



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting 20 March 2019

Minutes

1	Welcome and apologies – Marcus Pickering, chair Love's Farm Community Association Cllr David Wells, PCSO Dan Grant, Cameron Paul.
2	<p>Community Plan</p> <p>The draft community plan, which updates 2017/18, plan was received. It updates our actions, values and priorities for this year and reflects feedback from residents from a variety of sources including our community survey.</p> <p>The plan will be updated to reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consideration of the impact of the traffic management changes - Application to Highways for funding to look at speeding e.g. 20 is plenty or 20 mph zone - Consideration needs to be given to if LFCA will incorporate with Wintringham and Love's Farm East in the future. Should it be called St Neots East as an area or 3 separate identities <p>Action: Discuss traffic management approach including speeding at future LFCA. Plan to be updated and agreed on email then put on website.</p>
Building great relationships in our community.	
3	<p>Committee Governance</p> <p>i) Actions and notes of last meeting were received and the following noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas tree will be planted for Marissa, the site will be assessed for suitability for the memorial. Phyllis Hooper also advised that bulbs and shrubs will be planted on the site too. Action: to be followed up in July 2019. • Cambridge Road – no further update • Remove fireworks and parish council actions from register <p>ii) Updates were received from Town, District and County Councillors in attendance. An update from Cllr David Wells on St Neots Master Plan was deferred to the next meeting</p> <p><u>St Neots Master Plan</u> In absence of David Wells, Cllr Ben Pitt gave an update on St Neots Master Plan – he said SNTC were applying to government future high street fund, the river front and development of priory building are being included in the proposal.</p> <p><u>St Neots Splash Park</u> Cllr Ben Pitt advised SNTC approved plans for splash park by Town Council but there is an issue with funding of the park. Discussion about central park of recreational space and use of planning decisions to get best use of spaces for people in the town took place.</p> <p><u>St Neots Contact centre</u> Cllr Nik Johnson said he has been working with officers to look at options not to close the council office at the Priory Centre as an alternative site. Frustration was expressed that removing a contact centre in the biggest town in Cambridgeshire is the wrong one. Nik said he wanted to work for our community and get the best possible outcome particular groups. Solutions offered by district councillors don't seem appropriate. There was discussion about how residents access the resource. It was suggested that for our community a solution might be to provide a walk-in opportunity at the community centre. Another area of concern is the loss of the CAB which provides advice on debt reduction. It was noted the CAB was to be reinstated.</p> <p><u>Planning decisions</u> Cllr Nik Johnson advised there were no big planning developments which are relevant to Love's Farm. There are applications which may change over time which planners have an opportunity to influence these.</p> <p><u>Library charges</u> Cllr Julie Wisson advised that the CCC Computer library charge has now been removed.</p>

	<p>Julie said that east-west rail consultation closed on March 11. Five options have been proposed which connected Oxford and Cambridge. The Bassingborne route is being supporting which connects to South Cambridge. Possible new park and ride scheme and bus route from Cambridge to Cambourne is also being considered.</p> <p><u>Northern access</u> Cllr Julie Wisson advised that she would discuss with Cllr Iain Shutter, chair of Highways committee at CCC how she can push to open northern access.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Community Garden and Celebration of Flowers A presentation was received presentation on proposal for community garden from Jessica Sanchez. A proposal by David Well's for LFCA's involvement in St Neots Parish Church Festival of Flowers (27-29 Sept) was deferred to a future meeting.</p> <p>Jessica was welcomed to the meeting. She said she is working with 'incredible edible' who support green community garden spaces. The project is looking at how to get people engaged and is inclusive. It allows participation. Three locations have been identified as possible sites which provided the practical requirements, two were near the school. Running costs were thought to be approx. £300 per year after initial costs of up to £1200. Jessica was looking to gauge support across the community for the project.</p> <p>The LFCA welcomed the proposals and supported the initiative.</p> <p>Considerations for Jessica to make were highlighted. This included permission to site the shed and a strong enough structure. Permissions would need to be granted from HDC for the project too. It was suggested the community centre garden could be used as a test site for the project. The community centre also has a bank account and public liabilities insurance. It was noted there was no footfall for the community garden though. Other suggestions included working with the school. Urban and Civic might also be approached in the future to help with ground work. Dobbies garden centre, part of Tesco, had also been happy to help in the past based on experience to provide people and products.</p> <p>Action: Jessica to send to Emma details of the scheme to be shared with the community.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Great Get Together 21 – 23 June, 2019</p> <p>Helene Tame updated on the proposal for Great Get Together 2019. She said there have been 2 events on Love's Farm to date. The aim is to bring as many people as possible together. The date is shared with St Neots Town Council Armed Forces committee. There are two ideas for GGT 2019 – one is for street reps to do something for local communities on Love's Farm, for example a street or the second idea is to 'do what we do' by sharing and encouraging participation in LFCA activities such as quiz, park run, SMART, BBQ at farm house, yard sale, pop up Songs of Praise over a weekend. Other suggestions included international food share, open gardens, natter to your neighbours.</p> <p>It was agreed to develop a programme to suggest to the community about activities which could be undertaken locally with a world cuisine BBQ in the afternoon supported by live music.</p> <p>Action: Save the date for 24 hours of the great get together to be shared with the community Email group set up to discuss how to make the GGT event happen this year</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Working Groups action to note (no discussion/comments by exception)</p> <p>i) Events – Emma Lovelock advised comic relief took place, best jokes competition at chocolate bingo on 11 April, Cox's fish and chips also sponsoring a prize, Easter egg hunt during school holidays, 29 March EU quiz night.</p> <p>ii) Street reps and neighbourhood watch scheme set up – Caroline Henderson advised there are some new volunteers. Removal of benches in Belland Hill has been proposed. Action: Caroline to follow up with Redrow and HDC. Action: NHW co-ordinators and interest to be used for newly proposed meeting.</p>	
<p>Developing and managing shared resources and spaces</p>		
<p>7</p>	<p>Working Group action to note (no discussion/comments by exception):</p> <p>i) SMART – Helene Tame advised the next SMART session was Saturday.</p> <p>ii) Love's Farm Blooms – Phyllis Hooper advised bulbs are coming up in Aunties wood. Yard Gate is also blooming. Reports of children setting fires in the woods again. Far south west corner is next for planning. Phyliss was thanked for her work.</p> <p>iii) Finance – no update from Cameron Paul, deferred to next meeting</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Community action area updates:</p>	

