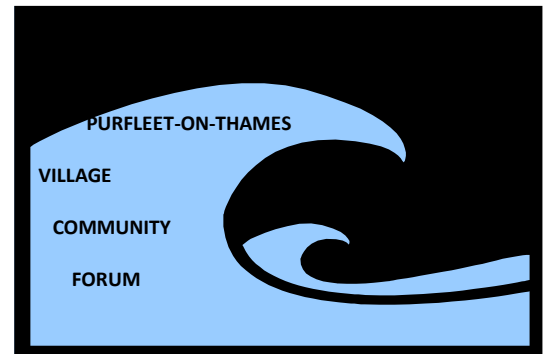


**MINUTES OF THE
PURFLEET-ON-THAMES
VILLAGE COMMUNITY FORUM
MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
25th April 2006 AT 7.30
ST STEPHEN CHURCH
PURFLEET-ON-THAMES**



1. Members Present :

John Rowles	Joint Chair	JR
Paul Polley	Joint Chair	PP
Moira Pollington	Committee	MP
Christine Rowles	Committee	CR
Jan Hilton	Committee	JH
Mike Hilton	Committee	MH
Georgette Polley	Councillor	GP
Gareth Davies	Councillor	GD
Guest speaker	Matthew Essex	Thurrock Thames gateway

2. Apologies for Absence:

Rev Andy Hudson	Treasurer	AH
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3. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28th March were handed out and were approved as a true record of that meeting. Minutes signed

4. Matters Arising:

It was agreed that any matters arising would be dealt with under 'Any Other Business'.

5. Introduction to meeting:

JR opened by thanking everyone for attending and went on to explain the format of the meeting.

By invitation, Mr Matthew Essex, the Delivery Manager for the Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation, came to the Forum for the second time with a view of gathering ideas and to answer any questions. Before the meeting commenced, Matthew handed out two documents. The first covered the Borough wide picture, which looked at the growth targets for Thurrock. This included the plans for the 18,500 new homes and 26,000 new jobs that are scheduled for the area by the year 2020. From these figures, the Purfleet area will have 2200 homes and 1000 jobs. The second document was an up-dated "Vision for Purfleet" booklet. Revised just before Christmas and it was on this document, that Matthew requested feedback.. The document is at present out for consultation, which ends on 22nd May. To-date some 500 comments have been received and Matthew was attending the Forum to give us an up-date and to answer any questions.

Matthew explained that the document covered ideas around the "Town centre", railway station, medical services and access to the river. Whilst Matthew was giving his presentation, we were joined by a large group of teenagers who took a very active part in the meeting. Various questions were put to Matthew including concerns with public transport and lack of leisure facilities. One of the teenagers that joined us requested a centre where they could go and just hang out, drink coffee, listen to music etc and mix with kids of their own age. They want a night where only kids of a certain age could attend. JR stated that they had a voice as much as anyone and that they could complete one of the consultation documents and put their suggestions to the TTGDC. JR went on to explain that the Forum was in a position to supply some funding to any activities they thought would be of benefit to a group such as themselves. The group of young people voiced concerns over graffiti and litter in the area. Councillor Polley explained how the council dealt with such issues and pointed out that it was also the responsibility of all concerned to assist with keeping the street clean etc. Matthew spent the next 30 minutes answering questions and explaining the process of the plan. Once all question had been answered, JR thanked Matthew for attend the meeting and discussing the documents with the Forum.

The next item on the agenda concerned the applications for funding and the results of those applications..

Funding Applications

Applications put forward to the Council on 31st March

St Stephen Church to fund the Youth Drop-in Centre to the sum of £1749.96 to pay for Board games, art equipment, Computer and a Digital Camera.

Pending all of the legal requirements being met e.g. Police checks to all support works, this application was agreed.

Purfleet Heritage Centre funding to up-grade the Centre e.g. Water, electricity, drinks machine to the sum of £1050.00

Agreed

Purfleet Heritage Centre to fund refurbishment to the sum of £2100.

Agreed

Purfleet Football Team to fund kit, £500 requested. Shirts to have "Purfleet Community Forum" printed on them.

Agreed

Forum to sponsor permanent Football posts in two locations in Purfleet. Cost in the region of £1500

Agreed

Total of applications £6899.96

All applications agreed by the Council

6. Any other business.

Community Liaison Officer Andy Lawrence gave his monthly crime report

Notification to all present that the Next meeting for the full Forum will be held on 27th June. The May meeting has been allocated for a Forum Committee Members Meeting.

Close of Meeting:

The meeting closed at 9.30

Signed.....Forum Secretary

Signed.....Forum Chair

Dated.....

The next meetings will be

Committee Members 30th May

Full Forum meeting 27th June.