

Meeting of Corringham and Fobbing Forum
Held on 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm in Corringham Library

Present:	Danni Tate	DT	Chair	}	Committee
	Judith Acreman	JA	Secretary / Dpt. Chair		
	Bill Dawson	BD			
	Jenny Meads	JM			
	Alan Phillips	AP			
	Cllr Roy Jones	RJ	TBC		
	Penny Partridge	PP	}	Residents	
	John Fox	JF			
	Dave Plant	DP			
	Rita Dawson	RD			
	Trudie Eason	TE			
	Roy Eason	RE			
	Tony Davis	TD			
	Debbie Bell	DB			
	Tony Benson	TB			
	Frances Benson	FB			
	John Evans	JE			
	Terry Piccolo	TP			

1. Apologies

Andrew roast, Julie Sorrell Wilde, Pam Tate

2. Minutes

Agreed

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Presentation From Groundwork, water Aid charity.

Re free water saving devices available to local residents, who remained behind to allow those who attended to sign up for a house visit.

5. Police report

Likelihood of huge reduction in local policing esp PCSO.
No crime figures

6. Treasurers report

Chair informed the forum that JSW has resigned for personal reasons. Bill has been standing in temporarily and it was agreed unanimously that he be asked to resume role of forum treasurer.

7. Ward councillors report.

Cllr Jones

- Just returned from meeting at DPworld who have engaged a local artist to work with schools to create a mural in the underpass, partly in the hope of reducing the temptation for graffiti.
- Letter from police about new categories of Anti social behaviour. No more ASBO which were pre criminal conviction as a warning. Now CrimBo imposed after sentence. 3 categories of - 1 personal, 2 nuisance, 3 environmental.
- Reply re request for speed camera along Manorway. Request being passed along.
- Vandalism of Adizone 6 weeks ago. Took up sleepers. Wrecked all flower beds. Been made tidy by council but won't be put back.
- Overgrown verges on the Manorway have now been cut back by council, who later found that DPWorld had not yet handed it over and so it is their responsibility, and they had agreed to plant low level shrubs. So planting being re-negotiated.
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Andrew Roast sent update through chair

- 374 bus - energetic representation to get council to reinstate the route. Fobbing resident spoke of meeting with councillors including walking from Corringham into Fobbing. No services at all are available in Fobbing, people cannot get to basic services and are now housebound.
- Travellers site on Southend road has been upheld by central govt on appeal and given 5 year agreement to stay with conditions (the terms of which are not known to us).
- Housing development plans for land by Gable Hall school. Petition now accepted and so to be debated in full council weds 23rd.

8. Public Forum

Planning application for 70 HGV planning application down at DPW. Chair suggested she ask Trevor Hutchinson from DPW to attend next month.

Councillor Jones - speculative companies buying up cheap farm land and then selling it on to developers. Local councils under such pressure to build new homes by central govt that they know they will eventually win some if they keep putting in applications. And they are not buying up brownfield sites eg have gone for farmland in E tilbury when there is a huge derelict Bata factory - but born field land has to be cleared to strict guidelines. Developers blackmail LA by threatening to go to appeal which costs LA huge amounts. And developers can appeal a no against them but LA cannot appeal a positive decision.

Tony Benson - re land suddenly advertised for sale the other side of Lampits Hill at Williamsons Farm. Developer hoping to add this to land the other side of the road.

9. AOB

- Amalgamation with Homesteads Forum. (Several members were in attendance). Danni has contacted council and they have no objections, will give us their annual allowance, as we serve a much bigger area. Suggested this occurs from Nov 1st. Allows for more debate and arrangements in Oct. name to be Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Community Forum. Put to the floor and agreed. Danni negotiating web page.
- Library hours reduced according to survey of usage. Corringham will be closing Sat afternoon from 1pm, but opening Weds afternoon. Stanford library only open 2 days per week. Mobile library has ended completely but may be run by volunteers, early exploration. Library having to make 40% savings!
- Dave Plant - old housing office seems to be let out and it is causing traffic problems because people are parking on the main road.

Next meeting 9th November 2015 at Corringham Library.