i) Parking Scheme for Love's Farm

Cllr David Wells provided a written update on Cambridgeshire County Council's parking consultation on Love's Farm [consultation ref PR0427] and chicane safety plans. This was delivered by the chair and Cllr Julie Wisson.

A meeting took place on 4 March with CCC Highways. Reduced scheme at Hogsden Leys was agreed but rest of the scheme will be rolled out as per consultation. The traffic orders for whole scheme will be approved but not for Hogsden Leys area north of the village green. There will be 2 years to implement the Hogsden Leys restrictions. The section of road past Cockrells towards Woodridge Crescent to the bus bollards will not have yellow lines but the side to the north of the bollards would be yellow lined. Plan was to do rolling road markings by street. Implementation was recognised as being challenging and no agreement had been made on maintenance of the lines on block paved areas. It takes two months to get the orders with a start date therefore after May. It was thought that it would be county councils responsibility to maintain the yellow lines, particularly on the block paved areas. It was unclear if emails have gone to objectors.

ii) Road and street safety

A LHI Bid had been made to improve the safety of the chicanes on Love's Farm by Cllr David Wells. A street lights audit had been undertaken by Marcus Pickering. It was noted that bid has gone through for Dramsell Rise and Cockrells junctions to be improved. Gallaghers need to contribute half the funding. Cllr David Wells was thanked for his work on this.

Marcus said that lighting on Fox Brook Bridge is being followed up with HDC. Funding is an issue with the lights. It is district council land which requires a light. There are 38 street lights across 7 developers which are our on adopted roads. There are commitments that they are being updated.

Noted that pirate ship gate has been removed and HDC had been notified.

Action: Emma Lovelock to follow up with BPHA to seek lights in their areas to be attended to.

iii) L&Q reserve site

An update was received from Marcus on L&Q proposal for development of South-West corner of Love's Farm following attendance at January meeting . We have now received an update – L&Q are responding to the queries we've raised. Noted that the space will now be called Hoopers Green. Design and landscape report is available on the planning website.

9 Farm House update

Ben Pitt updated on behalf of the Farmhouse trustees. A Portrait workshop has taken place with 60 portraits submitted. Magic show and balloon modelling on 17 April taking place. Gin lab in May, quiz night 'who want's to be a millionaire for £100', three new staff including Erica, Laura and Thomas and the trustees have appointed a facilitates manager.

10 AOB – there was no AOB

Actions from previous meetings and updates

	Action	Update	LFCA lead
1.	Memorial to Marissa Aldrich to reviewed in June by LFB and HDC to ensure planting is in place	June agenda	Marcus Pickering
2.	Incredible Edible project to be developed and brought back to future meeting	April agenda	Jessica Sanchez
3.	Great Get Together – email working group to be developed and save the date shared	April agenda	Ben Pitt/Helene Tame
4.	HDC considering street lighting for Fox Brook Future agenda to consider road safety and speeding – bid for funding Street lighting audit to be followed up with developers and BPHA Removal of benches on Belland Hill being pursued by Street Reps	April agenda April agenda April agenda April agenda	David Wells All Marcus Pickering/Emma Lovelock Caroline Henderson
5.	Eleanor Gray to update community plan following engagement events and work with Ben Pitt on presentation to update 2017/18 plan.	By email/April agenda	Eleanor Gray
6.	Marcus to update on policing and crime in liaison with PCSO Dan Grant Neighbourhood watch scheme to be supported by LFCA through street reps and grants	On going On going	Marcus Pickering Caroline Henderson
7.	David Wells to keep LFCA updated on parking restriction plans	On going	David Wells
8.	a) Julie Wisson to keep LFCA update on access issues and discussions with CCC Highways. b) Residents to be encouraged to complain to East of England Ambulance service if they have concerns about traffic blocking the roads on the estate or the northern access gate not being used to access them in an emergency. c) David Wells and Julie Wisson to advise if process has been followed re decision to close the access permanently. No feasibility study, meeting with Cllr Shutter or public meeting has taken place.	On going	Julie Wisson
9.	Marcus and Cameron to follow up with BPHA, Gallagher's and U&C re funding contribution to LFCA.	On going	Marcus/Cameron
10.	Ben Pitt to update on Cambridge Road crossing development Stephen Ferguson to discuss with Town Council options for bus bay on Cambridge Road. Barry Chapman to update LFCA following conversations with Graham Bull District Council Leader on 23 July to discuss Cambridge Road and Ben Pitt to share info with Barry Chapman on meeting with HDC and CCC Highways	On going	Ben Pitt/Marcus Pickering/Nik Johnson/David Wells
11.	Love's Farm Blooms Permanent site for northern Christmas tree to be sought.	Future agenda item	Phyllis Hooper