



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
 Love's Farm House
 18th January 2017
 19.30

Meeting notes

Attendees	Apologies
George Yazigi Emma Lovelock Marcus Pickering Di Briggs Steve Briggs Ian Gardener Kathryn Beck (BPHA) Sarah Keena (BPHA) Lynda Cronin Keela Shackell-Smith Rosie Ferguson David Wells Barry Chapman Pat Mulgrew Opudo Abila Caroline Gregson Penny Norton Ben Pitt Helene Tame Ellie Gray Julie Wisson Jenny Parris	Romana Kandziora Katie Rush Marilyn Wood Colin Chaplin Steve Mulvey

Agenda Item

1 Welcome and Introductions.

Marcus expressed his appreciation of such a good level of attendance and reminded everyone that the LFCA intention was to involve as many residents as possible, not only in the work of the group but also to seek their views. He urged people to make any contribution they could and also to identify any specific interests they had which could be areas for further development.

Every one was asked to introduce themselves and also to tell the meeting what they most liked about living on Love's Farm and also anything they disliked. The comments were largely very positive with many remarking on the level of community spirit and friendliness. Areas of concern were parking and road design, school places and some potential issues of distrust between some sections of the community e.g. between commuters and others. Suggested areas

for further development were improved communication and to increase inclusion and diversity especially aiming to engage BPHA residents

2 Street Reps

Romana has been undertaking a street rep co ordinator role. It was reported that there are 14 street rep vacancies. It was suggested that street reps should be engaged in a more targeted way, specifically by inviting their input ahead of each meeting. They could be tasked with a specific question to research in their street and also relay feedback back to residents.

It was agreed that there would be social event for street reps once a term. A profile of Romana is included in latest newsletter – this could be one of a series.

Neighbourhood Watch is now established in Fieldgate Close. There is some overlap with previously organised NW schemes but it was thought that in many cases those schemes had fallen into disuse due to residents having moved away.

Lamppost stickers were in the process of being obtained. It was thought that it would be useful for street reps to be provided with a NW summary document emphasising the benefits such as a potential discount in house insurance. It was felt that there was a need for 3 NW areas across the estate. Co ordinators need to have a DBS check

Action - Marcus to co ordinate on this topic between Caroline and Romana

Action - LFCA agenda to appear directly in an email rather than as an attachment (JP)

3 Senior Youth Group

Rosie reported that after an initial slow start there had been a breakthrough about 9 months ago with many young people attending. BPHA had provided some funding and the LA had also funded some equipment. However the locality youth worker has left and the local authority has been unable to recruit a replacement. It had been proposed that a joint post be created across Love's Farm, Little Paxton and St Ives.

The group is unable to run at the moment and there is an urgent need for volunteers. The commitment would be on Wednesdays 19.00 – 20.30. Rosie felt that the group fulfils a useful function in addressing anti-social behaviour and the members largely were respectful of the established expectations. Some older members have left the group and had expressed an interest in returning as young volunteers. However more adult volunteers are required as soon as possible to avoid any further loss of impetus.

Action – promote search for youth group volunteers - all

4 Events

Past and continuing events include a monthly quiz, Big Lunch in September, chocolate bingo, carol singing, runners, scarecrow and pumpkin festivals, easter egg hunt. All new ideas welcome.

5 SMART/Dogs

SMART days to tidy up Love's Farm open spaces take place every 4-6 weeks with a good attendance from residents. Pizza will be provided at the next February date. There was a request that occasionally the work should start at the top of the estate. There is some money available for extra bins and benches,

some of which could be allocated to Love's Farm. There is a proposal for an extra area of community garden at the side of Station Square. Dog walks continue on the first Sunday of the month with a later start time of 10.00. Dog waste spraying will start again at Easter.

6 Farm House

The Farmhouse has two new staff – Steve as an additional caretaker and Luan as Bar and Premises Manager. LFH has had a very successful year employing more people and with more and more hirers. There is always a need for more volunteers especially for the garden team. Judith has resigned and so there is a trustee vacancy

7 Parking

We have made another application to the Local Highways Initiative committee for funding (50% CCC 50%Gallaghers) for parking restrictions. The meeting last Wednesday went well. The plan is for double yellow lines around bends and chicanes and single yellow lines on other roads to restrict parking for an hour a day to deter commuter parking. There will be a detailed consultation with residents. The scheme is comparable to that in Longsands.

There is a proposal for a CCC car park near the station for 400 cars charging £4-5 a day. This would be a sizeable income for the council and would incentivise parking restrictions on Love's Farm

Action – Letter from LFCA to support this new car park

8 Community Plan

Some while back, we started work on a community plan which was intended to create a framework for LFCA to deliver our community's priorities. We have neglected this in recent months and we are looking to start work on it again.

The original plan was developed using examples from other places and was supported by workshops and residents' surveys. There are 4 themes

- **Respect for each other**
- **Sharing spaces**
- **Places for people**
- **Building our community**

It was agreed that a revamped plan would provide focus and structure to existing activities and promote achieving LFCA objectives. It was also noted that the plan would have some additional benefits - to aid branding and facilitate winning awards or additional funding.

Action - Working group to be set up to refresh previous plan and determine any future development. Members – George, Penny, Rosie, Keela, Emma

9 Northern Access

Cambridgeshire County Council are setting in motion a proposal to permanently close the northern (Priory Hill) access to Love's Farm to all vehicles including emergency vehicles. We need to co ordinate our response. This item is carried over until next meeting

10 Finance Update

David said he had some cheques for LFH and also reminded the meeting that the LFCA is able to make small grants to community groups

11 Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday 15th February at 7.30

12 Any Other Business

There was a discussion about any right of way through the football ground. Some people thought that this was included in the FC lease but others felt this not to be the case
