



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Love's Farm House
21st June 2017
19.30

Meeting notes

Agenda Item

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Attendees

James Catmur
Phyllis Hooper
Helene Tame
Ian Gardener
Barry Chapman
Ben Pitt
Marcus Pickering
Romana Kandziora
Emma Stevens
Emma Lovelock
Paula Phipps
Jenny Parris

Apologies

Julie Wisson
Ellie Gray
Daniel Grant
David Wells

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Actions/ Follow up from last meeting

Village Green

With regard to the loose gravel on the paths, it was reported that a change in the specification had resulted in the difference and so no changes would be made. However the District Council would undertake maintenance on the that area and had requested information on concerns such as dips/puddles be forwarded on to them.

Action Caroline to liaise with Amy (new street rep) on this.

Memorandum of Understanding

To be discussed at the next Farmhouse Trustees meeting.

Rats

Barry informed the meeting that he had received reports of concerns about rats from some 32 households over a period of two and a half months They have been found in gardens and houses, predominately near to water areas. Photos have been provided and the rats were Norwegian Brown rats who achieve maturity at two weeks of age and can breed prolifically in another few weeks. They can climb and burrow.

Six BPHA properties have been affected and BPHA are addressing this but the problem is more widespread. Environmental Health originally agreed for their contact numbers to be given out but more recently expected people to be referred to Pest Control, who would undertake work on individual properties for a fee of £68 per house.

There was some discussion about the need for a more cohesive response and whether or not the developers have some responsibility, given for example there are some sewers which are lying proud of the surface.

It was also felt that householders may inadvertently contribute to the problem by providing bird or dog food outside that rats could access.

Action – community email advising against leaving food/rubbish out.
Ian Barry to pursue further options with the developers/council officers.

3 Working Groups Updates

- **Dogs** – no update.
- **SMART** – some people were collecting litter on occasions other than SMART days which is reducing the amount of ongoing litter.
- **Events** – quiz June 30th.
- **Parking** – The county council is currently drawing up plans for yellow lines. Some LFCA committee members had undertaken a walkabout to identify areas where they thought lines should be placed and so far had covered two thirds of the estate spine roads. There was some discussion about how lines were generally laid down in 15m lengths and also some discussion about Access Protection Marks – used to prevent vehicles blocking access.
It was planned to use the social gathering at LFH to elicit opinions on how best to achieve the consultation with residents – street reps input could play an important role in this process.
- **Street Reps** – Caroline Gregson has resigned and been replaced by Amy (?) Caroline to continue her Neighbourhood Watch role.
- **Finance** – no update.

4 Street Party Feedback

Feedback on this had been hugely positive and thanks and appreciation to Helene were duly noted. There was some discussion as to whether this might become an annual event and/or whether the Big Lunch might need a revamp and/or change of venue. There was about £100 surplus from donations and a suggestion was made that this money could be donated to the Jo Cox foundation in the light of the event's connection to the Great Get together, or twinning one of the toilets at the Farm House – something which has been discussed previously.

Ben queried whether an improved PA system could be provided for a future event.

5 Round House Capacity Campaign

The petition to CCC had been presented at the meeting on June 12th and seemed to receive a sympathetic hearing but Emma had been told the next day that there would be no expansion in time for September. There was some recognition that this was a long term issue and there had been an indication that a there was a permanent solution “which would be of benefit to all and never done before” Further information is awaited.

The CC proposed a door to door survey as it was acknowledged that original plan for school places on LF was 12 years old.

It was agreed LFCA would fund the campaign costs of around £100.

6 Environment Issues

Redrow bins – These bins will be taken out and replaced by 1 HDC bin which will be emptied by them.

Graffiti cleaning – There was a discussion on whether the best way forward was to paint the wall or try to clean off the graffiti. The painting option was agreed.

Action Marcus to approach the Council to supply anti graffiti paint.

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- 7 Community Plan Update**
Action Ellie to circulate the latest update for further discussion.
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- 8 Love's Farm House Update.**
Casino night on June 16th cancelled due to lack of take up.
Schools Out July 22nd
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- 9 Senior Youth**
The discussion on how to use the money left from the Senior Youth Club did not come to a conclusion at this point. Phyllis asked that any monies that were earmarked for specific caused be indicated in accounts and it was confirmed that this was already the case.
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- 10 Wintringham Park Discussion.**
Clara Kerr from Urban and Civic – the developers of Wintringham park and a representative from HDC will attend our next meeting. Topics for discussion were suggested:-
- schools
 - road layout/parking
 - community centre
 - shops/supermarket
 - pipes
 - busgates/stops
 - health centre
 - broadband
 - post box
- There was also some discussion on what input LFCA might be able to give re the development of a Wintringham Park community centre/association. Members were encouraged to visit Alconbury Weald – a nearby Urban & Civic development, if they wished to have an example of how Wintringham Park might look.
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- 11 Inventory**
Emma and Marcus have this in hand.
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- 12 Any Other Business**
Newsletter – it was agreed there would not be an August edition but maybe one in September depending on available material.
Loves Farm Blooms – Phyllis distributed some information on this and asked that it be included as a future agenda item and included as a topic on the website and newsletter.
St Neots National Water Festival – to take place next year and maybe some event would take place on LF.
Help desk petition
Ben drew the meetings attention to a petition aiming to prevent the ending of a HD council help desk at the Town Council premises.
- http://ourlovesfarm.co.uk/Articles/500603/News/Petition_against_closure_of_HDC_office_in_St.aspx
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- 13 Next Meeting Date**
19 July 2017
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