

**Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum
Held on 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Corringham Library**

Present:	Judith Acreman	JA	Acting Chair	}	Committee
	Penny Partridge	PP	Joint Secretary		
	Bill Dawson	BD	Treasurer		
	Jenny Meads	JM			
	Malcolm Knight	MK			
	Roy Jones	RJ	Councilor TBC		
	Jack Duffin	JD	" "		
	Dave Plant	DP		}	Residents
	John Fox	JF			
	Rita Dawson	RD			
	Derrick Parker	DP			
	Tony Sharp	TS			
	John Evans	JE			
	Alan Phillips	AP			
	Peter O'Rourke	PO	Frost Est Association		
	Brenda Scott	BS			
	Alex Ridley	AR			
	Hazel Parr	HP			
	Kabul Sandu	KS			

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1	Apologies for absence Danni Tate Pam Tate Lynn Fox	
2	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) A minor correction that a comment had been attributed to the wrong person.	
3	Matters arising A discussion took place about the Christmas lighting. In addition to comments in the local social media about the disappointing lack of lighting in Corringham TC this year, concerns have been brought to the attention of the forum about the potential safety of the existing lighting erection on the side of Barclays bank.	

	<p>Ownership of the lighting was debated and a member of the public said that it was bought and installed about 8 years ago by the former Winter Fayre committee which was disbanded some years ago. If the lighting is not going to be regularly used (as it was not in 2016) then public expressed concern about when it will ever be tested and who will monitor its safety?</p> <p>There is currently no committee of residents or traders that have plans for Christmas lights in the future, though it's clear from the comments in social media that people would like them. The forum will try to arrange a public debate about this in March. In the meantime it was also expressed that even if volunteers do come forward to arrange lighting for 2017 this lighting unit cannot just be ignored until then, now that concerns have been raised.</p> <p>It was agreed for the Chair to ask Thurrock Council for advice as the condition of this large wall mounted display could be a public safety issue. Can they assess for safety and take them down if needed? The lights have been in place for 8 years and if they are to stay they will need to be refurbished, so they might as well be taken down anyway and stored if we think they may have a future use</p> <p>A member asked about the other lights and whether they were safe. It is understood the lights were last pull-tested by Mr Grey for Xmas 2015. None of them is as large as the one on the side of the Bank.</p>	<p>Put on agenda</p> <p>DT</p>
4	<p>Treasurers report</p> <p>Copies of the accounts were made available by BD for members to take. Two payments have been made; £17 for a Remembrance Day wreath and £868.75 to Essex Communications for the Christmas trees. The current balance is £8970.13.</p> <p>Money (expenses) from Council didn't come through for a while, BD had to chase it.</p> <p>In response to a comment about the size of the balance JA pointed out that the forum has not had an income for 4-5 years, except annual expenses from Thurrock Council (£1317) which are not guaranteed in the future. Therefore, the balance is going to diminish quickly and there is no scope for any big projects.</p> <p>A member asked if, given the diminishing balance, a budget should be drawn up for planned expenditure over the coming year for the AGM. JA agreed this would be possible although the presentation of accounts for the past year would show most regular outgoings. The regular commitments are not high and although, for example, the forum were happy to continue supporting the purchase of Christmas trees this would still be agreed annually by members.</p>	
5	<p>Public forum</p> <p>JF asked if the forum should put Christmas trees on the agenda in the spring. On principle, this was agreed. The tree in Grover walk was completely wrecked for</p>	<p>DT, JA to advertise</p>

	<p>the second year running and it was questioned whether a tree should be placed there again. It was agreed that this should go on the agenda in March.</p> <p>A member brought up the Manorway TRO. Trucks are parked on the slip road again. RJ explained that the signage hasn't yet been made. Matthew Ford (TBC) has reported that it has been ordered and the poles were going up imminently. The TRO can't be enforced without the signage.</p> <p>DP World money - Apparently, Matthew Ford has been waiting for an invite to the Stanford forum before recommendations are made for spending this. Can we chase the Chair of Stanford forum, Terry Piccollo. Can we intervene? Stanford are pushing for lighting in Hardie Park. A member questioned the section 106 money from DP World and why this had diminished from £1,056,000 to £950,000. DP offered to look into this and report back.</p> <p>RJ spoke about the Christmas event at Corringham town centre around the trees. The children were fabulous. He thanked the members of the forum that facilitated the trees for their hard work and dedication.</p> <p>MK asked if there was any news on the new motorway going under the Thames. Announcements are not expected for a while, and the proposals are still under discussion.</p> <p>DP brought up the conversation from the last meeting about the future of Forums. Vince Offord, who attended the meeting has been sick, therefore there is no update. It was noted that the Christmas event was publicised on Facebook.</p> <p>A conversation took place about better publicity for our Forum and suggested that minutes on the website be linked to the Facebook page so that Facebook members can easily access them.</p> <p>We now have some posters to advertise the forum. Members were asked to take one and distribute to shops etc.</p>	<p>on Facebook page</p> <p>DT</p> <p>DT, JA, PT to look at how to do this</p> <p>DP</p>
6	<p>Ward Councillors' reports</p> <p>Councillor Roy Jones</p> <p>RJ reported that the PTU are keen to maintain the Fobbing bus for 2017-18. Discussions are with the operators and it is being retained. The bus 374 is up and running. Members were reminded by way of update on how we spend our budget that when the Fobbing bus was stopped for 6 months the Forum facilitated the provision of a minibus for residents.</p> <p>RJ spoke about the proposed gate at Rainbow lane. There are planning</p>	

	<p>objections and it is going through the stages of planning. It now requires a delegated decision report to go further.</p> <p>The A13 roadworks and surveys are starting soon.</p> <p>Re the lorry parking and signage. The enforcement at the Manorway clearway will still fall to the police and their late night parking beat. Signage will be reinstated. Highways say that the Clearway signage from the A13 at the Stanford interchange are ok but this is questionable. JA asked again for the phone number to report lorries to DP World. It is 01375 648577.</p> <p>Plans have been approved for a temporary lorry park at DP world for 441 HGVs and refueling facilities. A member asked if there would be any reparation for the loss of green belt land, however it was reported that it would not be on green belt. There is a concern about the lack of facilities for drivers. The park are looking for the big companies to provide these. Plans presented do show a facility block. This park is for traffic at DP world only, not wider Thurrock, that is a separate park under discussion</p> <p>.</p> <p>RJ reported that there had been pony and trap racing again and summons had been issued. The Police were active and moved them on.</p> <p>Councillor Jack Duffin was in attendance and had nothing to add.</p>	
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>PO reported that the work on the Frost Estate was ongoing. Five junctions had been completed and the project was progressing very well. The Giffords Cross Road end is currently shut off.</p> <p>MK reported that three new waste bins had been donated by a benefactor and installed in Belstonia Park, costing over £1000. JD explained that dog waste bins were not being replaced as this waste can now go in the general bins.</p> <p>DP reminded members that there was a current consultation about the electoral system and whether there should be a 4 year cycle of elections.</p> <p>DP reminded members that the forum should be making a decision about the planters, whether we continuing to fund them, and what should go in them. There was a suggestion that we consider perennials and shrubs as these are easier to maintain. It was suggested that this should be an agenda item for February.</p> <p>JA raised concerns about the rubbish at the back of Morrisons and offered to approach the Manager, putting it in writing if necessary.</p> <p>A member asked if the minutes could be added to the website.</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>JA</p>

	The meeting closed at 9.10pm	
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Next meeting is Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm – Corringham library