

Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall

Present:

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives			Sub.C
Jenny Meads	JM	Chairperson	PI	Dave Plant	DP		T/P
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Bill Dawson	BD		
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer		Gary Byrne	GB	Councillor	PI
Malcolm Knight	MK			Rita Dawson	RD		
Hazel Parr	HP		PL/CL	Fiona McLoughlin	FM		
Tony Sharp	TS			Alan Phillips	AP		
Brenda Scott	BS		F	Peter O'Rourke	PO		PI
				John Fox	JF		P/T/PI
				Gbenga Olajugbage	GO		
				Andy Allan	AA		
				Tony Stone	TS		
				Michael Farman	MF		
				Dot Stone	DS		

Sub-committees:

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

		Action
1	Apologies for absence Christine King, Alex Anderson, Shane Ralph, Fay & David Plumb, Kim Towlson, Jean Lindsay, Roy Jones,	
2	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	Matters arising Plans from architects regarding Springhouse have been chased.	PP
4	Policing and Safety (PC Victoria Harris & PC Jackie Middleton) Crime is up in Stanford and Corringham. It seems there are two groups of burglars who operate between 12.30 – 3am, chancing on insecure properties, trying door handles and taking small items like cash. Comments and questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two men knocked on an elderly woman's door, forced in and burgled her. TBC put out an alert about distraction burglars. This was an isolated incident. Remind vulnerable people to be vigilant. 	

- *Are the occupants in the house when this happens?* Yes. With some of the car burglaries they don't have to enter the house. They use a transmitter receiver which boosts the signal to the car.
- *Is there anything that can be done nationally to put pressure on the car industry?* Would recommend not having stop/start cars, although the facility can be switched off. Crook locks are recommended as are the use of Faraday bags.
- *Are Faraday bags impervious?* Yes, you can't get a signal through them. You can also use tin foil or a metal tin to store keys. JM to look for more information locally from neighbourhood watch.

JM

There are still reports of anti-social behaviour, children doing wheelies etc along the road and through the town. Jackie has spoken to many of them and body worn camera has picked up footage. Identified some and liaised with local schools. Home visits taken place and some have responded well and are adjusting their behaviour. Some investigations ongoing with CCTV. Next stage would be to consider a traffic ticket but police want to try the education route initially. All youngsters have been pulled in by the school.

Comments and questions

- *There is a big problem with nitrous oxide use in the car parks.* It isn't illegal, although supplying to minors is illegal. Littering can be dealt with. Needs to be reported on 101 or online. If there is noise pollution report to council but keep the police informed. Useful to track the times/days to see if there is a pattern.
- *There is a problem with children on mini motorbikes. For information they appear to come out of Gideons Way.* Will pass this onto OpC.
- *Are there any cameras around the town?* Yes. There is a meeting on 10th July at Gable Hall School to discuss ongoing issues. Also a meeting at St Cleres on 19th July to set up a neighbourhood watch.
- *Have you got powers to confiscate bikes?* Under Op Caesar we can issue a section 59 warning (motor bikes). Bikes can be seized after two events.
- *Can I take a child's bike if I fear for someone's safety?* No. Any action would have to be proportionate to the crime.
- *Have the police lost control of SS17?* No. Burglaries have only increased in the last month.
- *Youth are getting the message that the police are about. We should be encouraged by this.*
- *Graffiti. Do you know the tags?* There is a tag database.
- *On Sundays there is an increase in motor bikes on the Manorway.* Op Caesar runs on Sunday. Victoria will feed this back.

On the 26th June the police did a weapon sweep at Gable Hall School.

5	<p>Ideas for fundraising Forum members were asked for any ideas to raise funds for the local community. Ideas included:</p> <p>An event in the square with stalls and music. Classic & vintage car club with stalls. Local lottery. Tony will look into this. Bring and buy sale. Indoor boot sale. Gary offered the use of a hall if it's helpful. Tony, Hazel and Fiona will join forces and form a subcommittee.</p>	HP/FM/T
6	<p>Treasurer's Report Spent on planters £65.60. There will be an expense regarding the Tommy installation. The admin form has been submitted to Thurrock twice. The AGM statement has also been submitted. Tony attended the TAF meeting and it's expected that expenses will be around £600.</p>	
7	<p>Sub committee reports:</p> <p>Planning Could David Bowling join a sub committee/forum meeting? Last Monday there was a local development task force meeting at the council.</p> <p>Furnishings warehouse in St Johns Way. Outline planning application for a 5 story building submitted. Concerns about the shadow and parking, some of the parking plots look unusable. As it's a gated development the refuse collection lorries would need to stop on the main road. Objection date has now passed.</p> <p>Could someone from East Tilbury join a forum/committee meeting? The sub-committee should look at the planning lists and JM will email to set up some dates. Also need to look out for the old garage on Lampits Hill.</p> <p>Highways England are starting ground works for Lower Thames Crossing. Bore holes and investigations. Next meeting of task force at the council is next Monday at 6pm.</p> <p>Railway station. Had to take it down to get the money to build it up again. Putting in ticket office in the shop as a temporary measure.</p> <p>Planters and flowers Replanted the vandalised planters. All are looking lovely and beginning to flower. Maybe put something on Facebook regarding help with watering. JF will ask new library staff if we can use their water. Think about position of planters in the future as the shopkeepers need to support. Woodbrooke Way shops are very supportive.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>JF</p>

	Council are working hard with planting trees up Fobbing Road. MK has been working with the tree officer.	
8	<p>Public forum</p> <p>It was noted from the newspaper that Stanford is one of the most polluted towns and cities.</p> <p>Re the police using the fire station. There are plans to open more fire stations to the police as it's reported as being successful. What we have now is better than what we had. Results are better. More community policing. There is a meeting on Wednesday, which DP and JF will be attending. They will ask how successful it is locally? Does the report tally up with what we've got? Do we want additional hours for specific projects to support Victoria? Are there plans to be more proactive?</p> <p>Residents in The Tyrrels are concerned at fat being cleaned out from Ramos and running through car park into their drains. Has been reported to environment. Cllr GB will take the photos and fat sample to investigate. Also needs reporting to Anglia Water. There are signs in car park indicating ownership of land.</p> <p>Has anyone noticed an increase in flights over the area? Are we on an additional flight path? Cllr GB will look into it.</p> <p>Tommy has been installed but needs some additional work to stabilize it. Forum should do a letter of appreciation to Morrisons who have supported and stored Tommy. PO, AR and TS put in the base and installed it. A company will be quoting to reinforce it and make it sturdier (around £150?). Thank you to TS for all your work and support.</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>GB</p> <p>PP</p>
9	<p>Ward Councillor Reports</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>JM attended a meeting with Thurrock Communications Team who want to set up a community electronic newsletter online. There will be a different newsletter for each area. Monthly or bi-monthly.</p> <p>There is a meeting coming up with highways. They will allocate an officer for each forum.</p> <p>An email has been received from Michelle Savage from Education & Community Development. There will be a display of artworks from commemorative events at the Thameside from 9th July – 18th July.</p> <p>KT has asked us to remind members that he is organising more training for CSW. If anybody wants to be trained let JM know.</p> <p>Does anyone know if there is a Stanford forum? Yes Terry Piccollo is the chair. Do they meet? Apparently so. Very small.</p> <p>There will be no forum meeting in August.</p>	

**Next meeting is on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm
Corringham Hall**