



Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum

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Meeting Minutes 26th March 2019

1. **Welcome.**

2. **Apologies received:**

Moirra Pollington; Cllrs Victoria Holloway and Quasar Abbas were on their way but delayed.

3. **Guest Speaker, Steve Lines, Highways (transport development schemes/new projects)**

Weight limit infringements and potholes – infringements and potholes are not part of Steve Lines' remit; Cllr Gerrish reported that potholes have been fixed.

Preferred access for freight route is shown on a plan as M25 J31/Stonehouse Lane/London Road/High Street – Council map is to be rectified; High Street is weight limited and the new version will show Purfleet By-Pass to be the preferred freight route.

Repair of crash barrier – due to the new roundabout and port entrance and the barrier being situated within a 30mph area, no repair will be considered until the road layout has been remodelled.

New roundabout – the Council will consider the suggestion of yellow boxes on this roundabout as traffic exiting the port has priority and yellow boxes might improve the chances of local traffic being able to access the roundabout when the area is gridlocked. Steve Lines was under the impression that the road does not experience peak period traffic from the port; he was advised this is not the case and that locals have to cope with streams of traffic exiting/entering the port. Roadworks, lasting 4 months, are expected to commence end of summer.

Previous traffic survey – as a result of the survey will any additional signs be put up?

Repeater signs within a 30mph limit are not permitted; traffic management can be reviewed again later and pick up on any impact caused by the new roundabout. A request was made that if additional flashing speed sign indicators are installed that the council look at using ones with happy faces.

Is there ongoing monitoring of emissions? – not part of Steve Lines' remit but he will pass the question on to Nav and respond later. Cllr Gerrish said that in 2020 air quality management areas will be looked at; currently the council are looking to remove the monitoring station but it might remain as it would be useful for monitoring air quality following changes to the road layout.

Permit parking Caspian Way/Close – Purfleet's permit parking zone will be revisited in a couple of years; if by that time parking issues have altered residents' views a new and separately numbered permit parking zone could be looked at.

The Green has no lighting – this is council housing land so not covered by Highways. Cllr Gerrish will take up the question of lighting.

New school, road mitigation – Harris Riverside has not contacted the Road Safety Team regarding school transport plans. Intention is to have a drop-off area inside the school and a pedestrian crossing by Beacon Hill.



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Primary school, new parking bay – it was suggested that this be changed to a time restricted waiting bay so it cannot be used for all day parking.

Residents can contact the council regarding parking contraventions.
Steve is happy to return to the forum in September and provide responses to questions submitted in advance.

4. General Update

BBC Essex– John and Trevor were invited to participate in a programme about Purfleet
Superfast Broadband – it will be a long process; 1st tentative quote for Watts Wood area has been received; looking at ways to reduce the cost.

Change The Name – Democratic Services has been made aware that a petition took place; an answer as to how to take the process forward is expected on 2nd April.

Rev Matt Drummond – the new vicar was introduced to the meeting.

Design Panel – a recent trip was made to the Swan modular housing factory. Modular builds have a very low carbon footprint, purchasers of new build have a wide variety of choice within a design code and specified colour palette; approximately 50% of the regeneration will comprise modular build; a local factory will need to be established in Thurrock to service the development.

Mayor – resigned from posts of councillor and mayor to join Thurrock Healthwatch.

Regeneration – Ken from PCRL said all objections apart from Highways England have been removed and that PCRL expects to hear within the next 2 weeks whether their responses have satisfied Highways England's requirements. If all is well, and the response received in time, the application may go to Planning on 26th April. Ken has met with Thames Clipper who anticipate running a service from Gravesend by 2022; they were open to positive dialogue about a potential stop at Purfleet which would depend on figures and the amount of work needed on Purfleet's jetty to facilitate river transport.

Quiz Night – thanks were extended to Lynn M and Lyn B for all their hard work; as the event was very popular another quiz night is planned for May, venue will be The Fleet.

Crime – link for crime figures is available on the forum's website.

5. Matters Arising and AOB

Remembrance event on 31st March including unveiling of L15 Zeppelin plaque, parade between school and Heritage Centre; Ensign vehicles will be present.

Harris Riverside opens September this year and a representative will be at our July meeting.

Purfleet Chapel 1791 – application has been made for this site of approx. 1.4 acres to become a community asset, outcome expected 11th April. A request has also been made to place this site on the Section 106 list. The vision is for a community hall/centre at this location which is within walking distance of the new town centre. The listed building would need to be rebuilt and there is a planning restriction of 5 dwellings on the site.

Litter picking – confirmed for 6th April; looking at the possibility of a second litter pick on 13th April. Litter pickers and bags will be supplied. The litter pick will last couple of hours max. and details will be sent round via email.



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Cllr Gerrish - updates:

2 additional waste bins – Cleaning & Greening have approved the request.

Roundabout by Harrisons Wharf – no repairs required but council agree that cosmetically it is lacking and they will see if there is something they can do; council also to contact the Police regarding the routes HGVs are taking.

Air quality – cycle paths being installed, 2 toucan crossings, Stonehouse Lane to become one way; other restrictions around Purfleet to better control HGV movements; looking into Clean Air Zone to see if there is anything feasible/practical that could be gained.

Cobelfret signage – there is to be more signage to show correct routes for HGVs to follow.

The Green – team to check replacement of the wooden posts and railings.

Mulberry Drive/primary school parking – the school need better plans and have failed to update their policies.

Enforcement teams work 06:00-09:00 but staffing levels affect coverage; patrols will be undertaken shortly near High House.

Lighting on the Garrison to be fixed within the next 6 weeks.

6. Next meeting

Subject to confirmation - 19:30, Tuesday 28th May at St Stephen's Church Hall.

The night of the forum meeting may have to change to a Wednesday when held at St Stephen's Church Hall due to expansion of activities run by St Stephen's Community Trust.