

Meeting of Corringham, Fobbing and Homesteads Forum Held on 12th September at 7.30pm in Corringham Library

Present:	Danni Tate	DT	Chair	}	Committee
	Judith Acreman	JA	Joint Sec		
	Bill Dawson	BD	Treasurer		
	Penny Partridge	PP	Joint Sec		
	Jenny Meads	JM			
	Roy Jones	RJ	Councillor TBC		
	Dave Plant	DP		}	Residents
	John Fox	JF			
	Rita Dawson	RD			
	Tony Davis	TD			
	Tony Sharp	TS			
	John Evans	JE			
	Alan Phillips	AP			
	Brenda Scott	BS			
	Kabul Sandu	KS			
	P O'Rourke	PO	Frost Estate Association		
	Nicky Stroulger	NS			

Apologies

Alex, Carol sharp, Lynn Foxx, Pam Tate

Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

None

Treasurer's Report

There have been no transactions. The back payment from TBC for the two forum expenses received

Public Forum

JF and DP attended new Thurrock road users meeting in response to lots of problems over summer with roads in Thurrock. They wanted an input to a meeting they were having with Highways Agency on 6th Sept, with Thames crossing, police etc. Everyone saying roundabouts were the local problem. When they divert motorway traffic locally it blocks roundabouts so no one can get across. Plea to solve roundabout problem. Another meeting will be set for Oct.

JF then saw 2 trucks parked on Manorway slip road. Rang council and got Matthew Ford. We are caught between police and council arguing whose responsibility it is for past 10 months, ridiculous. Councils plan is to put notice in papers this week to make no waiting weight limit on Manorway in

excess of 7.5 tonnes. With signage. Earliest it can be implemented due to consultation is November.

Also speed cameras on the central reservation on Manorway, currently consulting with Serco re suitable location. JF asked for 2, one each way. The suggestion is that one be paid for from 1.25m grant from DPW. Second one would probably cost less.

Voted - all present agreed additional camera could be bought from DPW infrastructure monies. TS asked when there are going to be proper provision for drivers going to the docks. Suggestion that we ask Trevor Hutchinson what is being done about this, and timescale.

Xmas trees - need someone to go to primary schools to ask them to organise children to decorate trees in Lampits hill and fobbing.

Anti social behaviour in Recreation rage - Some success - the council has put bollards up last week to block off affected area at night and stop access. So far there has been a big improvement, initial signs positive. There is still a problem in children's play area regards smoking dope etc. Positive is community spirit as neighbours have all got together to deal with this. Anti social behaviour team at the council. Eventually hoping that park won't have to be locked every night at dusk. TS said they have to do the same at Balstonia park, but they pay someone to lock up at night as it involves making people leave which can be very threatening.

Discussion re increase in anti social behaviour issues locally with small group of very badly behaved young teenagers over the summer. Prompt to report it, it is easier now online. NS said the on line form is very long but not all the fields are mandatory, can skip them. Ringing is very frustrating, takes absolutely ages, and you still can't get through.

JF pointed out that 2% council tax paid every year for emergency services. It is not acceptable that we are not getting effective policing for this.

Crime commissioner coming to Thurrock in November. We should make it clear we are unhappy with local response to anti social behaviour.

RJ is about to raise motion in council re uselessness of 101 line. Can hold on more than 45 mins, unacceptable.

It is also reported that one fire engine is to go from each station, including Corringham

Ward Councillors Report

Pony and trap racing event in July - the caravans at Springhouse park were the advance party to prepare the event. TBC told police, they also made dispersal order but police took decision not to implement it. There was over 200 vehicles, 1000 people. 2 police vehicles, clearly an inadequate response. The police argued they were caught unawares, there was no way they were going to tackle that lot. They made the decision to escort regular traffic through the travellers, so effectively policing for the travellers. They then demanded to meet with the police to demand 5 more races on Sunday which police granted without reference to council. Effectively major local road was closed for 2 days.

Good follow up is that police have now been using sect 61 dispersal orders promptly to move even small numbers of travellers on. Also everyone commended TBC for very prompt clear up of Springhouse park. Problem is that travellers have said they want to return next year! RJ insisting on asking questions in council about what will be done about this; forum voted unanimously to support him pursuing this matter. He has suggested cattle grids would prevent this. Ongoing discussion about how this could be prevented.

RJ saw CCTV of activities at Recreation Ave, there was disgusting behaviour. They were committing crimes as they were drinking and using drugs and then driving. Roy went to police station to see sergeant Argent. Car numbers and other information is now shared with police intelligence. NS thanked local councillors of all parties for their assistance. DP suggested these licence plates could be stopped in the police traffic 'stop and search' programme.

RJ presented a petition re Southend Rd and Golding crescent on behalf of local residents following many accidents at this junction. They want average speed cameras installed

AOB

Trustees of Frost Estate have been given grant of £126k to commence work on roads so work going to begin.

TS - presented list of road repairs throughout our ward.

Next meeting is at 7:30pm on 10th October 2016 at Corringham Library.