



Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum

For ease of reference topics appear as separate subjects rather than in the order discussed. Items do not appear in any order of priority, and may appear under an unlinked agenda item (e.g. AOB)

Meeting Minutes 24th September 2019

1. Welcome
2. Apologies:
Cllr Victoria Holloway; Cllr Qaisar Abbas; Jim Smith.
3. Guest Speaker - Trevor Batchelor – A Bit Of Purfleet History – The Dipping
In 1285 Purfleet emerged as a hamlet called Purteflyete; chalk extraction commenced mid 1500s; 1777 Samuel Whitbread I purchased the manor of West Thurrock, which included Purfleet; the chapel was built in 1791; the first railway in Essex was installed at the chalk works in 1803; the 'Rock' (an outcrop) was demolished in 1933; in 1911 the coronation of King George V was celebrated in the Dipping; and for over 30 years the area was used to host an annual sports day, and also used for playing cricket.
A vote of thanks was given from the floor for an amazing presentation along with recognition that its preparation must have involved a lot of research and hard work.
4. PCRL Regeneration Update – Ken, Garrett, Lorna, Duncan and Gale were in attendance.
Ken, PCRL - Finalising details with Highways England and lining up site investigations in readiness for moving into the delivery phase. Ken referred to the Community Design Panel saying PCRL wants to build on what has gone before and, as the project progresses, wants to embrace the Panel.
Duncan, Swan Housing – Phase 1a is to see 61 houses built. Survey work to take place this October, necessitating vegetation clearance. Plans go before Committee on 9th January; remediation and site clearance to start Feb/March, lasting 3 months; house building to start June/July. Anticipated sales within 18 months – 2020/21. More details and firmer timescales will be available in the next few months.
5. General Update
Quiz Night – A good night despite low attendance, next quiz 22nd November at The Royal.
Litter Pick – Great turnout for the latest pick. Area cleaned was from the nursery school to the traffic lights by the T junction.
Boats and Bridges – 2 bridges near the RSPB. Council owns one, trying to establish ownership of the other in order to obtain permission to remove undergrowth/tidy the area.
Christmas Lights – Price increase from last year, but able to negotiate a reasonable price.
Highways – Walk round Purfleet cancelled due to weather. Please email any highways queries to John Rowles.



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Planning

Pond Farm (opposite Canute) - Planning permission granted to build a massive warehouse for use by Ocado to prop up their satellite sites.

Thurrock Football Ground – A soon to be planning application - gift to community of 3G football ground with remainder of green belt site used to store up to 1200 cars along with a PDI workshop. Cars to be road tested on local network at a speed of up to 50mph.

Cllr Oliver Gerrish - Update

x2 major problems with bins – Emptying and recycling. Roll-out of a new type of bin to reduce contamination is to start in Grays.

New school/traffic – Oliver has had a conversation with a cabinet member from Highways - the impact is being looked at and the situation monitored. A new pedestrian crossing is to be installed in half term just east of where Beacon Hill meets London Road. It was suggested that the school are encouraged to send east bound students to the bus stop close to Linnet Way instead of the bus turnaround as the pavement is a little wider, the queue can spread out, and it is further away from the level crossing. Cllr trying to meet with the school to formulate a plan.

6. Matters Arising and AOB

Mark Gibson, Community Builder – Community Hub is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 09:00-12:30. Activities include a library, access to computers, Cllr surgeries, Coffee with Cops, information centre, craft groups and more.

Design Panel – Looking to re-establish the Community Design Panel and up membership. Application forms will be available at the next Forum meeting.

Nominations for Forum Committee Members 2020 – Committee members will be standing down at the AGM in January, nominations for committee membership to be received by the end of November.

Crime Figures – Available on the Forum's website.

Remembrance Service – 3rd November. The Council have agreed to fund replacement resin plaques at a cost of approx. £9,500. If not sourced in time an alternative will be used.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27th September, 10:00 at The Fleet.

VE Day – 8th May 2020.

7. Next meeting

19:30 on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at The Backstage Centre, High House Production Park.