

**Meeting of Corringham and Fobbing Forum**  
**Held on 9th March 2015 at 7.30pm in Corringham Library**

<b>Present:</b>	Danni Tate	DT	Chair	}	Committee
	Judith Acreman	JA	Secretary / Dpt. Chair		
	Pam Tate	PT			
	Bill Dawson	BD			
	Jenny Meads	JM			
	Alan Phillips	AP			
	Clr Roy Jones	RJ	TBC		
	Andrew Roast	AR	TBC		
	Penny Partridge	PP	Fobbing Friends	}	Residents
	John Fox	JF			
	Dave Plant	DP			
	Malcolm Knight	MN			
	Rita Dawson	RD			
Trudie Eason	TE				
Roy Eason	RE				
Tony Davis	TD				
Brenda Scott	BS				
Debbie Bell	DB				
Emma Callaghan	EC	Guest Speaker			

**1. Apologies**

Julie Sorrell-Wilde

**2. Minutes**

Read and agreed. JF was concerned that apparently that there is a still a lot of money left for hubs but we are not getting any information about it. JM advised that paper on libraries is going to cabinet this week and that it contains information about connecting them with hubs. Chadwell is running well. Hubs seem to be associated with future of the libraries and we will not know more until that is resolved. JM will keep forum apprised when she has more to report.

**3. Matters Arising**

None.

#### **4. Restorative justice - presentation by Emma Callaghan of Essex police and Crime commission.**

Her role is to implement this service across Essex from 31st March. It has numerous uses and is not just for crime, it can also be used in neighbourhood and workplace disputes, anti-social behaviour. It aims to get all parties together and let them decide appropriate course of action. Both sides have to be willing. It will also be offered at higher level post sentencing as it helps resolve victims' questions but it does not impact on sentencing. High national satisfaction rate on both offenders and victims and lowers re-offending by up to 27%. It is starting in Epping, Brentwood, Thurrock and Harlow. Commonest route of referral will be 'community remedy' through police. Victims given pick list of outcomes and they select. Offender then has to agree, or may agree but be deemed too risky. Hub based at PNN office but development group is multi agency inc Victim Support.

#### **5. Police report**

DT has chased figures but they have not been supplied. JF said February meeting in Corringham village hall lasted 2 hours and full of stats but we only need the summary they send out to Neighbourhood Watch. DT will continue to chase.

#### **6. Treasurers report -**

BD was asked to present on behalf of JSW - nothing to report with no monies in or out

#### **7. Public Questions**

TD advised that Thurrock Health Watch is based at Beehive in Grays and provided information leaflets.

**DB - Corringham in Bloom (CiB)** - meeting was held to get ideas on 23.02.15 and was pleased with the attendance which was more than expected. A litter pick has been arranged at Corringham Recreation. It has now been decided that Hazel & she will concentrate on old Corringham and Fobbing and JSW will focus on Corringham town centre. They are endeavouring to get youth offenders involved as volunteers and need money for tools etc. MK said Fobbing Friends have agreed to give some money for their area. AR said the local Rotary Club are willing to support both Corringham and Stamford in Bloom, and will focus on the Addizone .

DT reminded them that the Forum was willing to consider a funding if a proposal is put to them but this has not been received. CiB asked if they could be a subcommittee of the Forum but forum members agreed this is not a good way forward because of past disputes. JF agreed committee should stand alone. CiB clearly becoming frustrated by realising how much bureaucracy needs to be negotiated - they wanted to plant the local area not spend time setting up a bank acc and committee, but there seems no alternative.

There is a very broken down bench in the park as memorial to a local man, unsafe and eyesore - PP knows the family and will ask them what they want done with the bench. JA said presumably this was originally a private benefaction and so it is not appropriate that public monies are used to repair / replace it.

## **8. Ward Cllr Report**

### **Cllr Roy Jones**

- Plans for 150+ homes near Victoria Road alongside the flyover. Lots of opposition as marshland and poor access. Being surveyed.
- Libraries - saved from closure but JM reported that libraries still have to make the savings. Staff were hugely encouraged by public response. Stanford has only a one year reprieve. Likely to involve staff losses to be replaced by volunteers. Going to council on 11th.

### **Cllr Andrew Roast**

- Buses - council been re negotiated subsidies. 374 reinstated but not passing through Horndon and Fobbing. This is their only bus route. Forum agreed to support AR to ask for this service to be reinstated. Meeting at council 25.03.15 7pm to present petition. There is an online petition. Would be good if member of public asked a question.
- Developers plans for 700 homes near Gable Hall School. - rejected by planning as incomplete but will be resubmitted.

## **9. Any Other Business**

- DT has e mailed TBC asking for planning officer to come to talk re Enterprise Park and Matthew Essex has offered to come in May. We need to prepare some questions. Dave Plant suggested that we ask about predicted vehicle movements. JA said we should make sure Derek Parker is able to attend as he will have many useful questions - BD to invite Derek.
- The fire station booking - after we were locked out last month DT checked and they had lost our booking. We can meet there next month but after that they cannot guarantee. DT will ring them to see what is going on; if there is a future problem JM agreed that we can use the library every time. JA suggested that we could have the occasional 'special' meeting in Fobbing.
- Community days - 'Corringham & Fobbing forum presents' at Corringham library  
10am - 2pm

Sat 2nd May 10-2 Safety ...

Sat 6th June - Health..

Sat 4th July - Nature & local life.

**Next meeting 13th April at Fire station. Will also be AGM.**