

# Jaywick Community Forum



OPEN MEETING Resource Centre  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 10.00am

## **ATTENDEES:**

Ray Hanson, Brenda Oliver, Dan Casey, Sylvia Hobbs, Teresa Watson (Wardens), Alison Gibbs (Essex County Council, temporary minute taker), Paul Price (Tendring District Council), Sarah Hanness (Inclusion Ventures) Dave Booth, Jaywick Sands Bee Society + 14 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Gill Elkins, Paul Honeywood (Tendring District Council Responsible for Jaywick Council), Danny Sloggett (Jaywick Sands Happy Club), David Girdlestone (Head Sir Martin Frobisher Academy)

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Agreed (DC & DB and signed)

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

Local Buses – Both Ray Hanson and Paul Price met with bus companies and Ian Davidson has been heavily involved in discussions. The bus companies have confirmed that they will not alter the existing services and passenger numbers do not warrant an increase in bus numbers. They are both commercial operators and do not see an increased service as being viable.

However with immediate effect Tendring Community Transport will be running 2 hospital hopper buses. The first bus at 6.15am and the last leaving Colchester Hospital at 8.15pm. Seats need to be booked via the Tendring Community Transport Website for both the outward and return journeys. If a passenger is delayed they should call Tending Community Transport to re-book on another bus.

## **UP DATE FROM CHAIR:**

The lease for the play area in Brooklands Gardens has now been renewed.  
The request to send all best wishes to Gill was noted.

## **TRESURERS REPORT**

GENERAL	£3,504
PROJECTS	£12,516

## **UP DATES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATION:**

S.H. – Golf Green Hall – the ceiling in the Committee room has collapsed and water ingress is continuing. 3 quotes for the repairs are being arranged in line with TDC's procurement process; however this does not resolve the immediate problem. There is a huge drop in income as this room was hired out on a daily basis.

TW offered to liaise with TDC on the Committee's behalf to see if anything could be done in the interim.

SH (Golf Green Hall) advised that the hall has not held as many parties of late. The Handicraft club are making a sign for the Summer Fayre. It is hoped that the Scout Group and Frobisher school will have more involvement with the Fayre this year.

B.O. – Both churches quite at the moment. Details of Easter Services provided. St Christopher’s suffered a nasty burst during the cold weather at a cost of about £2,000. **Justin**.....is the new Vicar. The Methodist Church vicar is Crawford Logan. St Christopher’s Garden looking very good but sadly items are still being stolen.

D.C. - The Happy Club still meets the first Thursday of each month and all are welcome. Danny continues to do a grand job! Nigel Brown, formally the Communications Manager at TDC, is now semi-retired but it is hoped that he will continue to give his support as and when he can.

Neighbourhood Watch – Following a well-attended meeting in September, there were just 8 attendees at the meeting held last week. DC requested that more people take an interest and become involved. There will be another meeting in May or June of this year.

Mary Baker (Dig for Jaywick) The vacancy for the new Project Assistant is now live on the TDC website. Planting plan for 2018 is being finalised. The Open Day has been changed to the 25<sup>th</sup> July as the project is running slightly behind due to the recent very poor weather.

R.H. – See up date from Chair. .

D.B. – The Bee Society continues to meet at the Golf Green Hall on the last Thursday of every month, 7pm. Swarm traps have been located in the local area. DB requested that the society is notified if any swarms are spotted. They will be collected and “re-homed”. It is hoped that there will be sufficient numbers going forward to split the hives, which can then be given out to individuals in the area.

S.H. (IV) The Bike Kitchen is open to all from 7 – 9pm every Wednesday evening. All are welcome to bring their bikes along for minor repairs etc. for a small donation. A communal bike ride will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> April – all ages welcome. This will set off from the Enterprise Centre at 11am. IV are hoping to purchase maybe one or two tricycles for those who are not as able bodied. For those who don’t own a bike, there are few spare bikes that will be available on the day. Again all are welcome to the lunch club which takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays between 12 – 2pm. It would be appreciated if you could drop in beforehand if you are planning to go so that the chefs can make sure that they have prepared enough food.

