

**Meeting of Corringham and Fobbing Forum  
Held on January 2015 at 7.30pm in Corringham Library**

<b>Present:</b>	Danni Tate	DT	Chair	}	Committee
	Judith Acreman	JA	Secretary / Dpt. Chair		
	Julie Sorrell-Wilde	JSW	Treasurer		
	Bill Dawson	BD			
	Jenny Meads	JM			
	Alan Phillips	AP	RATA		
	Cllr Roy Jones	RJ	TBC		
	Penny Partridge	PP		}	Residents
	John Fox	JF	RATA		
Dave Plant	DP				
Malcolm Knight	MN	Fobbing Friends			
Rita Dawson	RD				
Trudie Eason	TE				
Roy Eason	RE				
Derek Parker	DP	SPEAK			
Brenda Scott	BS				
Debbie Bell	DB				

**1. Apologies**

Lisa Sergeant, Andrew Roast, Pam Tate

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed

**3. Mattes arising**

MK - asked Forum to note that relining of Fobbing Rd has not yet been done.

DP - asked for a response to his e mail to committee members re events surrounding Corringham Events Committee last year. Chair and vice chair asked that this matter be dropped as there is nothing to be gained now from constantly going over events of last year, and several recent forum meetings have devoted time to it. It is not helpful and is causing bad feeling. Several regular attendees agreed but Some

attendees felt that DP should be allowed to 'have his say'. Chair allowed this, DP continued, and Julie responded to his query about the bank account. Penny asked if the minutes of the last meeting could be amended to delete some of the discussion. Chair said the minutes had to serve as a true record of what had been said but agreed to put this to the vote; deletion was turned down by a large majority of those present. Chair asked again that this matter now be allowed to drop, and this was supported by several attendees.

Re anti dispersal order for Gardner Avenue /Corringham town centre area - chair has checked and there is currently none anywhere in Corringham and can only be put in place in extreme circumstances.

Police attendance - sergeant informs chair that he has not instructed his officers not to attend but they say they have been so told. Forum view is still that no point in them holding a separate meeting. They promised crime figures for forum meeting tonight but we have none. They are e mailed out to neighbourhood watch so why can't they be sent to the forum? Chair will get back to police after tonight. Sharon said SLH forum have meeting this Weds with police to ask these very questions.

Chair was reminded that she still needs to ask TBC to send rep to speak to forum about Enterprise Park and massively increasing vehicle movements - (David Bull).

#### **4. Police NAP Report**

Police & Nap report - no information, see above

#### **5 Treasurer's report**

Treasurers report. No transactions all month. Accounts for CEC and Forum available for anyone who wishes to see them. CEC budget should be finalised by next month. Reminder as agreed by retiring committee to be sent to homeless charity Above us Only Sky

#### **6 Public forum.**

DB - owner of Indian takeaway in old Corringham, and longstanding local resident. Wants to extend community events to that area. There was nothing last Christmas at all. BD explained the shopkeepers there had been approached by the Forum and the feeling was that they not want lights etc. Chair asked if DB could mobilise that area?. Sharon confirmed that in Stanford it has been key individuals with vision who have made a difference, not any organisation or the Forum. JA said that Forums were originally set up to draw people who do things together, not themselves to do things for people. So Debbie very welcome to use forum for that, JM suggested DB gather people with similar ideas and keep coming to forum to take it forward. Some attendees lamented things local volunteers used to do which no longer exist e.g.

Dickensian evening. JA said beauty of the forum is visions and projects can come and go with time but the forum continues to provide space for all of the individuals to meet and be supported.

MK - Christmas tree in Fobbing this year was very successful.

JF asked - What has happened to hubs? Brenda Scott asked what a 'hub' is - Jenny explained, and said that she believes it is still on the table at the council.

## **7 Ward Cllrs report**

Roy Jones - The garages in Bracelet Close are being demolished and a mixture of houses and flats are being built. There are problems in Limeslade and an ongoing discussion re blocking some alleys. The Frost estate Parish council is still being pursued.

## **8 AOB**

\_JSW is still exploring local services events at the library - there are quite a few local organisations that would like to do this. JM suggested we need a meeting just to finalise dates and details.

MK - was taken by DPW to port to discuss the use of land for a lorry park but he did not feel that he got much information. this will be quite close to Corringham church. He pointed out to them that local community will need clear explanation of benefit / gain.

Explanation was given to the new attendees of Enterprise Park., they had not heard anything of it. Forum chair recommended membership of the Forum Facebook Page and attendance at the Forum. The Forum intend to have a speaker to explain the park better. There was a widely publicised public meeting some months ago but only about a dozen people came.

JM suggested people go into the Council website regularly, scroll to the bottom and look at consultations under 'have your say'.

BS asked what we are doing to promote younger membership. Forum members identified some of the things we have tried over the years. DP asked about advertising meetings in local press - chair cited the expense and JA mentioned that the forums that do advertise tend to have only occasional public meetings so have to advertise them because they are not regular.

**Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in Corringham Fire Station.**

## Response to Forum Minutes November 2014 item 5

### from Dave Plant

This is to clarify the statements beginning that Dave Plant ‘since his resignation from the CEC earlier in the year (January 2014) he had constantly placed obstacles in the way of releasing money or transferring the bank account`

The events during 2014 were:

- a) I did resign on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014
- b) 28<sup>th</sup> January I issued the CEC committee with the forms necessary for the transfer of the signatory levels to the CEC Chair and new treasurer.
- c) AGM 27<sup>th</sup> February new treasurer appointed.
- d) 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 CEC asks for a cheque to clear outstanding debt and forwards invoice to me.
- e) I check with the bank who confirms original signatories on file and still valid
- f) Cheque issued and cashed during May 2014.

- g) 8<sup>th</sup> September CEC ask for another cheque. CEC stated that Barclays wanted 8 to 9 weeks to approve new signatories. I did not issued BUT
- h) Checked with Barclays who advised CEC had not completed the transfer paperwork and if they complete it would be cleared in 4 to 5 days. Bank sends forms again.
- i) 9<sup>th</sup> September issued details to CEC and copy to the Forum (and third party) requesting paperwork be completed again.
- j) I received a letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> October from Forum Committee asking for money transfer following a Julie Sorrell-Wilde (CEC) request.
- k) I replied with letter and email 8<sup>th</sup> October with a recommendation of how the money problem could be overcome. No reply.
- l) 10<sup>th</sup> November I called Barclays Business Centre to be advised all money had been transferred in the previous month but the original authorised two signatories were still in place.
- m) 10<sup>th</sup> November CEC Chair announces the fund transfer to the Forum.

Hopefully, if the Forum Committee consider the above, it will withdraw the personal statements made against me.

I do apologise for my reaction at the meeting but was angry after the announcement by the CEC Chair and Forum Treasurer that she had been instrumental in having the money transferred to the Forum. I was also upset with the Forum in not supporting my request to have the documentation completed by the CEC. If the documentation had been completed back in September by the CEC there would have been no need for any money transfer or Forum involvement.

I would also clarify the 'cheque books' The one and only cheque book is still in my possession. What had been destroyed were the remaining unused cheques in that book. Banks recommend that any unused cheques should be destroyed if the administrator will not be using them. The cheque and the stubs are retained for the financial year end summary.

I feel insulted that the Forum has to remind me about working for the benefits of the community and not to be obstructive when you review the above efforts that have been made, by me, with Barclays Business Centre, the CEC and later the Forum to transfer the bank accounts signatory levels.