudie Eaton, Alan Phillips, Cllr Duffin, Kim Towlson	
2	<b>Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting)</b> Minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b> HGVs cutting through was raised at the TRUG meeting.	
4	<b>Hubs – Natalie Warren</b> NW works out of the Community Development office at TBC and introduced information about community hubs. Hubs have 3 principles: to help and support ICT, somewhere to meet and check in with each other, and to help people know what's going on in the community. Hubs always start with the people, the location or premises would be decided much further on in the process. Entirely volunteer run, and volunteers are supported with training. Hubs are organic, looking at local priorities and agreeing priorities to focus on, ie helping people into employment, advice surgeries, hobbies, language classes. JF supports the hub principle and CB enjoyed using the hub in Tilbury. The first step would be to identify key players and volunteers. Hardie park is effectively a hub for Stanford. All hubs are encouraged to come together regularly. Should we talk to partners in the area and report back? Suggest a workshop with Rob Groves, KMD etc. List of	

	dates and possible contacts to be brought forward for next month.	
5	<p><b>Forum Matters</b></p> <p>Notice that AGM is next month. If you want to join the committee let Penny/Jenny know.</p>	
6	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Christmas lights</b></p> <p>DP met with Thurrock Council who confirmed that the transfer of funds to a third party won't happen. With the electrical work and snow hold ups it will take longer to finalise.</p> <p><b>Policing</b></p> <p>Roger Hirst has said we will know by the end of March about the fire station proposal. There is no more news on the speed camera volunteer group.</p> <p><b>Thurrock road user group</b></p> <p>There was a meeting today. The A13 widening contract has been awarded to W S Atkins and Weir. HGVs are coming through the area as there is not enough signage to warn vehicles. This will be looked at. SLH station refurbishment has been approved and plans are on the website. There will be a retail facility, toilets, wifi and a bus turnaround.</p> <p>In London Road, Grays, the gas works are starting soon. There is a 4-5 year programme for the area and a step by step programme of roadworks has been requested.</p> <p>A13 HGV parking. It was asked what the situation is on the transfer of responsibility – there have been some problems and the application has been knocked back. Next meeting is in 3 months. Lower Thames Crossing – the next meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> and RJ reported that progress won't stop because of purdah. The large pothole past the BP garage Southend-bound has been reported several times and will be repaired tomorrow. Thurrock did a survey of roads and assets and there are concerns about parking on pavements and verges. Excessive rubbish on the A13 is also a concern.</p> <p>Traffic lights on the Manorway/A13 roundabout - the wind has turned them again. This is now in the hands of the council. Signage on the roundabout needs to be looked at.</p> <p><b>Planters and flowers</b></p> <p>The spring bulbs are up and looking great. BS will prepare a budget for next month.</p>	
7	<p><b>100 Year anniversary of end of WW1</b></p> <p>JF and TS are meeting with Lynn Gittins on Friday. The army cadets have got some ideas but progress has been hampered by snow.</p> <p>There is a Kynoch exhibition at Thurrock library at the moment which can be moved to Corringham if wanted. TS will investigate.</p>	
8	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	

	There have been no transactions since the last meeting.	
9	<p><b>Public Forum</b></p> <p>Town centre parking continues to be a problem outside the Springhouse club and ex Thurrock building. RJ has reported several times. A safety partnership meeting is being held on Wednesday – DP will bring this up.</p> <p>The public meeting held at library recently was well attended. The local plan will be developed following the feedback from the events. Site specific talks happen later in the process. Re local planning, the forum needs more people to form a sub committee.</p> <p>The Community development grant meeting held recently was useful. NW confirmed that this is currently the last year to apply for the grant, but it is hoped to get a further budget for future years. Thurrock are looking for quality applications as there is a good balance available. It could be spent on park equipment but would need 10% of the cost to come from another source and future costs or maintenance would not be covered. Other ideas included a link to the 100 years anniversary, but expenditure must be for capital items.</p>	
10	<p><b>Ward Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>RJ has made further enquiries about the former police station. The new owner also owns St Clare's golf course and is subletting it for shipping cars. There is no planning in place and an enforcement notice has been put in. Residents are to let the council know any activity is seen.</p> <p>The situation with the yard at Morrisons is ongoing. Management have ideas and are looking to submit plans.</p>	
11	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	

**Next meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm  
Corringham Hall**

**April's meeting will be the AGM**