



Love's Farm Community Association

Meeting

Reedmans Bar, St. Neots FC

22nd July 2013

7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Beverley Morrison, John Carter, Grant Morrison, David Wells, Keela Shackell, Phyllis Hooper, Marcus Pickering, Terry Kirby, Emma Lovelock, Philip Gibbs, Kim Burrows (BPHA)

Item		Action
1.	Welcome BM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kim Burrows of BPHA introduced herself. She is our new Community Officer and has taken over the role from Linda Whitfield. The hand-over is taking place "as we speak". Kim will be dealing with Love's Farm as well as 7 other developments.	
2.	Apologies Colin Chaplin, Sarah Gower, George Yazigi, Julie Wisson.	
3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 19th June 2013.	
4.	Matters Arising None.	
5.	Reports from Sub-Committees: i General Purposes The petition in relation to the northern access is up and running on the website – there have been 150 signatures so far. The newsletter has been published so this is likely to increase awareness and push up the number of signatories. A direct email to registered users of the website is likely in due course. ii Finance No report this month. EL and DW will be meeting to review monies available for events. The Association's accounts are to be reviewed by BPHA – DW and KB to liaise. iii Building Steering PG reported that his difficult position remains with facts not entirely clear. PG circulated the latest plans prepared by Hunts DC which incorporate the requirements of Cambs CC for the youth projects. The plans were welcomed. Hunts DC insists that the brick built structure will happen, projected completion	DW

	<p>date September 2014. Meanwhile St Neots TC is still promising the timber framed structure. We believe this could take 12 months to achieve as a new planning application will be required and then the contract will have to go out to tender.</p> <p>iv Events Chocolate bingo will be taking place on Wednesday this week. Quiz night next week – 31st July. Bring your own drinks was well received at the last event (possibly even preferred by some!). Shopping event is planned for 18th August. Big Lunch is postponed until September due to liaising with Hunts DC and the new playground being built.</p> <p>v SMART The next SMART event is Wednesday this week (apologies for the clash with bingo but appeal to different demographic). The last event as was encouraging as there was a good turn out from younger members of the community. PH looking to link up with brownies and/or cubs – Dan (next door to Colin) is cubs leader and KS is a brownie leader.</p> <p>vi Communications & Website No particular report other than the next newsletter will be electronic. Facebook and website are dealing with queries well eg information on the recent power cut was posted the next morning. Any updates will be posted as they become available.</p>	
6.	Discussion	
i	<p>Free cycle racks from Cambs CC DW explained that applications can be made to CCC by various organisations for two free cycle racks. Agreed this is a good idea – DW will make the application. Possible location could be by the new play area.</p>	DW
7.	AOB	
i	<p>New Playground near Auntie's Woods This is now open and has been really busy – clearly very well received. The school held a teddy bear picnic there. Well done to the designers and Hunts DC.</p>	
ii	<p>Formality of Committee Following on the discussion from last month's meeting it was highlighted that committees have to have a formal structure and method of operating, this is unavoidable. To some the formality is unappealing so what can be done to minimise this? Suggestion of hot topics beforehand, less formal reporting format for the newsletter. The committee is now virtually exclusively private ownership residents, there is a need to increase the diversity of the committee and attract residents from all areas. The idea of Street Reps to be resurrected, before the AGM if at all possible. This will provide a point of contact for residents to link to the committee.</p>	ALL
iii	<p>Community Plan This was making great progress but, due to the various circumstances of the people involved, the project has stalled. Others need to become involved to see it through to fruition as it has come such a long way.</p>	

iv	<p>Workings of the Committee</p> <p>It has become clear that since we lost the services of Katie Baldwin of BPHA who was focused entirely on Love's Farm that the central communication point has gone missing and we're also discovering just how much work she used to do for us.</p> <p>Is there a requirement for an external co-ordinator, someone who could link with KB? Could this position be filled on a work experience basis?</p> <p>Would need to be as a volunteer as no funds available to pay a salary. KB suggested that the Volunteer Bureau might be able to assist.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.20pm.</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th August 2013 at 7.30pm Reedmans Bar</p>	