



Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 13th January 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		
				Sue Griggs	SG		
Guests/visiting speakers				Derek Parker	DP		
Trevor Hutchinson	TH	DP World		Fay Plumb	FP		
PC J Middleton	JM	Police		Julie Sorrell-Wilde	JSW	FOCP	
PC C	C	Police		Kim Towlson	KT	TAF	
				Vicky Worrall	VW		
				Chris Bayford	CB		
				Paul Luke	PL	Bee Kind	
				Dave Bayford	DB		
				John Weeks	JW	SLH forum	
				John Thorpe	JT		
				Fiona McLoughlin	FM	Fu	
				Bill Dawson	BD		
				Rita Dawson	RD		

Sub-committees:

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

		Action
1	Apologies for absence Malcolm Knight, Dan Ambrose, Dave Plumb, Tory Harris, Matt Ford, Lloyd Wells	
2	Notice of any other business None submitted	
3	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) AR noted that his comment regarding Naylor review was not minuted. To be added. With this addition the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	PP
4	Matters arising Cllr SR suggested the forum contacts Cllr James Halden regarding his statement for education to confirm or correct school places figures.	PP

	<p>We haven't yet received the PAT testing certificate for the Fobbing Christmas tree. To be followed up.</p>	<p>PP</p>
<p>4a</p>	<p>Police – PCSO Jacqueline Middleton and PCSO Caroline ?</p> <p>First two weeks of January 2020 there were 93 incidents, 12 resulted in crime. Same period in January 2019 there were 16 crimes.</p> <p>December 2019 there were 247 incidents, 34 resulted in crime. December 2018 there were 200 incidents, 37 resulted in crime.</p> <p>In December 2019 there were 21 anti-social behaviour incidents compared to 15 in December 2018.</p> <p>Op Caesar continues to be very active with an increase in calls.</p> <p>A new Chief Inspector in Thurrock has been appointed - CI Richard Melton.</p> <p>Can we have feedback on numbers of crimes prosecuted? This question can be fed back to Tory.</p> <p>Do stats include 999 and 101 calls? Yes</p> <p>Some crimes do not appear in the weekly stats A reported crime cannot be recorded as a crime until data is received from the victim. Some crimes then go onto the investigation database and are open for a time.</p> <p>Is there an increase in reported crime? Yes, sometimes several calls are received about the same incident. Message seems to be getting through that all crime should be reported.</p> <p>The town team has one vacancy and there's a possibility of the town team attending a future forum meeting.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>D P World – Trevor Hutchinson</p> <p>Thames Enterprise Park has issued two more planning applications and added more information to the first application. Concern raised over the notice given for public responses to applications.</p> <p>TH is meeting the TBC in late January to speak about the need for a proper assessment. The model takes account of committed development flow only and has been underestimated. Concern about lack of debate or discussion. Concern about traffic and pollution; effects have been mitigated in the proposal with</p>	

	<p>predictions of electric and automated vehicles. Employment numbers have been underestimated.</p> <p>There is a short window to raise concerns using planning application number 18/01404. Also DPI has met with Matt Ford at TBC and they have commented. PP to circulate this information. JM to arrange for forum to raise objections.</p> <p>DPI proposed that the forum demand more information and consultation from TBC about local issues. Seconded by RJ and carried unanimously.</p> <p>DPa noted there was a proposal for energy creation from waste on the site. The supply of waste will likely come via the roads and Manorway.</p> <p>Should our MPs be aware of this? Situation could end up with an application for judicial review.</p> <p>The general public are fed information about employment as a positive but the area would need another 2000 houses to accommodate additional workers.</p> <p>Has the council approached DP World for more funds for the railway station? A series of conditions needs to be met including consents. New planning consent is needed due to redesign. The deadline for funds has passed but TH will ask DP World if they will voluntarily come up with funds. Issue goes to cabinet on Wednesday.</p> <p>Shouldn't TEP also contribute to the railway station? TBC have not asked and it's uncertain if they will.</p>	<p>PP JM</p> <p>JM</p>
6	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>AR produced spreadsheets for the DECF, forum and Christmas lights funds. £220 was transferred from the forum fund to the DECF fund, as the 10% match funding required for the initial stages of the planter repairs. Money has been allocated for the bench and enquiries are being made about a new planter outside the library.</p> <p>There is £600 left to pay towards the Christmas lights. Thanks to DP World and London Gateway for their very generous donations. Contact at DP World has moved on but forum hopes to continue positive relationship. £375 was collected from the traders by SR and GB.</p> <p>£70 has been paid for the town centre music licence.</p>	
7	<p>Sub committee reports:</p> <p>Planning JM has been sending out lists of local applications to those interested in being on the committee.</p>	

