

**Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum  
Held on 11th January 2016 at 7.30pm in Corringham Library**

<b>Present:</b>	Danni Tate	DT	Chair	}	Committee
	Judith Acreman	JA	Secretary		
	Penny Partridge	PP	Dpt. secretary		
	Bill Dawson	BD	Treasurer		
	Jenny Meads	JM			
	Alan Phillips	AP			
	Cllr Roy Jones	RJ	TBC		
	Cllr Andrew Roast	AR	TBC		
	Malcolm Knight	MK	}	Residents	
	Brenda Scott	BS			
	John Fox	JF			
	Dave Plant	DP			
	Rita Dawson	RD			
	Trudie Eaton	TE			
	Roy Eaton	RE			
	Frances Benson	FB			
	Tony Benson	TB			
	Tony Sharp	TS			
	Lynn Fox	LF			
	Peter O'Rourk	PO			
	Alex Ridley	AR			
	Tony Davies	TD			
	C. Sharpe	CS			
	Hazel Parr	HP			

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Deborah Stewart. Pam Tate

## **2. Minutes**

Agreed

## **3. Matters Arising**

JF pointed out that the Christmas tree and lights funding should have been minuted.

The letter to the Gazette should have mentioned the date of the next forum meeting.

## **4. Treasures report**

Expenditure:

1. £185.95 Flower planters
2. £979.95 Christmas trees.

It was asked if there had been any receipt from the taxi company regards the Fobbing minibus. The answer is "No" and it was decided that we will, unless we hear different, that it was a good will gesture.

## **5 Public Forum**

Any information regards the medical centre off The Sorrels?.... DT said that there was no response yet.

Are we getting anywhere with the money from TBC regards the Manorway?

No. Trevor Hutchinson is not impressed so far. Trucks are still parking on the on and off ramp into Stanford. DP suggested that we should tell TBC every time there is a problem.

"Why don't they cone off part of the slip road?"

"Are we waiting for a fatality?"

RJ said that he would take back what we have noted there has been no change. In fact it has deteriorated.

AR suggested that we should contact THC every time.

DT said that she photographs drivers when she sees them and then challenges drivers.

JM suggested tweeting photos to the haulage companies concerned.

AR and RJ confirmed they will take back our concerns but urged reporting. Also use the online options as that seems to produce speedy results.

## **6. Ward councillors report.**

**RJ** commented that it was a great reflection on the community regards the Christmas trees and lights. Also pointed out that it was a good response from Thames Enterprise Park, Thames Oil Port, Rata (DP and JF), Bill and the schools involved.

RJ also thanked Julie Sorrell-Wilde for her input in the "Shoe Box " appeal. Fobbing bus has now been reinstated, although on a reduced service. So please use it or lose it. Debbie Steward work hard to obtain this.

The Power outage on Lampits was down to UK Power and has now been sorted.

Hardy Park Subway 3 schools came forward to volunteer for this project. The work will start in February.

Crime. There will be a meeting in Corringham Hall Wednesday at 6pm with the police. Crime is also reported down.

The fire service is expecting to reduce one appliance in Corringham due to cuts. There will be a consultation.

**AR** The local plan is out for review again. It has been extended to 22nd January (re green spaces)

The car park in Recreation Avenue is creating a problem with drivers doing "doughnuts" etc. If the drivers are seen elsewhere AR suggests letting him know.

Please go to the meeting on the 27th January @7-30. The police commissioner and chief constable will be present. All are welcome.

Be careful what you publish on Facebook. Especially your holidays and goods you have bought for your home. It sends out private information about your whereabouts and what you have in your home.

There have been 19/20 attempted burglaries.

DP urged that we attend the regular police meetings. Police are targeting South Ockendon but say that the culprits will probably return to this area in the near future. There is an immense scope for residents to maintain tighter security in their own homes. Report any suspicious people. Police will come out and give advice regards security in your home,

BD commented that a neighbour had a brick thrown through their patio window.

Essex police have an "app" on their website - ***Essex Community Messaging***

JM "Check windows are locked when away"

There is a discount available on your house insurance if you belong to Neighbourhood Watch.

23rd January meeting with Chief Constable at the Homesteads Village hall. Starts at 12.30.

RJ added there are different types of burglaries.....Bike, opportunistic, Vehicle stolen and properties been broken into to get car keys.

There have been 2 cars burnt out in Rainbow lane. It may be the result of "joy riding". "should there be a gate across the road?". It seems to be the local dumping ground.

## **7. AOB**

JF- asked if the flowers that were in Corringham town centre was going to be repeated?.....There was quite a lot of interest from shopkeepers and residents. People were delighted with the Christmas trees so could we keep the momentum going? The schools are very keen and there was an

expression of interest from the residents. There was a proposal suggested for net month which was agreed in principle but asked what was expected from the Forum?

DP -The forum supported the town centre last year and we need to bring it together..... Can we use the garage? ..... the forum has no jurisdiction over the garage.

JF- asked if the "flower group" could be a subcommittee of the forum? This was agreed. A name will be forthcoming

JM- asked if the Christmas trees were going to be removed. The answer was yes and things were going back to "normal".

MK- What's going to happen about Central Garage?..... It was all hear say the moment - AR -the owner wants to do something "different" with it.

The lay-by in Church road was coned off re a dreadful pile of rubbish including shopping trolleys , tins and bottles.

DP- There are 2 TBC meetings are DT and/or JA going? No..... said he could do the 20th but not the 12th.

Does anyone want the old Gestentnar machine that was originally the forum's?.....no one responded.

JF- the lights were brilliant. Could we get back to community events?.....The issue surrounded manpower and money. Local companies are much less involved. DP said he had an inventory of the lights. There had been no maintenance on them over several years. There was monies got from shop keepers in the past. Should we go back to basics with the event?.....What do the shop keepers want?.....HP will have conversations with the communities (what resources did they have? - can they donate time?).....Terry Piccalo is running a funding fayre.....DP and AF will go round to the traders. JA suggested going for an "Old Fashion" event without closing Grover walk? TB suggested that the forum is an umbrella with sub committees. AR- local rotary club raises funds for such events in the community.

DP asked if the forum website was still being updated?.....Committee members had not been updated

**Next meeting 7:30, 8th February 2016 at Corringham Library.**