



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Love's Farm House
20th September 2017
19.30

Meeting agenda

Agenda Item

<p>1 Attendees</p> <p>Ellie Gray Phyllis Hooper Barry Chapman Helene Tame James Catmur Marcus Pickering Di Briggs Steve Briggs Emma Stevens Danielle Parkin Penny Norton Julie Wisson Emma Lovelock Jenny Parris</p> <p>Dot Morfett (Rotary club of St Neots) Mike Carter (Rotary Club of St Neots)</p>	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Ian Gardener Ben Pitt David Wells Romana Kandziora</p>
<p>2 Notes/Actions from last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions relating to dips in the village green, inventory and the bin need to be carried over until the next meeting • The community plan is now on the website • Northern access is on this month's agenda • Insurance is being addressed by David 	
<p>Build great relationships in our community.</p>	
<p>3 New Rotary Club for Love's Farm.</p> <p>Dot Morfett and Mike Carter from Rotary attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of a new Rotary club for Love's Farm. There are two groups currently in St Neots – one meeting during the day and one in the evening. They have been established in St Neots since 1946 and there are 30 thousand clubs worldwide. They describe themselves as a reliable way of delivering support to good causes and have a strong focus on local activities together with international projects such as a school in Kenya. There are 5 committees, one of which has a specific fundraising function. There is also a strong social element to the club.</p> <p>Activities include: Walkathon, Quiz, Race night, Guess the value of a Waitrose trolley at Christmas, Talking newspaper, Gardening for those needing help. Awards for young people for music and arts. Health related projects such as Heartwise and a stroke awareness day A satellite group could be set up on Love's Farm if there were sufficient interest. Love's Farm residents could also join either of the existing groups.</p> <p>Action - Marcus to write a website article to elicit interest.</p>	
<p>4 Adoption of new safeguarding policy.</p> <p>The new policy was adopted subject to the addition of email addresses in the contacts section.</p>	
<p>5 Plans for our Annual General Meeting – Friday 20th October.</p> <p>There had been a planning meeting last Monday and it had been agreed to repeat the quiz format of last year. The meeting would also be requesting parking proposal feedback but this would not be allowed to dominate the meeting. A follow up meeting on this could be arranged if required.</p>	

	<p>19.15 Parking - presentation 15minutes - questions 20 minutes. 19. 50 Community plan - a printed format to be prepared by Richard. Keela to conduct a 5 minute interview with Ellie – with preprepared questions. Feedback cards on tables.</p> <p>20.15 Two quiz rounds</p> <p>20.35 (estimate) Awards</p> <p>20.55 (estimate) Two more quiz rounds</p> <p>21.15 AGM business</p> <p>21.30 Bar open</p> <p>Feedback questions to be included in quiz rounds. Help setting up requested from 18.00</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Love's Farm community survey</p> <p>There is a proposed survey by Cambridgeshire County Council of all Love's Farm residents to provide information on the demographics of our community to help future planning. A wish was expressed that the survey would be shared with the LFCA so that we could input some content. Future educational provision is of particular importance.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Working groups.</p> <p><u>Events</u> Big Lunch was successful but less well attended maybe due to overcast weather. Where's Wally and Scarecrow competition took place over August. Quiz ongoing and future events include chocolate bingo and carol singing. A table top sale is being considered.</p> <p><u>Street Reps</u> Neighbourhood Watch is being introduced on Fieldgate Close as a pilot. The signs have been obtained and permission is being sought form the various owners of the lampposts. Romana has met with the LF PCSO who reported an increase in bike thefts.</p>
<p>Develop and manage shared resources and spaces</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Wintringham Park</p> <p>Rebecca Britton from Urban & Civic, the developer of Wintringham Park did not attend as the plans were not as developed as she had expected. She will attend a later meeting. There will be a public consultation on layout and Urban & Civic are involved in discussions with councils about schools. An invitation had been extended to LFCA to visit Alconbury Weald and Rebecca had offered to arrange transport for this but it was agreed that the numbers would not warrant this and that those interested would travel by car.</p> <p>Action - Any one interested to visit Alconbury Weald to liaise with Marcus.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Round House capacity campaign update.</p> <p>There has been a recent meeting with Julie and CCC officers, which had revealed that there will be a new school for Love's Farm children in 2018, although the site is not yet confirmed. The site will be temporary in 2018 but permanent from 2019 onwards. Two existing trusts – the Diamond Trust which operates the Round House and the St Neots Learning Partnership are to bid to run the new school and there will be a public meeting on 27th September for each Trust to put forward their proposals. It is envisaged that the temporary site will be located on the existing site of the winning Trust but separate from it. There will be some changes to the application process once the new site becomes known and admissions will be open to R and Y1 children so that anyone who missed out this year will be able to apply to the new school.</p> <p>There was some discussion on how originally planning permission was given for 1050 houses on Love's Farm but this was eventually increased by 20-30%.</p> <p>Actions RCC hope to feed into future admissions policies Barry and Julie to have further discussions (Additional actions to follow)</p>

10	<p>Northern access update.</p> <p>It has been agreed that the concrete block will be replaced by a key operated barrier, which be installed by the end of the month. The consultation is still in operation and so views may still be expressed.. The access will only be opened in “extreme” circumstances – which rather than for all emergency vehicles use, which seems to be when there is a blockage further south on the estate which prevents all vehicles getting in or out. The Fire Service have said that it would take them an additional 24 seconds if the northern access was closed. There has been no further response from Matthew Shuter.</p> <p>There is some continuing concern over the fencing by the side of the railway. One hole in the fence has been repaired but another one has since appeared close to the Northern Access</p>
11	<p>Parking scheme update.</p> <p>CCC are taking forward the proposed spine roads parking scheme with an additional blanket 1 hour ban on side roads – although there may be some opt out for individual streets. There will be some consultation at the AGM and there is a possibility of some tweaks to the proposals. If the response is overwhelmingly negative the proposals could be rejected – the aim is for a 70% positive response. The problem will exacerbate once the parking restrictions on Longsands are enforced. There was some discussion on the impact of access protection markers.</p>
12	<p>Farm House update.</p> <p>Future events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gin Lab this Friday – tickets in advance please • Neon disco, Lost and Found theatre performance and Halloween disco during half-term – tickets on sale now • Volunteers Christmas party - 9th December • New Years Day brunch
13	<p>Working group updates.</p> <p><u>Dogs</u> – no update.</p> <p><u>SMART</u> – super SMART day 7th October – to include inside LFH.</p> <p><u>Love’s Farm Blooms</u> – It has been agreed just to focus on Aunties Wood this year. Phyllis has identified costs and suppliers and plans are for working/planting parties in the second half of November. It is hoped to involve the cubs and schools. There is the question of what permission is required from the owner of the land. There was some discussion about the value of signs asking for the planting to be respected.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – Accounts should be signed off by the AGM and an auditor had been identified, who would undertake the task for a £50 fee. Caroline Henderson has requested financial support for additional training for Love’s Farm Runners. It was agreed that she should apply for a maximum of £100 of the £160 required.</p>
14	<p>Tesco Bags of Help Scheme.</p> <p>Money raised from the 5p bag levy is available for community groups. We can apply for grants between £1000 and £4000 for projects that benefit the community.</p> <p>Carried over until next meeting</p>
15	<p>AOB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about the site of the Christmas Tree on Stone Hill – wiring to be installed this week • There is a van with a mobile presentation on the new A14 Huntingdon – Cambridge road