	<p>Cllr SR noted that the former police station is being turned into flats. The forum hasn't been approached by developers about this. PO proposed that Cllr SR calls this in. Seconded by TS and carried by the floor.</p> <p>Planters and flowers Lynn Gittins needs information about the new planter purchase as soon as possible. JM, BS and PP will look at this. BS has done some planting and found Bluebells very helpful. BS will purchase two hi-vis jackets.</p> <p>Christmas lights All lights are now stripped out and the deposit has been requested back from TBC. It's been agreed by TBC that they will now remove the obsolete light cabling at their expense. At the next TAF meeting in February members will discuss ideas about going forward as a collective. Agreed the lights looked great and everyone involved was thanked.</p> <p>Fundraising A quiz night is planned for 14th March. Other plans include a Christmas market, classic car day and Halloween party. The Homesteads hall is being donated without cost. JSW has organized a community Easter event at Corringham park on Thursday 16th April.</p>	
8	<p>VE anniversary ideas (8th May) The army cadets are not available that weekend but TS could ask air training corp. There is a show at 7.30pm at Corringham Hall on 8th May and a Crux community event on 9th May. Forum supportive of these events.</p>	
9	<p>Ward Councillors' Reports Cllr Shane Ralph Cllr SR is working with TBC regarding the walkways in the town centre. The owners have been identified and an enforcement notice will be issued, with six weeks to respond. There continues to be a problem with fat in the car park behind Ramos. The drain is now solid. Private land owner is disputing responsibility and environment dept will be issuing more fines. Gordon Road/Sorrells junction. Trying to get improvements through quicker. The travel plan for Abbots Hall has been submitted.</p> <p>Cllr Gary Byrne Cllr GB collected donations from traders towards the Christmas trees. The usual loyal traders were happy to donate. Cllr GB has spoken to CI Claire Talbot who will arrange for CPI Paul Ballard to attend a future meeting (hopefully in February).</p>	

	<p>Road issues – looking at something like chicanes at Branksome Avenue. Looking at a crossing at Dunstable Road and some pollution testing.</p> <p>Windy Reach cottage – an application for 8 houses has been rejected.</p> <p>Cllr GB recommends that everyone should read Cllr SR’s recycling report ‘talking rubbing’.</p>	
10	<p>Forum matters</p> <p>Stanford held a forum meeting where an initial committee was installed. Their meetings will be held on a different night to the CFHCF. There is a lot of work to do and the support of residents and local businesses will be needed.</p> <p>The CFHCF meeting for April is due to be held on 13th April which is a bank holiday Monday. Suggested we cancel this meeting and move the AGM to May.</p>	
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>Work has been started repairing the roads on the Frost estate. This will take until March. Hoping to bring in a speed limit of 20mph.</p> <p>Stage two of local plan has been issued and is on Thurrock’s website. There are 30 questions and it indicates areas for development.</p> <p>In December Roger Hirst cancelled his visit to Thurrock. He is though attending full council on 29th January. Counsellors will ask him when he is coming back to Thurrock.</p> <p>The mural in Hardie Park subway has been damaged. The artist has volunteered to repair it and DP World will be paying for paint.</p> <p>Vince Taylor from TBC attended a site visit with TS to see where a bench could be situated. He has made some recommendations and will send details of a possible bench to TS.</p> <p>The Frost estate group have been nominated for civic award and members can vote for them online.</p> <p>Cllr SR is objecting to a new restaurant in Grover Walk. This has highlighted the need for Thurrock to work more closely with forums.</p>	

**Next meeting is on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.30pm
Corringham Hall**