



Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on Monday 10th February at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall

Present:

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives			Sub.C
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer		Dave Plant	DP		T/P
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Jean Lindsay	JL		CL
Roy Jones	RJ			Gary Byrne	GB	Councillor	PI
Hazel Parr	HP		PL/CL/Fu	Shane Ralph	SR	Councillor	
Tony Sharp	TS			Peter O'Rourke	PO		PI
Brenda Scott	BS		F	John Fox	JF		P/T/PI
Jenny Meads	JM	Chair		Michael Farman	MF		
				James Bayford	JB	Hope com	
Guests/visiting speakers				Derek Parker	DP		
Insp Paul Ballard	PB	Essex Police		Fay Plumb	FP		
Laura Blake	LB	TCAG		Chris Hogan	CG		
Dot Blake	DB	TCAG		Jeanette Hogan	JH		
Leigh Hughes	LH	TCAG		David Plumb	DP		
				David Wheeler	DW		
				Stuart Smith	SS		
				Lisa Sargent	LS		
				Alan Wade	AW		
				Alan Dolan	AD		
				Linda Dolan	LD		
				Russell Smith	RS		
				Simon Ellis	SE		
				Janet Middleton	JM		
				Chris Gould	CG		
				Steve Gould	SG		
				Bonnie Hinz	BH		

Sub-committees:

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

		Action
1	Apologies for absence Trevor Hutchinson, Dan Ambrose, Kim Towlson, Julie Sorrell-Wilde, Malcolm Knight, Kabul Sandu, Fiona McLoughlin, Sue Griggs,	
2	Notice of any other business There is a phone-in on Gateway radio tomorrow with Roger Hirst.	
3	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting)	

	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved	
4	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Trevor Hutchinson has submitted a response to the TEP application. JM submitted an email on behalf of the forum.</p>	
5	<p>Thames crossing action group – Laura Blake</p> <p>LB gave a presentation regarding the supplementary consultation which runs from 29th January – 25th March 2020. Everyone was urged to attend the consultation events and submit their response.</p> <p>Full information is at https://www.thamescrossingactiongroup.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some residents incorrectly informed they are now in the boundary • Investigation works are currently taking place (some issues with staff parking/lighting) • Connections on the Kent side have changed • Service station at East Tilbury removed (cost saving?) • Route between Tilbury and A13 moved 60m to avoid pylons, moving the road nearer to people’s homes (cost saving?) • Slip roads modified, away from nearby properties • The LTC southbound between the M25 and A13 is being reduced to 2 lanes causing a bottleneck • Great pressure will be put onto the Manorway junction to access Tilbury from the LTC. • The LTC has been moved near the Mardyke to avoid a gas main (cost saving?) • The southbound link from the M25 has been altered. • Showground no longer affected. Gammon fields site being moved. • Emergency access added from Brentwood Road. • A13 traffic at Orsett Cock still has to detour to Stanford junction. • A13 is reduced from 4 lanes to 2 near the Orsett Cock. • Will it be a smart motorway? Concerns over safety. • LTC could fail the WHO PM2 – London is to comply with this by 2030. • Concerns over road closures and construction times. Dartford crossing will still be over capacity • Cost savings are designed to reduce cost benefit ratio thereby making it more attractive to politicians. • Consultation is being rushed. Need as many people as possible to respond, not limited to one per household. • Felt that option A14 was the best route. • Consultation event at Homesteads Hall on 13th March – please attend and respond to consultation. <p>CLlr GB can host a further event at the Homesteads hall if it is needed.</p>	

