



Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 14th October 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	Jean Lindsay	JL		CL
Alex Ridley	AR	Treasurer		Gary Byrne	GB	Councillor	PI
Hazel Parr	HP		PL/CL	Derek Parker	DP		
Tony Sharp	TS			Fiona McLoughlin	FM		
Brenda Scott	BS		F	Shane Ralph	SR	Councillor	
Malcolm Knight	MK	F.Friends		Peter O'Rourke	PO		PI
				John Fox	JF		P/T/PI
Guests/visiting speakers				Gbenga Olajugbage	GO		
Trevor Hutchinson	TH	DP World		Fay Plumb	FP		
Tory Harris	TH	Police		David Plumb	DP		
				Michael Farman	MF		
				Bill Dawson	BD		
				Rita Dawson	RD		
				Sue Griggs	SG		
				Alan Phillips	AP		
				Kim Towlson	KT	TAF	
				Julie Sorrell-Wilde	JS		
				James Bayford	JB	Hope com.	

Sub-committees:

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

		Action
1	Apologies for absence N/A	
2	Minutes (to approve the minutes of previous meeting) The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	
3	Matters arising JM read out an email from Matt Ford at TBC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The traffic signals at Buckingham Hill. They are working with the developer to commission the signals in advance of the BT chamber alterations. • £28k from S106 monies were spent on the contra flow works on A1014. • The enterprise park is still under determination. Concern raised on impact of development on road network. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road markings at the Catcracker roundabout will be inspected and reviewed. <p>JM read out an email from Dan Ambrose (Kier Construction).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation around speed activated sign has been cleared. • Overnight noise of vehicles. Digital signage for inbound vehicles now at port saying to avoid A1013. However, this causes difficulties when there are closures. 	
3a	<p>Police – PC Victoria Harris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria is now responsible for the new project of the Corringham fire station. The team will visit daily, covering anti-social behaviour. Monday – Friday. 4.30 – 6pm, (not Tuesdays after 6pm). • Town team allocated to Stanford but changed to also include Corringham. • Op Caesar, dealing with nuisance vehicles twice a week has ongoing funding. • Operation Scepter, dealing with knife crime is ongoing. Targeting known offenders. Test purchasing operations. Increasing awareness. Posters, advising shopkeepers etc. • Op Meteor. Offering UV pens to people to mark property and advising 2nd hand retailers. • Op Canister. Working with TBC patrolling key areas for nitrous oxide canisters. Quite successful with other offences too. • Arrests for drink driving. <p>Questions and comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local shops are thought to be selling cigarettes to children. Cllr SR has highlighted, but there are no witnesses or specific information. • Can we report hot spots for canisters? Yes, use the crime stoppers website and the information will go straight to Victoria. Private and public land? Yes. • Marker pens are also distributed via neighbourhood watch. • Connolly’s Estate Agent – a man reportedly threw computers around the shop. They are waiting for contact from the police. Vicky has searched for information on the system and will look again when back off leave. • Why are there photos of the police on facebook? To reassure the public that the police are out and about. 	
4	<p>Trevor Hutchinson – DP World</p> <p>A planning application is in progress for another small building.</p> <p>The site visit is next week (21st) for forum members. Meet at number 1 building at 2.30pm.</p> <p>TH is going in for surgery and will not be around for two months. Forum members wished him well.</p>	

