

# Jaywick Community Forum



MEETING - GOLF GREEN HALL

28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2010 1.30pm

## **ATTENDEES:**

John Wolton, Dan Casey, Gill Elkins, Sylvia Hobbs, Ian Burit, Brenda Oliver, , Margaret O'Dell, Theresa Watson, Chris Griffiths (Essex County Council for Clacton West), Martin Avent (Fire Service), Mark Shillaker (Turning Point), Alix Sheppard (Fresh & Fruity) Pippa Crighton, John Wheeler (Coast Net), Reporter + 9 members of the public,

## **APOLOGIES:**

Ray Hanson, Suzy Shimell, Karl Randal, Mike Smith, Guinness Trust.

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Agreed and signed

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

Nothing to Report

## **UP DATE FROM CHAIR:**

Has been a busy month.

I would like to organise a meeting to discuss with the Environmental Agency about the realignment plans – Chris G to arrange.

Good news on getting some work done – CG reported a fire damaged lamppost in Fern way, the residents were very impressed when the work was done in a few days.

A Parish Council sub-committee was set up to take this issue forward, and a meeting was arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> May at Golf Green Hall.

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

I.B. – Very little crime at present, so the dispersal order continues to work. There is a restriction on Neighbourhood Watch signs due to finances being cut this year.

S.S. – DNA

S.H. – Everything in the hall is fine – still waiting on Tendring District Council regarding lease.

B.O. – Nothing to Report

G.E. – Jaywick & Tudor Residents Association – AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Golf Green Hall. Have written to the Golf Club and they have been asked to clear up the boundary as looking very untidy – they agreed and it looks like it has been done.

J.W. – Sadly, one of the Green Teams very active members, Linda Harris, died recently so we really need some more volunteers to help with this work. Due to financial restraints, we are not taking part in Anglia in Bloom or running Jaywick in flower. Still not had any help from probation services but it is very hard to achieve all their requirements.

R.H. – DNA

D.C. – Library going OK – still waiting on Golf Green Hall lease.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Fob's resigning read out. This was discussed and Gill to write and accept with regret.

*The public began to arrive*

## **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

**MARTIN AVENT - Fire Service**

Explained his position as Safety Liaison Officer and what the Safety section does. There are specific plans for Jaywick – many of which are nationwide projects. One of these is to encourage the installation of smoke alarms, with a concerted effort in Brooklands and Grasslands area to get more installed, as there have been several arson attacks there. There is a great difference in number of properties and the number of alarms fitted – this was discussed.

The safety section has gone into both schools giving talks. There is an ongoing programme called Firebreak for “at risk” youths which is a nationwide ASBO reduction course to try to increase their esteem. This seems to work as many schools have noticed a marked improvement with some of the pupils involved. There are further events in the pipeline for the area including a sports project that was arranged last year through sports personalities and was enjoyed by all that took part.

Firewatch was launched last year and is totally anonymous – the call goes to answer phone message in the Safety office – and any information will be acted on.

Part of the job is to liaise with local Forums and is prepared to come regularly to meetings.

**MARK SHILLAKER – Turning Point**

Turning Point is a national charity care project scheme that, for this area, has the PCT and Essex County Council working together in Golf Green and Pier Ward. We need to connect with local communities and people. To this end we are recruiting and training members, hopefully from the local community, for the community to talk too. We need to talk to 900-1000 people by the end of the summer and we want their stories not actual events. We are genuinely concerned that local opinions and voices are heard and will get results. To this end the interviewers will attend meetings that the people who can change things in PCT and Essex County Council will be at.

Our main concerns are with older people, people with long-term health conditions, adult social care and housing – all of which affects the whole of Jaywick.

**JAMES RYAN – Planning Officer Tendring District Council**

Showed the area that is covered by Article 4, and explained that the document that came out in October 2008 was supposed to clarify matters but in some respects made matters worse so it needed its condition “relaxing” a bit, which happened in 2009. To this end we have forms available that can be filled in and submitted to see if you could get planning permission before there is any cost involved, this service is free, and forms are available from the planning department, and the local Community Office. Discussed Article 4 – explained something's require planning permission some do not, they just require building permission.

It was asked why planning say about flood risk being a problem and yet the Environmental agency say we have a low risk – explained he can only go by documents that they provide with flood risk areas. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the Environmental Agency and planning to clarify things – Gill to do

**JOHN WHEELER – Coastnet**

We work from an office in Rowhedge and are a nation organisation. Has only been in post a short while so need time to discover what is needed. We are here to support and help local projects – some have already started such as a media project at the local schools. This was discussed and stated that the Forum felt the area should be shown in a positive light not as in the project done last year which appeared very negative.

We are organising an event weekend 23-25 July including Athletics, Cycling, Walking, Beach Games. A grant is available from ECC for Rural Communities, which is being sought in the run up to the Olympic Games. If successful it could become an annual event.

ALIX SHEPPARD – Said everything going OK with Fresh & Fruity and has brought along some lettuce plants that people can help themselves to.. More volunteers are required as the trial period is over and NHS is to continue to support this initiative.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

There is a consultation/exhibition for Essex and South Suffolk Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) on 10<sup>th</sup> May at Clacton town hall from 3pm-7pm. Could be in the interest to residents to look.

Motorised vehicles along promenade causing a risk were discussed – DC & CG to take, after next weeks Council meeting, to portfolio holder for leisure.

A child at Frobisher won some money from a nationwide competition – and the children at the school have donated this to supply bins along the sea front. Letter of thanks to be sent.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – 1.30pm at the Resource Centre.**