



## Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm in Corringham Hall

**Present:**

Forum Committee			Sub.C	Residents/Representatives			Sub.C
Alex Ridley	AR	Acting Chair/Treasurer		Dave Plant	DP		T/P
Penny Partridge	PP	Secretary	CL	Jean Lindsay	JL		CL
Malcolm Knight	MK	F.Friends		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
				Michael Farman	MF		
				Sue Griggs	SG		
Guests/visiting speakers				Alan Phillips	AP		
Cllr James Halden	JH	Councillor		James Bayford	JB	Hope com.	
				Roy Jones	RJ		
				Jeanette Hogan	JH		
				Chris Hogan	CH		
				Vicki Worrall	VW		
				Paul Luke	PL	Bee Kind	
				Hayley Nunn	HN	WACR	
				Paul Arnold	PA		
				Gary Collins	GC	Councillor	
				Donna Dickens	DD		
				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	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Jenny Meads, Christine King, Roy & Trudie Eaton, Faye & David Plumb, Kim Tolson, Julie Sorrell Wilde,	
2	<b>Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting)</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	<b>Matters arising</b> PC Tory Harris will attend with a colleague in the future. The junction at Giffords Cross Road has been looked at and the signaling/lining is deemed to be in good condition and not a factor in any collisions. At a traffic flow	

	<p>survey, drivers were not speeding. A change to the layout will not be considered. DP and JF are meeting with Matt Ford and will raise it. Could do an article in the press? Is there an argument for S106 money? Cllr SR will continue pursuing the council.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><b>CLLR JAMES HALDEN – Portfolio holder for health and education</b></p> <p>There are now 23 good rated surgeries in Thurrock but acknowledged there is further to go. With agreement of the NHS, Orsett won't close until the hubs are open. A challenge delayed the process by up to a year. The procurement process will be in place in 2020. Minor injuries will be moving to an Urgent Care Centre. There will be 4 centres in total and all will have branches for mental health services.</p> <p>There will be a new residential care home in Ockendon. Collins House to remain in the community, but there is scope to improve and modernize, being used for longer term care patients from Basildon hospital.</p> <p>New mental health services have been launched in schools, with new practitioners.</p> <p>Cancer pathways in borough not where they should be. Great deal of progress over last year but large numbers are putting the system under pressure. Looking at pilot scheme in Luton to see what can be learnt.</p> <p><b>Questions</b></p> <p><b>What services will be in Corringham?</b> Corringham is ahead of the other centres and has planning permission. There will be a full suite of services across Thurrock. The x-ray service will be in Grays, in the urgent care centre.</p> <p><b>Will there be an x-ray facility in every hub?</b> It is not possible to create this facility. What we can do is restricted by the size of plot. Existing bus routes will service all 4 hubs.</p> <p><b>Are the counselling services being run by the GPs?</b> All four will have the IAP service.</p> <p><b>What is the delay in starting the other hubs?</b> There was a referral to the Secretary of State adjudication service.</p> <p><b>When will you show the plans?</b> Plans were published with a draft matrix of services. Complex changes were needed. Several stakeholders and groups are contributing to the decisions. New bus routes are being commissioned.</p> <p><b>Will you open all four centres at the same time?</b> Not necessarily. We need clarity on what is going in each centre. Corringham is the easier site and quite straight forward.</p> <p><b>Are hubs having new GP surgeries?</b> Some will have existing contracts some are being reshaped. There is concern over lack of GPs, and surgeries are all at full capacity. Members were invited to write to Cllr Halden privately with individual problems (PP to send out email address). It is hoped that a modern quality service will attract better and fresh professionals.</p> <p><b>Will there be parking at the hubs?</b> There will be enhanced parking in Grays. Parking is part of planning process.</p>	<p>PP</p>

	<p><b>Are you looking for schools to improve their own mental health services?</b>  Several practitioners are being funded to work with school pastoral workers. They will increase internal capacity. Forum members were asked to report individual concerns separately. PRUs should not be taking children with low level needs.</p> <p><b>Will you confirm that Orsett hospital won't shut until the appropriate services at the hubs are open.</b> Cllr JH will withdraw council support if this happens. This model of care is more expensive because it's a better model.</p> <p><b>Is the reorganisation due to the Naylor review?</b>  No</p> <p>A new sexual abuse report has been published. Recognised that the report is the starting point. Victims are usually victims of financial and employment abuse too. Various agencies are being pulled together. Plan to bolt on without overburdening existing management.</p> <p><b>Education</b>  There is a programme of school expansion. £1,000,000 is being put into Corringham Primary. Abbots Hall expansion approved. St Cleres' roll is in excess of 1000, Hassenbrook 600. Hassenbrook has improved in maths and English for three consecutive years. TBC is continuing to support Hassenbrook. Gable Hall is facing some challenges. People can email Cllr Halden if they have any personal experiences to share.</p>	
5	<p><b>Treasurers report</b>  £600 admin expenses have been received from TBC. £20 spent on wreath for remembrance Sunday.</p>	
6	<p><b>Sub committee reports:</b></p> <p><b>Planning</b>  Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Planters and flowers</b>  It was hoped to replace the planters with unused ones from Grays or Stifford, but this has not been agreed by the other forums.  Two of the current planters can support Christmas trees (library and Fobbing). Other three need an inspection and work. Quotes for this come to £525. 5 x trees will cost £1197.50. Scott (barrow boys) can quote for the trees, but wouldn't be able to plant/dispose etc.</p> <p>Proposed to purchase 5 trees in 5 planters, with repairs. Agreed by majority vote.</p> <p>Christmas tree lights x 4 get pat tested. What about Fobbing? MK has spoken to Fobbing Friends secretary and they have said they are being tested. Certificate to be forwarded.</p>	

	<p><b>Fundraising</b> FM gave out a list of suggestions, including quiz night in February, Easter bunny, story characters in June, vintage cars in July, Halloween, Christmas party and market.</p> <p><b>Christmas lights</b> Lights will automatically come on with the street lighting, but HP will consider a lighting up event. School children are decorating the trees. (JF organizing). Letters have nearly all been distributed to residents. Cllrs SR and GB are asking shopkeepers for contributions to trees.</p>	
7	<p><b>Public forum</b> Should the forum organize an event for 8<sup>th</sup> May VE day next year? To go on agenda for January.</p>	PP
8	<p><b>Ward Councillor Reports</b> Concerns raised over stabbings and muggings at Hardie Park and the town centre. Cllr SR raising questions with the police.</p>	
9	<p><b>AOB</b> An email of thanks and festive greetings was read out from JM. An email from JSW was read out about a proposal to set up a friends of Corringham park group. The forum agreed to be supportive of the aims in principle. MK is trying to get support for some fencing around the Fobbing play area. Fobbing Friends have purchased 10 trees to be planted up the hill. It was suggested that a proposal is made to the police that the town centre is made a no-go area for groups. There is still concern about the drains at the back of Ramos. This is private land and the council has no responsibility. Council will negotiate between resident and private company. Cllr SR will feedback to concerned resident. Where are we with the bid for the bench and planters? TBC wanted to explore other avenues for planters, but nothing come of it. Suggest we request grant paperwork to pursue purchases asap. Proposed we purchase bench irrespective of grant money coming in – not carried. Proposed we purchase a bench as soon as grant money is received – carried. There is no update on PCC Roger Hirst coming to the area on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</p>	

**Next meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm  
Corringham Hall**