	Cllr SR asked about the sound monitoring stations and if the information is publicly available. TH will make enquiries.	TH
5	<p>Treasurers report.</p> <p>Statements were available. £16.50 paid out for expenses for TS. £250 cheque drawn for deposit for Christmas lights application (refundable). Questioned if a debit card would be appropriate for the account but idea not pursued. Admin money not received from Thurrock, due to non-receipt of accounts which had been emailed twice. JM will chase this. A wreath for remembrance Sunday has been ordered via British Legion. TS will lay this on behalf of the forum.</p>	JM
6	<p>Sub committee reports:</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>A Thurrock wide planning group has been raised with TAF and several people were interested. Cllr SR reminded the forum that 32,000 houses are needed in the area and every green field site is being looked at. Certain sites have been highlighted and some developers have approached the council. Possibility of new town, eg West Horndon area.</p> <p>Can forum members contribute to the local focus group? JF is interested. The task force meeting is on in November.</p> <p>Planters and flowers</p> <p>A meeting with TBC was held about the bid for new planters and things are moving forward. TS and JF are going to tour Thurrock to look at unused planters across the borough to see if they can be relocated (Thurrock will do this). Full bid hasn't been awarded. All planters for Christmas trees will need tree supports and relocated ones will need to be renamed.. Planter in Fobbing is in good condition. Lynn Gittins is trying to sort this out for Christmas.</p> <p>Hoped to place Christmas trees at least in Fobbing, the library and Lampits Hill, but will depend on planters. Need to order by early November with Essex Communications. Can get a quote from Scott but we need them planted and taken away in January as part of the quote. If we can't get real trees, maybe an artificial one in the library?</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>Plans for this year have ground to a halt due to venue issues. Will look at calendar for next year.</p> <p>Christmas lights</p> <p>Application is in with Thurrock Council. Cllrs SR and GB will collect donations from traders and JL will deliver letters to residents. PP to do letters.</p>	SR, GB, JL, PP
7	<p>Public forum</p> <p>There is an attempt to restart and energise the Stanford forum and a meeting is planned for 11th November to try to gauge interest. Will need a new committee. Terry Piccolo (current chair) has proposed that he chairs the music festival and</p>	

	<p>war memorial committees. Any funds held by Stanford forum will be passed onto new committee. CFHC needs to consider what would happen if a new committee isn't forthcoming. Would they join Corringham forum?</p> <p>Questions and comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should there be separate committees for the music festival and war memorial? Shouldn't they come under the forum? This will be discussed by the new committee. • It would be a catastrophe for the community if the music festival is moved from the current planners. • The war memorial committee is separate anyway. • Is there a period in which the new forum will need to be seen to be successful? No. The current committee have agreed to stay for three months. • Any amalgamation with CFHCF would add extra work to the current committee for limited benefit. This would need to be discussed. Eg how would the agenda be split? <p>JM spoke about a meeting organized by Rob Groves of 'Friends of Thurrock Parks'. If any parks have a friend's group, speak to JM.</p>	
8	<p>Ward Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr GB: Roger Hirst will send a full detailed statement in due course.</p> <p>Cllr SR: Has reported an issue to PC Vicky Harris about a trading/safeguarding issue. Advised by forum members to report to the police via normal channels, anonymously if preferred.</p> <p>Train station. Council have admitted they missed the deadline to access the section 106 money. Trying to rectify this now and should be some activity soon. No plans for a temporary shelter now.</p> <p>Balcony above the town centre. This is nothing to do with the council. Two landlords have agreed to contribute to improvements.</p> <p>Coming up the Sorrels. The council intend to take the corners off to allow two buses to pass at the same time. Cllr SR is objecting but will talk with the residents.</p> <p>Giffords Cross junction. There has been an accident again. Proposal has been put forward for a dedicated left turn lane.</p> <p>Local health changes. There will be a new hub, offering mental health services, diabetes clinics, GP surgery etc. The Corringham hub will be the smallest hub in Thurrock. Cllr SR will send some papers for distribution – forum members can give him their feedback. The Orsett forum is looking into the Orsett hospital ownership. Suggest the forum continues to try to get someone from the NHS to a forum meeting. Or the portfolio holder?</p>	PP

9	<p>AOB</p> <p>Forum has received a letter delivered from a resident about the blocked drains outside Ramos. Environmental Health and Southern Water have visited. Cllr SR is still following up.</p> <p>PO explained that the Frost estate have been granted £56000 to continue doing the roads. Also they have applied to instate a 20mph speed limit and this has been agreed.</p> <p>Roger Hirst is coming to Thurrock on 2nd December – the venue is to be announced.</p> <p>Any event in Corringham town centre involving music needs a music licence. Would the forum be prepared to take the licence on? Would cost £70 per annum. PO will meet with Ron to discuss.</p> <p>JM won't be at next meeting. AR will take the chair.</p>	PO
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**Next meeting is on Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30pm
Corringham Hall**