

Corringham, Fobbing & Homesteads Community Forum
Committee meeting
Saturday 22nd August 2020 at 12pm via Zoom

Present: Jenny Meads, Penny Partridge, Brenda Scott, Alex Ridley

Due to Covid-19 the forum hasn't been able to have a regular meeting since our last meeting in March 2020. The committee were hoping to resume meetings in September, but the latest guidelines stipulate that large gatherings (more than two households) must not take place, except where a strict risk assessment has been completed. In the forum's case, the risk assessment would entail a thorough clean of the premises/furniture before and after the meeting, the wearing of masks, temperature checks, sanitisers etc. The committee took the decision, for the safety of all members, to defer all meetings until April 2021, when the AGM will take place. If a physical meeting is not possible in April 2021, then we will hold the meeting via video conferencing.

There is a proposal to install a solar farm and battery storage facility at land to the south of Marsh Farm in Fobbing. There will be many views about this, for and against. The forum committee will be attending a video meeting on Wednesday evening (26th) at 7pm to hear from a representative of the developer. Forum members will be invited to attend or submit questions.

The committee wants to resume some normality for the Christmas season, and plan to have the lights and trees as before. We have some funding issues to resolve as our normal funding streams have dried up. This will mean using our reserves this year for the shortfall. Forum members to be asked if they have any contacts who may donate.

The planters have suffered in the dry weather this year. Brenda and Peter work very hard to keep the planters going, but could do with support, especially with watering and in the newly filled planters, the weeds.

Forum members will be offered support at this difficult time.