6	<p>Inspector Paul Ballard IPB is the Community Policing Inspector at Thurrock. Priorities for community policing are in line with Thurrock Council, eg anti-social behaviour, domestic violence etc. It is not predominantly a response team.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>Do you work together with the DVLA? Yes we can access the DVLA portal from portable devices. When incidents are reported and there is sufficient evidence then the intelligence will be dealt with. Incidents should always be reported and IPB is happy for people to email him directly (email address is on the Essex police website).</p> <p>Will there be a change of management style with the new management team? This question referred to the antisocial behaviour, eg motor bike nuisances. People causing a nuisance on motor bikes are common in Thurrock and for 2.5 years a significant operation has been in place to tackle this. There are a reduced number of calls year on year. There have been a number of arrests with anti-social warnings and vehicles seized. The issue was in Tilbury previously but is now in Corringham and Stanford. Resources are moved by the police according to demand.</p> <p>Can you comment on the general lack of respect and anti-social behaviour amongst the youth? A lot of prevention work has taken place with Thurrock Council and the youth offending team. There has been a number of civil actions, tenancy actions, community protection warnings, criminal behaviour orders. The most effective action is pressure on parents. There are two constables for Stanford-le-Hope who work 6 days out of 9. If they are on duty and available they will attend a reported issue. There was a report of a slow response to an incident at Morrisons which IPB will chat with Cllr SR outside the meeting. The more information given to the police the better it can be managed. Resources are put into the greatest risk and it's not always possible to go back to every single case. As always, crime needs to be reported by the public or councilors. Would a flow chart help – it could be added to forum publicity.</p> <p>Can you comment on the Essex live report statistics? According to these Stanford-le-Hope had 832 crimes and Corringham had 1278. Why does SLH have priority with the new team? The population comparison was incorrect and the numbers need to be treated with caution. The wards were incorrectly compared. The structure of the team is being looked at at the moment.</p> <p>Are you seeing more intelligence reports?</p>	PP
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	<p>IPD doesn't see all of these but can look into it. He will link up with IPD outside the meeting.</p> <p>Can you comment on the use of the fire station? The PCC decided to utilize the buildings and Manningtree and Corringham were good examples of facilities that could be shared. The police have a fob for entry meaning they can base their controls in the area and don't have to drive back to South Ockendon or Tilbury, making the most of police time. There is parking out the back.</p> <p>How confident are you that the partnership can cope with the proposed increase in population over the next 7 years? We will review our practice and respond to the changes as always.</p> <p>Will our allocation of police officers be increased if crime figures increase? The teams were increased from 11 to 16 two years ago and there has been a growth of town teams in this area. The Government is committed to recruitment and the number of officers overall is set to increase. The numbers do reflect the rate of crime. The Government's trend is to increase.</p> <p>The local people want a police station back and see a direct link between increased anti-social behaviour and the lack of a station. Please take this back to Roger Hirst.</p> <p>The council tax precept of £20 was to provide 250 police officers for Essex. How many of the 250 in this tax year are we getting? All sections have had a growth.</p> <p>The next AEG meeting is next week. IPB was thanked for attending and reminded the forum that his email address is on the Essex Police website for any direct queries.</p>	
7	<p>Treasurer's report The bench has been paid for and installation organised. Thank you to TS for organizing this. The Christmas lights have now been settled for 19-20. Initial contact has been made with DP World regarding possible sponsorship for 20-21.</p>	
8	<p>Sub committee reports: Due to time constraints this section of the agenda was reduced and will be discussed more fully next month.</p> <p>Planters and flowers New planter has been ordered with CEDF funding. Library planter will be moved to Grover Walk, and current Grover Walk planter will be moved to Woodbrook Way.</p>	

	<p>Christmas lights</p> <p>We have had confirmation that the PAT certificate is in place for Fobbing but a copy has not yet been received.</p> <p>Sunny Fruits can supply the trees in the future, resulting in savings. This will be looked at later in the year.</p> <p>TAF meeting is coming up where the overall lights in Thurrock will be discussed. TAF minutes for November are not uploaded yet.</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>The 14th March has been identified as a date for a quiz night, but we are waiting for confirmation from FM. It was later confirmed that this quiz will not take place.</p>	
9	<p>Ward Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Cllr SR reported that Corringham park has been identified to be redeveloped. There will be a local consultation.</p> <p>The Gordon Road/Sorrells repair was not good enough and this has been reported.</p>	
10	<p>Forum matters</p> <p>Cllr GB offered the Homesteads Hall for the April forum meeting on Wednesday 15th April (the normal date of 13th April is a bank holiday).</p>	
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>The Hardie Park subway being closed for two days for repairs (17th-18th February). U3A are looking into funding a defibrillator for the Springhouse Club at a cost of around £2500. They will keep us updated and look at CEDF funding. PP to send a link.</p> <p>There is a Friends of Corringham Town Park event on Thursday 16th April with lots of family friendly activities.</p> <p>The green by the Springhouse club was incorrectly identified for development. Cllr SR reported that this will be removed from the list.</p>	PP

**Next meeting is on Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm
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