## **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Alison Gibbs** –Nothing to Report

**Martello Tower** – Nothing to Report

**Paul Price** – It is hoped that the starter-home site will finally be cleared of newts, adders etc. this week. The delay experienced on this site is being used as an example at a national level with regards to the impact on developments. All wildlife as identified by the EWT will finally be removed and rehomed.

Substation can then be installed, which will allow the power pole to be removed. This will enable the build to start. Completion will depend on the weather but latest the end of this year.

TDC hope to complete the purchase of the Mermaid site in the foreseeable future.

Local people will be prioritised for the new local authority properties. Starter homes will be 20% below market rate. There has been a debate as to whether or not the affordable homes should also be made available to key workers, teachers etc., who wish to move in to the area. The prevailing view is no – these homes will be available to local people only.

PP confirmed that there is no legal process in place or policies that can prevent other Districts from re-homing people into private rented accommodation in other areas. Councils are powerless to stop and the issue has been raised at government level but everyone is struggling to find suitable accommodation.

TDC have recently signed a lease with Frandon Hotel. It has had a complete refurbishment and TDC will use it to house local residents who are in need of temporary accommodation.

With regards to the further development in the area, TDC are open to views from local, National and international Developers. In any scenario there will be job opportunities and apprenticeships for local people.

**Jaywick Sands Revival (JSR), Community Interest Company** - DB and AG provided a brief overview of the formation of this new company with the support of DERiC, how it will operate and the enormous opportunities that this could bring to the people of Jaywick Sands.

It is at a very early stage however there is a Board of Interim Directors to progress actions etc. An AGM will then be organised where Shareholders will be able to vote for a Permanent Board. Shares will be sold in batches of 100 for £1 i.e. each Share will cost 1p. All funds raised via grants, investments etc. will remain in Jaywick Sands. There is no cost to the Community – neither ECC, DERiC or TDC are receiving funds or any percentages of the money raised. ECC is currently providing temporary support to help administer these initial projects but in time this will also be handed over to The Board and/or Shareholders of the CIC.

Date of next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm at Inclusion Ventures., Brooklands Gardens. All welcome

For further information please contact Alison.gibbs@essex.gov.uk.

There was a query with regards to a planned Jaywick Sands Festival and the clash with Elda Fest – AG to query

## **AOB**

1. A new minute secretary is needed for Forum meetings. Please contact Gill or Ray for further information.
2. Thanks to TDC and their continued support of Lotus Way Play Area. 2 trees kindly donated by John Oliver.
3. A reminder to all again with regards to the clearing up of dog waste in this and other areas.
4. Law Clinic has been reinstated and advice can be sought by Essex University Law Students – supervised by Tutors. Family Law etc. FOC.
5. The Forum announced that it has secured £7k per annum for next 5 years to assist local community groups. Forum can issue grants of between £50 - £1000 per group. This is a pilot scheme for the Big Lottery with many of their previous restrictions been lifted. This is excellent news for the folk of Jaywick Sands.
6. In addition, grants are still available from the Rank Organisation. Application forms for both are available from Gill.
7. There was a call out for Newsletter distributors. A small payment will be available. Again see Gill.
8. **Update on Green Elms Surgery** – Denise Raven and Lynn Stimpson.

A background provided on previous systems and the reasons behind the new systems have been implemented.

Changes have been made to back office functions but the front office functions remain the same. All agreed that current service is not acceptable and no attempts to make excuses were made but promises for an improved service were made and these improvements will be visible within the next 4 weeks.

All calls for appointments are now dealt with in a hub office where the calls are triaged to ensure that the patient requirements are dealt with as efficiently as effectively as possible. This will see the patient receive the consultant/treatment that they need and ensure that GP time and appointments are utilised correctly.

Where there is planned treatment i.e. blood tests etc., appointments can still be made in person at the surgery with no requirement to call the hub.

Some attendees at the Forum claimed that the 48 hour repeat prescription process could no longer be relied on. Some renewals were taking up to 5 days. Denise and Lynn confirmed that this should absolutely not be the case – the 48 hour service still stands. This procedure will be checked.

All patients were asked if possible, to register for on-line prescription renewal as this process takes pressure off the day to day systems.

An open public meeting to discuss the surgery in more detail is planned.