



# Love's Farm Community Association

## Meeting

Reedmans Bar, St. Neots FC

20th March 2013

7.30pm

## MINUTES

**Present:** Philip Gibbs, John Carter, David Wells, Emma Lovelock, Colin Chaplin, Phyllis Hooper, Marcus Pickering, George Yazigi, Julie Wisson (Conservative candidate for County Council)

Item		Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b>  PG welcomed everyone to the meeting and particularly to JW.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>  Terry Kirby, Keela Shackell, Sarah Gower, Steven Emberson, Eleanor Gray, Sally Tilley, Beverley Morrison, Grant Morrison.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 19th February 2013.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  Northern access - polling of residents: CC and EL expressed concern as to whether a simple yes/no response was appropriate and would prefer to see a 'no preference' option added.  Life belts - suggestion that this could be taken up with RoSPA. If they considered lifebelts to be necessary, it would add weight when putting the issue to Hunts DC.  Buses - X5 is now stopping outside Love's Farm. Route 62 is now running. Is it possible to have a bus shelter on Cambridge Road? JW will try to find out if CCC provides shelters.	
5.	<b>Guest speaker – Kevin Matthews re St Neots in Bloom</b>  Unfortunately, Mr Matthews was unable to attend.	

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<p><b>7.</b></p> <p><b>i</b></p> <p><b>ii</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Community Plan</b> The Plan continues to progress and KS is now helping the working group. Fuller report at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Wintringham Park</b> JC advised on the response made to Hunts DC regarding the planning application. Bidwells are presenting to the Town Council on 4th April.</p>	

iii	<b>Committee Meeting Dates</b> Dates were set for committee meetings as follows:  Tuesday 21st May Wednesday 19th June Monday 22nd July Tuesday 20th August Tuesday 24th September  All at 7.30pm in the football club unless otherwise advised.	
8.	<b>AOB</b>  None.	
	<b>Meeting closed at 9.15pm.</b>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 22nd April 2013 at 7.30pm Reedmans Bar</b>	