



## Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm in Corringham Library

**Present:**

Jenny Meads	JM	Acting Chairperson	}	
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary		
Tony Sharp	TS			
Dave Plant	DP		}	
John Fox	JF			
Derrick Parker	DP			
Peter O'Rourke	PO	Frost Est Association		
Brenda Scott	BS			
Allan Phillips	AP			
Malcolm Knight	MK	Fobbing Friends		

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1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Danni Tate Pam Tate Bill Dawson Roy Jones Alex Ridley Rita Dawson	
2	<b>Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting)</b>  Minutes of the last meeting were approved.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b>  There were no matters arising from the last meeting.	
4	<b>Treasurer's report</b>  BD (not present) had reported in advanced that there were no transactions to report.	
4a	<b>The future</b>  This extra agenda item was added.	

	<p>JM read an email from DT who is standing down as Chair due to work commitments and medical issues. DT intends to continue as a committee member.</p> <p>JM is prepared to chair meetings in the short term. None of the committee members present had capacity to take the role permanently, though it is not known about BD, PT or RJ.</p> <p>A discussion took place, about trying to increase the membership of the forum, and subsequently the committee. It was suggested that we email usual and past attendees, though a member must attend a number of times before taking on a committee position.</p> <p>It was suggested that members present should aim to bring along one extra person next month. It was mentioned that we should get in interesting speakers, and that we advertise them in advance. Suggestions of speakers should be brought forward.</p> <p>It was suggested that the forum works more closely with the press, eg the Thurrock Independent, Thurrock Gazette etc. Stories can include things like the new planters. Members were encouraged to write a letter to the Gazette. A twitter account can be set up, and articles tweeted. If anybody would like to join the committee they should let JM or PP know.</p> <p>All present agreed that the forum should become more proactive within the local area. DP is happy to continue with attending meetings on the forum's behalf etc. and JF may consider becoming more involved. It was asked how does the Chadwell group operates as they are successful.</p> <p>It was suggested that we update our mailing list to include local counsellors.</p>	<p>PP</p> <p>All PP</p> <p>PP</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>Public Forum</b></p> <p>DP reported that he had attended the TRUG meeting (Thurrock Road User Group). They are putting in two additional information signs which will be illuminated. They are starting more environmental studies regarding the Lower Thames Crossing proposal. Then there will be another public consultation in 2018 followed by traffic modelling. Then in 2019 the planning development application will be going in.</p> <p>There are significant roadworks planned in Grays on London Road, as they are replacing pipes.</p>	

<p>DP had asked at the TRUG meeting about signage on the Manorway. These had dropped off the minutes and they will look at it again. It was also noted at the meeting about the number of lorry vehicles parking on the Manorway by the football club.</p> <p>DP is meeting with Anne Osler on 13<sup>th</sup> June. JF has spoken with RJ re the manorway parking, The Sorrells 7.5 ton signage and the Giffords Cross junction. All of these will be brought up at the meeting.</p> <p>The system of reporting parked lorries to DP World has worked well. PP is to send out the email address with the minutes again, truckparking@londongateway.com. Derrick suggests a meeting with CEO of DP World, police, council and ourselves.</p> <p>It is hoped that Matt Ford (Thurrock Council) will attend the next meeting. PP to email him to confirm.</p> <p>There is a public meeting with the Police Commissioner on 26<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30 – 8pm at Corringham Hall. Posters have been distributed. Unfortunately this clashes with a public meeting about hospital closures.</p> <p>Christmas lights. TS reported that he had met Vernon Peake, a sales rep for Festive Lighting. He is waiting for the estimate. A sub committee meeting will take place this week to look at the application form for the DCF grant. A Just giving page has been set up, with donations so far of £105. JF and DP had spoken to half of the traders so far and over £1000 has been pledged, in principle. The major stores will not commit and they will need a letter sent to head office. It was suggested that we wrote to contractors who work in the area such as Lidl, Maritime, UPS, Mobile Oil, DP World. It was noted that fundraising for this year would not be enough, and the project would need to be sustainable. It was asked if we could use the interest on 1.2 million highways money to pay for the Christmas lights. DP will ask. The Development Community Fund opportunity is only available for 2 more years.</p> <p>One of the shops in the town and Hassengate pharmacy have been robbed and their charity tins were stolen. JF is helping to organise a charity quiz night to replace the money on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are on sale in Jokers, Cranberrys, Curves and Hassengate pharmacy. The quiz night will be held at Corringham hall. £5 per head and all money goes to the charity. Teams of 8, bring your own food, drinks must be purchased from the bar.</p>	<p>PP</p> <p>PP</p> <p>PP</p> <p>DP</p>
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	<p>The summer planters have been planted. Thank you to Brenda for organising this. Around £200 has been spent so far. It was agreed to pay up to £200 from the forum for hanging baskets. TS and JF will organize this and give the bill to BD.</p>	<p>TS JF</p>
6	<p><b>Ward Councillors' Report</b></p> <p>RJ had sent his report in advance of the meeting. He urged people to attend the Police and Crime Commissioner meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June. 6.30 – 8pm at Corringham Hall.</p> <p>RJ had been following up reports of the poor condition of the walkways in Corringham Town Centre. He has been emailing Julie Nelder and will continue to pursue this.</p> <p>RJ had an email from Matt Ford about the Giffords Cross junction. He claims that the 3 year data has identified 3 accident. RJ is following this up.</p>	
7	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Fobbing friends has raised enough money to put a defibrillator at Gardner Hall. The £1200 was raised by the community.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>	

**Next meeting is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm – Corringham library**