



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Love's Farm House
17th May 2017
19.30

Meeting notes

Agenda Item

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Attendees

Penny Norton
Ben Pitt
Emma Lovelock
Marcus Pickering
Helene Tame
Romana Kandziora
David Wells
Julie Wisson
Ellie Gray
Danielle Parkin
Simon Barlow
Emma Stevens
Jenny Parris

Apologies

Barry Chapman
Ian Gardener
Kathryn Beck
Daniel Grant
Caroline Gregson

Marcus opened the meeting by congratulating those committee members who had successfully achieved re-election in the recent local election

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Working Groups Updates

- **Dogs** – no update although it was noted that the usual monthly dog walk had taken place.
- **SMART** – next date June 17th.
- **Events** – information later on agenda.
- **Parking** . There had been a recent meeting with CCC officer Karen Lunn who has undertaken to do some work on the scheme and will be coming back with some proposals. The previously considered suggestion of resident's parking permits has not been dismissed out of hand. It was thought that there was a level of nervousness about how strict any restrictions might be and that there could well be a large number of complaints, in spite of attempts at wide consultation.

A proposed LFCA social to be held on June 23rd could be used as a mechanism for consultation and the street reps could also have an important part to play.

It was agreed that there should not be consultation over areas where there will be parking restrictions due to the Highway Code as these are determined by safety considerations. There was also a need to be clear that the LFCA's role in this is one of a conduit in response to residents demands on this issue.

- **Street Reps** – 2 new reps but 3 standing down. Request for meeting minutes to go on the website and to continue the “chattier” summary. Continuing meetings with PCSO.
- **Finance** – Balance £2928.96 with £201.14 and £106.13 amounts relating to the the senior and junior youth clubs. It was proposed that the SYC amount be transferred to LF Community Church who have taken over the running of JYC. David is to be away for 6 weeks and so the LFCA cheque book was passed over for other signatories use.

3 Round House Capacity Campaign

The campaign to extend the Round House school to cater for 3 form entry has been gathering momentum with increasing media attention. A CCC officer Penny Price had advised Emma Stevens that there would definitely not be any action in time for September and that the site was too small for a 3 form entry. Emma was referred to Google as a reference for the relevant criteria.

Some 20 children have now accepted places elsewhere and it was suggested that it would be helpful for those families to maintain contact with Round House in case changes meant those children could eventually be admitted there.

It seems however that there is some CC recognition that action would be necessary for the next academic year and so therefore it is timescale that is the controversial issue. The campaign is to take their petition to a council meeting on June 12th. Julie will try to meet with officers before this date. She will also look into the relevant statutory duties and the viability and logistics of a Portakabin by September.

There seemed to be a misconception on the part of CCC that the school was not supporting the expansion. This will be discussed with the governing body.

4 Village Green Update.

Hunts District Council have recently adopted the 'Village Green' area in the north of Love's Farm. They are now responsible for grass cutting and weed control. There is a plan to post notices with recipes on by the fruit trees. There are continuing concerns about a large puddle/holes and loose stones on the path. Plans for any further planting are as yet not known.

5 St Neots in Bloom Money.

We were given £500 last year when the local St Neots in Bloom organisation closed down. Phyllis Hooper is taking the lead on this and will be hosting a table at the Great Get Together (see item 7) to elicit preferences on how the money should be spent. Suggestions include bluebells and wild garlic, shrubs, bulbs and planters.

6 Love's Farm House Update.

There was a discussion of a proposed 'Memorandum of Understanding' which will help to define our relationship with the Love's Farm House Trustees, and a new policy on charging for LFCA use of Farm House facilities, (see attached). The document was widely approved – any further comments to Marcus please.

Ben gave an update on LFH developments which included:-

- New garden furniture
 - New yoga class
 - Increased availability for business meetings
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- Kid's Quiz – June 1st
 - Casino night – June 16th
 - School's Out event July 23rd 3-7pm
 - Christmas social Dec 9th

David asked that LFH invoice LFCA quarterly to minimise admin time and this was agreed.

7 The Great Get Together.

This is planned for June 18th from 2-4pm to celebrate the completion of Station Square and to tie in with national event on the anniversary of Jo Cox's death.

There will be a ribbon cutting by LF's second longest residents.

The event will include a number of activities at specific times.

- Katy North Dance Class display
- Hartbeeps display
- Indian drumming
- LF band and choir
- Square dancing

Also ongoing

- WI cake stall
- PTA stall
- LFCA stall – include community plan consultation
- Plant consultation stall
- Sewing club – providing bunting and table runners
- Breakfast Church
- Little Loves soft play and Fathers Day and general craft
- Round House pupil "reporters"
- Life drawing (with clothes)
- Time lapse photography
- Lego
- Giant Jenga
- Bouncy Castle
- Ice Cream van
- 10% pizza discount

Helene still plans to approach the uniform groups – cubs brownies etc and the football club. Breheny site manager to be asked to remove the remaining blocks. Penny to provide PR input. Invitation to be extended to the Mayor

8 Youth Update

SYC finances as under item 2. The importance of the inventory was recognised to avoid any of the equipment being mislaid or otherwise removed. Updated inventory to be included on next meeting's agenda.

9 Community Plan

There will be a stall at the Great Get Together event to elicit views possibly in the form of a quiz to find out what matters and/or what can be improved.

10 Vandalism and ASB

There has been an increase recently in reported incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Daniel reported that he has identified persons for two crimes and he is continuing to engage with youths on the estate and in his capacity as St Neots Secondary Schools Officer. There was some discussion about graffiti and how and what time should this be best dealt with. It was thought that walls would need to be repainted and also the LA would not become involved unless the graffiti was either racist or obscene. For further discussion.

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- 11 Bins on Redrow development**
Redrow has installed some bins on Belland Hill but has no programme of emptying leaving nearby residents forced to do the job. Julie believed the LA would charge for emptying any extra bins and there was some doubt as to whether they were appropriately placed anyway.
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- 12 Wintringham Park Discussion.**
Representatives of both Hunts District Council's planning department and Urban & Civic, the developer of Wintringham Park, have both agreed to come to a future LFCA meeting. There was not time to discuss this matter fully but any relevant thoughts on this would be welcomed by Marcus.
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- 13 Rats**
There have been some reports of rat infestations on Love's Farm. BPHA are looking into this in areas where their tenants are being affected. They have commissioned CCTV survey and they will bait the relevant areas. There does not seem to be any mechanism for private householders other than taking individual action. There was concern about negative media coverage on this and the need to avoid sensational terminology such as "plague or infestation" was to be promoted.
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- 14 Any Other Business**
Ben asked for Newsletter items
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- 15 Next meeting**
June 21st at 7.30
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