



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Love's Farm House
16th August 2017
19.30

Meeting notes

Agenda Item

1	<p>Attendees</p> <p>Emma Lovelock Marcus Pickering Barry Chapman Romana Kandziora Ben Pitt Emma Stevens Danielle Parkin Eleanor Gray Julie Wisson Phyllis Hooper John Gerrard Steve Briggs Di Briggs Jenny Parris</p>	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Ian Gardener David Wells Penny Norton Caroline Gregson Helene Tame</p>
2	<p>Notes/Actions from last meeting</p> <p>Item 2 A map identifying the dips in the village green has now been prepared for forwarding to HDC. The inventory is to be put on Gogledocs so that it is available for sharing.</p> <p>Item 6 Community Plan information has not yet been put on the website or included in a newsletter. It was suggested that the option of funding for setting up new groups be included. See item 4.</p> <p>Item 7 See item 3.</p> <p>Item 8 Bin request to HDC carried over as Helene has sent her apologies.</p> <p>Item 9 FOI responses have been received from Fire and Ambulance services but not from the police. However the police have responded to the CC. Marcus has written to the council expressing LFCA concerns and has achieved a response. The Highways meeting took place. John Gerrard and James Catmur have met. The HCIC meeting is in September. The Urban & Civic view has not yet been obtained. Further info under item 10.</p>	
3	<p>Round House Capacity Campaign Update</p> <p>There will be a paper presented to the October meeting of the CCC Children and Young People's committee. There is now recognition that there will not be enough school places across St Neots in September 2018 and discussion/consultation is now ongoing as to the location of a new school in Wintringham Park. Julie informed the meeting that Simon Bywater (Chair CYP) and Keith Grimwade (Director Learning Services) were involved and would be contacting Emma once any further decision had been made.</p> <p>There was some discussion about how planning for a new school would not be in place for September 2018 and also that parents may choose other schools (as from November 2017) believing no more local school places would be available. It was also pointed out that accurate figures for the number of school age children was not available as they may, for instance be in the independent sector or otherwise not have been counted. Julie indicated that the situation would be clearer fairly soon, in time for parents to make informed decisions by the time applications needed to be made.</p>	
4	<p>Community Plan</p> <p>A document with the latest update had already be circulated to committee members. There was some discussion about how the plan might be disseminated. It was agreed to present the document at the AGM. The main purpose of the plan is to demonstrate how we account for ourselves and then progress against the actions can then be evaluated at the next AGM (2018) There are to be some fixed term projects whilst others will be ongoing. The plan will be put on the website so that it can be easily updated when required.</p>	

Build great relationships in our community

5 Plans for our Annual General Meeting – Friday 20th October

The proposed date was agreed and that a quiz was a good format but maybe more difficult to discuss serious issues. The chairman and treasurer's reports were required by the constitution and could be printed handouts. LFH would conduct its essential business separately.

The AGM should be considered as the LFCA "shop window" and also be used as a recruitment/engagement tool. Other components will be

- Community Plan presentation – using post it notes for feedback
- Community awards – nominations to be promoted at Big Lunch/Facebook – deadline 24th September
- Key dates handout for people to take away.

Keela and Jenny had expressed their intention to stand down from their offices. Marcus again suggested that if there were another candidate for chair, it would enable him to concentrate on other LFCA tasks

Topic for discussion at next meeting – how to make the AGM more accessible to the community.

6 The Big Lunch - Sunday 3rd September

Alan has agreed to set up the PA and the generator. Emma had sent the requisite forms to HDC but they denied having received them and so she had had to submit duplicates. Tescos have now said they will not be attending and Emma had asked if they could offer support in some other way. She asked for help in the morning.

Action

Check tent peg situation

Marcus to transport marquee

Insurance will shortly run out – for inclusion on next months agenda

7 Safeguarding policy

The current safeguarding policy is very detailed and was written when LFCA was making a funding application for the youth club. It was agreed that it was unnecessarily complicated for our current needs and that we will revert to the previous document with some additions re designated person, contact numbers and reference to the use of photographs and other images.

Action Jenny to make suggested additions and consult with Helene before bringing next draft to September meeting

8 Working Groups

Other events

- Where's Wally competition currently running. Round House Capacity Campaign are sponsoring prizes
- Scarecrow competition – straw to be available – end September 2nd
- Music Quiz next Friday (25th)

Street Reps

No update

Develop and manage shared resources

9 Love's Farm Blooms

Phyllis informed the meeting that only the first of the suggested sites – Auntie's Wood was achievable at the moment and she was hoping to set up a working party on Nov/Dec. She was hoping to contact bulb suppliers and bring prices to the next meeting. There was some discussion about whether or not permission was required from the land owners. Helen Lack of HDC would be the relevant person. It was suggested that an article be put in the October newsletter and on the website to elicit further support. It was thought a good idea to involve children in the planting to engage their interest in looking after the plants.

<p>10</p>	<p>Northern access</p> <p>A written report of developments so far had been circulated and there had been a meeting with Andy Preston to discuss a way forward. It was concluded that although CCC have no obligation to do anything, the concerns were met with some understanding and a possible solution might be for a combination lock be fitted so that all emergency vehicles could obtain access. Cllr Shuter had also responded to Marcus's letter and proposed to make a site visit. The Mayor of Peterborough/Cambridge has also been contacted and a response is awaited. It was agreed that a proper traffic assessment was required and that a CCC officer would engage with this process. There have been a number of changes – more houses / greater density/3 through roads made into cul de sacs since the original transport plan had been written. Thanks to John Gerrard for his work on this issue were recorded.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Love's Farm House</p> <p>Ben informed the meeting that there was a plan for a joint LFCA/LFH Christmas party on 9th December for all volunteer groups in St Neots. It would provide an opportunity to showcase our facilities. There be no entry charge but the bar would be open.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Working group updates</p> <p><u>Parking</u> A written report had been circulated. We await CCC detailed response to our proposals for spine roads. A brief response has been that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • residents will respond negatively to the reduction in on street parking • road marking will spoil the look of the estate • yellow lines on block paving break up and so become unenforceable. <p><u>Dogs</u> No report</p> <p><u>SMART</u> Next day September 2nd</p> <p><u>Finance</u> No report</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Children have been accessing the railway line near to Auntie's Wood. British Transport Police have been notified and members were urges to report this again if there were any further incidences</p>