



Love's Farm Community Association

Meeting

Reedmans Bar, St. Neots FC

22nd April 2013

7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Beverley Morrison, Philip Gibbs, John Carter, David Wells, Steven Emberson, Grant Morrison, Emma Lovelock, Keela Shackell, Terry Kirby, Colin Chaplin, Linda Whitfield (BPHA), Julie Wisson (Conservative candidate for County Council)

Item		Action
1.	Welcome BM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Linda Whitfield, BPHA introduced herself to the meeting. She is on-site on Thursdays in the office at the football club. Starting up a Tuesday evening club for 10-14 year olds.	
2.	Apologies Phyllis Hooper, Sarah Gower, Marcus Pickering.	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 20th March 2013.	
4.	Matters Arising None.	
5.	Guest speaker – Mike Huntington, Huntingdonshire District Council (Urban Design, Trees and Landscape Team Leader) MH attended the meeting to discuss the recently submitted planning applications for Love's Farm East and Wintringham Park developments. HDC is looking to learn any lessons from Love's Farm which they can apply to the new schemes. HDC is treating the two applications as one due to the scale involved and the impact on the town. Matters discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cambridge Road - very important to get the design right; currently there are odd shaped roundabouts; don't want traffic lights.• Wintringham Park Local Centre will serve Love's Farm, Love's Farm East and Wintringham Park. It will have a supermarket, parade of shops and community and worship space.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love's Farm East - there will be no vehicular link from Love's Farm. So no vehicular access from Lannesbury Crescent into Love's Farm East. • Employment uses - there isn't sufficient provision on Love's Farm East so the balance will be made up on Wintringham Park. • Need for infrastructure, particular concerns over A428 and congestion. • Controlling development until after Love's farm completed. <p>Lessons to be learned from Love's Farm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phasing of construction • Car parking, taking account of actual behaviour, garage size • Changes in road width/design to accommodate on-street parking • Design code - keep this tighter than was the case on Love's Farm. 	
6.	<p>Reports from Sub-Committees:</p> <p>i General Purposes GM has been in liaison with Cambs County Council as to best way to lobby for the opening of northern access and established that this will be via their petition system which, with sufficient signatures, can force a formal debate. The petition can be a mix of electronic and paper based. Wording of petition is being finalised prior to seeking committee's help with collection of signatures.</p> <p>ii Finance Nothing to report.</p> <p>iii Building Steering The timber frame building design has been put to HDC; planners not receptive to the concept. HDC's view is that the design is not acceptable. It's their building and they want a say in how it looks. Town Council are happy to procure tenders for the timber building but this would need to be in conjunction with HDC. Discussion as to whether a timber framed building could place a heavier maintenance liability on LFCA for the future.</p> <p>PG put forward a motion to record LFCA's preferences for the building: 1) Original HDC design, 2) Ditto but with internal amendments to satisfy Town Council requirements, 3) Timber framed building as proposed by Town Council but which hasn't yet been designed. Motion carried by majority vote.</p> <p>iv Events Chocolate bingo was very well attended. TK is quizmaster for this monthly quiz night this week. Big Lunch is on 2nd June. EL looking for ideas for sports related event. Two items left over from auction event have now been sold.</p> <p>v Communications & Website Now over 400 'likes' on Facebook page. New format newsletter is progressing well – it will be a double sided A4 page. It will be issued monthly alternating between paper and electronic versions. BPHA have kindly agreed to fund the first paper version. KS asked for assistance with the advertising aspect in due course. First paper newsletter with advertising is likely to be June. Brief discussion of likely printing costs if produced in-house. JNC volunteered to host printer if this route is selected.</p>	

	<p>Recent communications survey produced good feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to communicate in a positive way. • Newsletter, website and Facebook need to be mirror images of each other. • Facebook and website were highly praised. • Newsletter story suggestions: development news, places to visit, restaurant reviews. 	
7.	<p>Discussion</p> <p>i Speedwatch This is a system that uses a radar gun and a display of the vehicle's speed. Police are keen to see it gets used. It is not enforcement; it is a courtesy warning. Signage of applicable speed limit needs to be clear. PG was seeking assistance: EL, SE, GM, KS and DW all volunteered.</p> <p>ii Love's Farm fibre broadband GY has obtained information which suggests that the fibre cable is ready to be installed. GY and CC have suggested writing to BT Openreach to show support for the installation and requesting it takes place as soon as possible. GY and CC to draft letter for committee to approve.</p>	GY/CC
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>St Neots Carnival The carnival is being revived this year although we understand there will be no procession this year. Agreed that we are happy for LFCA to get involved.</p>	
	Meeting closed at 9.30pm.	
	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.30pm Reedmans Bar	