

Purfleet on Thames Community Forum  
 Minutes of open/Special general meeting held Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010  
 Venue Fondu Sports Club

No	Item
1	<p><b>Welcome</b>            Jacqui Payne (ngage) welcomed everyone, and explained why she was independently chairing this special meeting.</p>
2	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>            Councillor Oliver Gerrish</p>
3.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b>            Minutes were approved as a true record. Actions to be carried forward are Funding Applications</p>
4	<p><b>Guests Speakers</b>            Lewis Eldridge (Strategic Planning, Thurrock Council)</p> <p>Lewis explained the changes to planning law and the implications to the Local Development Plans, he explained about the public consultation on the proposed focused changes to Thurrock's core strategy which started from 12<sup>th</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, the consultation can be found on Thurrock Council website <a href="http://www.thurrock.gov.uk/planning/strategic">www.thurrock.gov.uk/planning/strategic</a>            Lewis left paper copies of most frequently asked questions.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Speakers</b>            Nathan Drover (Principal Engineer Thurrock Council)            Marie Buckley (Acting Parking Services Manager )</p> <p><b>Highway Issues Discussed</b></p> <p>Cobelfret Ferry HGV's queuing from the private level crossing onto London Road Purfleet. The Council are in discussions with Cobelfret and Network Rail concerning potential solutions.</p> <p>The Council have installed signs in Purfleet to direct HGV drivers away from Cobelfret have also been requested to install signing for continental drivers to drive on the left.</p> <p>Bellways are funding a "Welcome to Purfleet, please drive carefully" sign and the Council are investigating locations, including Cobelfret land to the east of Jarrah Cottages.</p> <p>Purfleet Bypass HGV parking. The Council are considering parking restrictions to prevent HGV's parking on the verge. A bund would be more effective, as can be seen at the existing bund outside the Bellways site, if material can be cost effectively sourced.</p> <p>The HGV overnight parking enforcement was explained. It will probably be worthwhile better publicising this service as residents are not aware it is being undertaken. Armour Road overnight enforcement to be checked. <b>Action: Marie Buckley</b></p>

Bellways have paid a £90,000.00 contribution towards a signalised pedestrian crossing of the bypass toward the Royal Opera House. Due to the need to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph, a significantly larger amount of money would be required.

Resident queried the absence of a northern footway along the bypass and around the eastern side of the Stonehouse Roundabout. ND explained that the footway was intentionally excluded due to concerns about pedestrians crossing the left slip road and the bypass. If no other funding is forthcoming for the signalised pedestrian crossing, consideration will be given to funding a footway along the northern verge of the bypass as requested by resident. Residents to consider a petition.

On the Purfleet bypass Bellways are to install a ghosted right turn lane to their new entrance and to the Carpet Right access. Residents will be consulted on the possible closure of the south-western end of North Road to route traffic through the new estate to the upgraded access. If this is not agreed then a "Give-way to oncoming traffic" arrangement will be installed at the south western end of North Road.

Flooding problem outside Circus Tavern on Purfleet bypass. Council to investigate.

Resident requested that the access loop outside Purfleet Primary be investigated due to concerns about pedestrian safety between Primary School and nursery. The problems schedule for parking enforcement and problems with parents were explained. Could consideration be given to closure or traffic calming?

A resident clarified that the Stonehouse Corner roundabout landscaping was funded by Section 106 developer contributions.

Bluelands Quarry proposed 65 bed Hotel and 2.4 Hectare warehouse. Planning application with TTGDC which can be viewed on their website. The Council have asked for further information about the traffic impact at Junction 31 on the M25. Residents expressed some concern about the use of Armour Road. In particular Tesco using it as an "emergency" exit at times of congestion. Residents were advised to refer complaints about this to planning enforcement as this is a planning condition restricting access via this route.

Following the trail holes around Bluelands Quarry, the Armour Road barrier was damaged. This needs fixing.

Resident queried the Councils attitude towards the Oliver Road lorry park. ND explained the Council LDF strategy for providing Lorry Parks.

Residents would like the white lining reviewed in the Uplands estate and Watts Wood. In particular give-way/edge of carriageway markings to clarify junction priority.

What are the Council planning to do about the ongoing deterioration of Stonehouse lane cliffs in association with HGV vibration?

Residents were somewhat concerned about the prohibition of right turn at Purfleet Road junction and the incidence of vehicles u-turning around the end. It was explained that if/when Ponds Farm Phase 1 was developed, then Purfleet Road would be closed and diverted to a signalised junction and this arrangement was an interim one. Supporting information is needed to make it clear the interim system has reduced accidents.

## **Nomination and election of Chair and vice chair**

Jacqui asked if the meeting were happy to use an open nomination and voting process. And asked for a show of hands in agreement. Jacqui than asked for nominations for the Chair.

Larry Collins nominated John Rowels as Chair and it was seconded by Demus Lee. John agreed to the nomination. This went to the floor for agreement by a show of hands and was carried. John thanked everyone for their vote and support.

Jacqui than asked for nominations for Vice Chair

There were two names put forward Demus Lee and Stephane Cuvigny.

Demus said that he was happy for Stephane to be considered and thanked the meeting. Theresa Avery nominated Stephane and Demus Lee seconded it, Jacqui than asked for a show of hand from the floor, this was carried, There were 2 abstains

Two new committee members were voted on block, Jacqui asked for a show of hands from the floor, this was carried.

New committee members: Tim Ryan and Ama Bartimeus

The Forum has 9 committee members now, however Jacqui stated that the newly elected Secretary for the Forum had not attended the last two public meetings. The constitution states that if a committee member fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings then they would have resigned by default. It is hoped that Yinka will attend the next Forum meeting, otherwise an opening will become available for the secretary position.

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## **Open Meeting Resume**

### **Funding Applications**

The Forum currently has £3837.68 to spend from the 10/11 budget. The following items were put to the meeting for agreement

1. Christmas Street Lights + Electric, £1750
2. Sign for Beacon
3. Poppy Wreath, £20,
4. Printing of posters, £65
5. Sign for Beacon, £1030
6. Money owed to John Rowels from 2009, £200

The above items were agreed and carried by a show of hands.

A discussion then followed with regard to funds still available, £772.68. A suggestion was made to fund a Playday scheme in 2011. The meeting agreed to this and were asked where best to hold the Playday. Two suggestions were made, the new park (near the Royal Opera House) and the Uplands estate. It was agreed that further discussions would need to take place to decide.

	<p>A resident from the Uplands estate asked if it would be possible to have road marking and signs put up around the uplands, for example signs saying NO LEFT TURN , ONE WAY. He explained that residents have asked for years for this and nothing as every been done. He felt that with no sign around there, it was an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>Lynn Gittins (Thurrock Council) said she would take this back to Highways to see if they would agree to supply the signs. If Highways were unable to supply the signs, it was suggested that the Forum could fund them instead. The meeting agreed by majority vote.</p> <p><b>Action Lynn</b></p>
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Natalie Warren (Thurrock Council) had asked for feedback on the use of local libraries.</p> <p>She was interested to find that if people were not using local libraries, why not, and what might encourage them to do so. The majority of people in attendance were unaware that Purfleet had a mobile library that parked near the school. Information would be sought about the mobile library and promoted to residents in Purfleet.</p> <p><b>Action: Lynn</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>To be confirmed by email following the committee meeting</p>
9	<p><b>End of Meeting</b></p> <p>Jacqui &amp; John both thanked everyone attending the meeting and hoped to see everyone at the next meeting.</p>