

Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall

Present:

Jenny Meads	JM	Acting Chairperson	}	
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary		
Bill Dawson	BD	Treasurer		
Tony Sharp	TS			
Cllr Roy Jones	RJ	Councillor		
Dave Plant	DP		}	
John Fox	JF			
Peter O'Rourke	PO	Frost Est Association		
Brenda Scott	BS			
Alan Phillips	AP			
Alex Ridley	AR			
Rita Dawson	RD			
John Evans	JD			
Colin Churchman	CC	Councillor		
Dot Blake	DB	TCAG		
Laura Blake	LB	TCAG		
Kim Towlson	KT	TCAG		
Matthew Ford	MF	Thurrock Council		

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1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Trudie Eaton Roy Eaton Cllr Jack Duffin Hazel Parr Cllr Aaron Watkins Malcolm Knight</p>	
2	<p>Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting)</p> <p>Minutes of the September meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
4	<p>Membership</p> <p>John Fox has indicated that he would like to join the committee. JF was nominated by TS, seconded by RD. JF was voted onto the committee by a show of hands.</p>	

5	<p>Constitution Update</p> <p>The floor discussed the constitution, where a committee officer and committee member would cease to hold office if they did not attend 3 consecutive meetings, without accepted apologies for absence. It was agreed by a show of hands to keep this, without change.</p> <p>It was agreed to discuss a part of the constitution each month, in readiness for its ratification at the 2018 AGM.</p>	
6	<p>Sub committee Reports</p> <p>Christmas lights</p> <p>TS received a letter from the council re the funding application. There were 15 applications overall and the forum’s application had been successful in principle. There will be a review of the procurement plans, and a meeting is to be arranged with Lyn Gittins. A further meeting is planned for Wednesday of the subcommittee. Well-done to subcommittee for all the hard work so far.</p> <p>Policing</p> <p>JF held a sub-committee meeting two weeks ago where they formulated an email to DCI Baxter. They received an answer back of thanks on 30th September saying they will make enquiries with the police and crime commissioner. No response since. JF had represented forum at public police meeting last week where 7 people attended. Suggested we should invite other forums to join forces. KT from Horndon Forum reported increasing issues with crime and will join us with support.</p> <p>Highways</p> <p>Thanks for MF from Thurrock Council for attending the meeting. MF explained that there were several action schemes underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giffords Cross junction. Road was closed last Sunday, to be finished next Sunday. New lines being painted after road works. Speeding camera at Sorrels junction is on task for the end of October. 40mph speed limit being implemented in October. CCTV camera being installed in 2 weeks – has been supply issues. Springhouse junction with manorway is currently being resurfaced. They treat roads with the highest number of accidents as a priority. All roads are being assessed at the moment. Would a fatality take it to the top of the list? The number of movements and speed are all taken into account. Why not use temporary plastic barriers on the springhouse junction? There is a crossing point there, and they can obstruct visibility. Cars need to be slowed down on the slip road where they indicate. • Southend Road average speed camera. Likely to be installed in November/December. Will be 4 or 5 average speed checks. Are the accidents attributed to speed or parking? Mainly speed. 	

	<p>Average speed on the road is 34mph with a high percentage driving over 50mph after 9pm at night. Are you keeping the counters in Branksome Avenue? Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardie park. The lights in the bridle way are being designed. • The noise barriers between Abbots Hill and Sorrells. The land is fenced off and overgrown. Council are looking at ways of reducing the risk of anti-social behaviour and being easier to maintain. Maybe liaising with neighbours. • A13 widening update. Diversions will only be at night for bridge and road works. Widening projected to be in the spring. Works on the A13, will be pre starting with works on verges etc. <p>Planters and flowers It's planned to get onto planting spring bulbs soon.</p> <p>Planning This subcommittee is yet to be formed and it was suggested that a committee should be formed from the whole of SS17 not just Corringham. At the next full council meeting they are discussing planning for the whole of Thurrock so it's suggested that people submit their questions early. A subcommittee can be formed in the future. MK has indicated that he is interested in joining a committee. PP made it known that she cannot be involved in any planning discussions as there may be a conflict of interest, therefore a subcommittee should keep separate minutes.</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer's Report There have been two payments out for expenses of ink for two committee members. £8261.77 is remaining. The Christmas lights campaign has received £314 and £35 from Corringham Primary and £100 from Martins, giving £449.00 overall. More is due from local residents and pledges from local traders. Letters of thanks have gone to Corringham Primary and Martins.</p>	
7	<p>Public Forum Lloyd will find out prices for 4 trees and will send an invoice. It was noted that when the Fobbing tree was taken away, the lights had already been removed. It's thought that MK has the lights. Remembrance Sunday – Bill will present a wreath on behalf of the forum. KT spoke on behalf of the Thames Crossing Action Group. They are concerned at the lack of awareness of the proposals and impact, especially regarding pollution and traffic levels. They support Route 14 which is a tunnel from the A2, emerging at Ockendon and joining the M25. Concern at Option C3 which will release a lot of land, possibly for house building. Many at the forum have already attended the meetings in support of TCAG, therefore the focus should be on gaining the support of</p>	

	the wider community. Suggest a further meeting which can be publicised to a wider audience.	
8	<p>Ward Councillors' Reports</p> <p>CC – Apologised for recent absences. Has been trying to meet with Lands who own the shops to gain financial support for a new park. Disappointed with response.</p> <p>RJ – Has been working behind the scenes regarding the Christmas lights campaign. Has presented a couple of petitions about service charges. Also a petition re Gordon Road resurfacing.</p> <p>A email was received from Councillor Aaron Watkins. He has been working with residents about planning applications, yellow lines, parking and abandoned cars. Reported that Corringham Primary is being expanded. Any issues please contact to AW.</p>	
9	<p>Any other business</p> <p>A member spoke about an accusation that he had been involved in fraud, regarding the grant for the Frost estate road repairs. The accusation had been very thoroughly investigated by Thurrock Council and it was found that there was no case to answer. The result of the investigation has been put in writing and was available for all to see if requested. RJ was fully supportive of this member.</p> <p>JF spoke of his continued concern about anti-social behaviour in Corringham Town Centre. It isn't known who has purchased the police station, but it appears to be sold.</p> <p>JM reminded members that they should not use her work email address, as she was about to retire.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9pm.</p>	

**Next meeting is on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm
Corringham Hall**