



## Love's Farm Community Association

### Meeting

Reedmans Bar, St. Neots FC

21st May 2013

7.30pm

## MINUTES

**Present:** Beverley Morrison, Grant Morrison, John Carter, Phyllis Hooper, Keela Shackell, Terry Kirby, George Yazigi, Councillor Julie Wisson, Councillor Barry Chapman

Item		Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b>  BM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>  Sally Tilley, Steven Emberson, David Wells, Emma Lovelock, Colin Chaplin, Linda Whitfield (BPHA), Marcus Pickering, Philip Gibbs.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 22nd April 2013. PH asked to have a separate section for SMART days on future agendas.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  None.	
5.	<b>Reports from Sub-Committees:</b>  <b>i General Purposes</b> Matters are on-going in relation to the northern access; looking into a website advert with MP and what work would be involved.  <b>ii Finance</b> No report this month. Question raised as to whether there is money available to fund prizes for a photographic competition.  <b>iii Building Steering</b> PG's report: There have been local elections and changes in personnel and the project has not moved any further forward. The Town Council have expressed an interest in the building and Hunts DC are still working on a method to fund the original scheme. The time is approaching when both Councils will need to have an awakening call. JW has taken up the Community Building as one of her campaign issues and will	

	<p>be monitoring the position once the "dust has settled" after the elections. Councillor Barry Chapman advised that the Town Council has written to Hunts DC to ask for the transfer of land and money so that it could proceed with the building's construction. This would be the Potton timber framed building.</p>	
<b>iv</b>	<p><b>Events</b></p> <p>Last month's quiz night was very well attended and a good time had by all.</p>	
<b>v</b>	<p><b>SMART</b></p> <p>PH reported on the most recent SMART day: Litter is much less of a problem than it was so, after an approach from Hunts DC, efforts were put into removing tree guards. It's hard but rewarding work! A big thank you to those attending. SMART days are not just litter picks; they are whatever residents want them to be, whatever areas need improvement. The days are held approximately every 6 weeks and are advertised via a banner outside the school, posters around Love's Farm and on the website and Facebook. There are two 2-hour sessions on a Saturday. Suggestions are welcomed as to what things/places should be tackled. PH asked for support from the committee. Doubts expressed as to how well SMART is understood - communication to be improved via newsletter etc. Plan dates ahead so that can be advertised well in advance. Suggestion of an evening session during the summer months to enable those tied up at weekends to get involved. Investigate involving brownies/beavers and Tuesday evening youth club.</p>	
<b>vi</b>	<p><b>Communications &amp; Website</b></p> <p>The first paper newsletter has gone out. June's newsletter will be electronic. Headline will be community centre and there will be links to forums etc. Copy deadline for each newsletter is the end of the month. Ensure there are enough distributors for the paper versions. BPHA have very generously agreed to print the paper newsletter at present; this arrangement won't last forever so we need to plan for the future.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	
<b>i</b>	<p><b>Love's Farm Common Parts Maintenance</b></p> <p>TK presented the report on the shared areas which will not be adopted by the council, this is mainly the rear parking court areas. David Wilson Homes are the first developer to hand over these areas to a company called RMG who have taken a heavy handed approach and are not being transparent as to the basis and apportionment of the charges. Meeting between residents and RMG took place on 9th May at which these issues and also legal matters were discussed. RMG were ill prepared and have gone away to consider what was raised. LFCA's role is seen as an independent, listening one; it should not be drawn into any legal disputes for example. There may be a co-ordination role in due course as more of these shared areas are transferred to management companies.</p> <p>Motion put to the vote: "That LFCA in pursuit of its mission statement – 'To make Love's Farm the place to live in St Neots' – should offer non-financial support to the residents of Love's Farm development affected by parking court maintenance charges." Motion carried unanimously.</p>	

<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB</b>  <b>Julie Wisson</b> JW introduced herself as our new County Councillor and she will take matters up as necessary on our behalf eg community building.	
	<b>Meeting closed at 9.00pm.</b>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th June 2013 at 7.30pm Reedmans Bar</b>	