



**Love's Farm Community Association Meeting**  
**Love's Farm House**  
**15 May 2019**

**Minutes**

**Agenda Item**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies – Marcus Pickering, chair Love's Farm Community Association</b> Julie Wisson, Dan Grant, David Wells, Jessica Sanchez	
<b>Building great relationships in our community.</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Committee Governance</b> i) Receive notes of last meeting and update on actions not covered elsewhere on the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with HDC to site a Christmas tree and plaque in Station Square which complies with their requirements as a memorial for Marissa Aldrich. Other monies will go to the family. A number of plants have been sited too and invoice to Love's Farm Blooms for the costs of these. Bulb planning will also take place in the autumn.</li> <li>- Noted that there has been no further engagement with the Community Shop. It was felt that further work was needed on the proposal by Hunts Volunteer Centre and engagement on these ideas welcomed.</li> <li>- Ben Pitt is supporting incredible edible 'Edible Community Garden' via the LFH and being promoted via Facebook. Weeding session on 25 May to be advertised.</li> <li>- Belland Hill/Redrow removal of benches has been chased via Caroline Henderson for Street reps.</li> <li>- Funding to be reviewed next financial year</li> <li>- Agreed to revisit Cambridge Road crossing when planning goes through.</li> </ul> ii) Receive update from PCSO, Town, District and County Councillors in attendance Update was received from Dan Grant, in his absence it was noted that one warrant had been made on the estate and work was being done to address drugs on the estate and in the wider town. One bike which was unattended had been taken from Tesco. A bike marking session was taking place at the train station 19 May.  Cllr Ben Pitt updated on SNTC activities which included development of a strategic longer term plan for Love's Farm. It was noted not a lot of money was spent proportionally on Love's Farm. Stephen Furguson to be asked for update on Love's Farm sign Noted planning has gone to SNTC for L&Q proposal for 49 homes and 9 visitor parking spaces. Some of the changes proposed by LFCA have been accepted. SNTC made a recommendation to say that it was approved subject to parking restrictions would be payed for a managed. Nik will be advised of the recommendation and Ben Pitt will attend the HDC planning meeting Noted that Neil Hook as 4 <sup>th</sup> town councillor has resigned as co-opted councillor and another councillor will be sought. The independent representation from Love's Farm councillors was supported.	5 minutes 20 minutes
<b>3</b>	<b>Community Infrastructure</b> i) Received update on street lighting audit from Marcus Pickering Noted that street lights would be fixed in Tesco parking area. BPHA and Keir are responsible for the remining lights which are still not working. Paddock Close is also outstanding. There was also a discrepancy in the lighting in place and the lights on the utilities map. Marcus was thanked for his work in improving the lighting across the estate. David Wells would be asked for an update on the Fox Brook bridge street light.  ii) Received update on LHI Bids and consider proposals for i) 20 mph zone across the estate and ii) additional parking areas for those most impacted by parking restrictions (e.g. Stone Hill) Marcus advised that the LFCA had previously considered putting in bids. Stephen Furguson will support the work to get SNTC support to secure funding to start the process. David Wells also suggested a specific bid is placed for areas most impacted by the parking restrictions e.g. to turn areas into parking bays. Noted that putting in a bid without evidence	10 minutes

	for the parking bays might be premature. It was suggested and agreed we support the 20mph zone for this year and bid for additional parking the following year.	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Community Projects</b></p> <p>i) Received update from Hunts District Council on proposal for community projects. Noted that large sections of the northern boundary of Love's Farm had been broken/dismantled. HDC have proposed that they supply the wood and have asked that the community arrange for the fence to be put up. There was a need for creative solutions to maintain environments. There was concern about the safety aspects of the community and who would sign of the project. Suggestion was made that a hedge is planted instead. It was agreed we would take on things that mattered to the community. Future planning decisions were highlighted too – should councils agree to infrastructure which is their responsibility but which they can't maintain.</p> <p>Agreed for Marcus to feedback to HDC and Nik Johnson to support.</p> <p>ii) Noted community plan is in final draft for formatting and publication on LFCA website. Agreed that the plan would be refreshed yearly and presented at the AGM. It would be uploaded to the website and shared with stakeholders including developers and councillors. Action: Ben Pitt offered to format the plan for the newsletter.</p>	10 minutes
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Great Get Together 2019</b></p> <p>Received update from Ben Pitt and Helene Tame on proposal for Great Get Together 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whole weekend of community events</li> <li>- Lazy breakfast Saturday</li> <li>- Quiz on Friday</li> <li>- SMART on Saturday</li> <li>- Saturday community BBQ with international food feast.</li> <li>- Sunday a Yard sale will take place</li> <li>- Sunday – Love's Farm Flash Mob 'meet your street' at 3pm</li> </ul> <p>Noted that the food feast will require pre registration/booking to ensure that food safety requirements are met. Registration form for the Yard sale.</p>	15 minutes
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Working Groups action to note (no discussion/comments by exception)</b></p> <p>i) Events – Emma Lovelock, Quiz on 31 May and activities for Great Get Together. The date of the Big Lunch will be on the 8 September.</p> <p>ii) Street reps update including neighbourhood watch scheme – Caroline Henderson</p> <p>Two new members to join the neighbourhood watch scheme. No new street reps this month. Notes a number of new recruits for newsletter distribution.</p>	10 minutes
<b>Developing and managing shared resources and spaces</b>		
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Working Group action to note (no discussion/comments by exception):</b></p> <p>i) SMART – update from Helene Tame Very strong turn out for SMART day. Next SMART will be weekend of Great Get Together and July 20<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>. Noted that HDC had provided 15 further pickers for the SMART group. It was asked if there was a responsible person for dog fouling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-ordinator</li> <li>- Suggestion of moving a bin or seeking another bin for north east corner of the estate</li> <li>- Suggested that another spray campaign was undertaken.</li> </ul> <p>Action: Nik Johnson and Helen Tame to follow up on bin relocation Action Phyllis to ask Keela if she will support or co-ordinate the campaign</p> <p>ii) Love's Farm Blooms and proposal for Festival of Flowers – update from Phyllis Hooper SNTC have donated 4 bags of bulbs to Love's Farm Blooms. HDC have offered advice on where to plant the bulbs near the pond.</p>	5 minutes

	<p>Suggested that the community groups are invited to help plan the bulbs in October/November</p> <p>Parish church in St Neots are holding festival of flowers 27-29 September to showcase St Neots clubs and groups. David Wells has invited the LFCA to participate.</p> <p>Action: Eleanor to get in touch with Jessica re incredible edible project. Work with David to clarify what is required and funding for this.</p> <p>iii) Finance – update from Cameron Paul Deferred until the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Community action area updates:</b></p> <p><u>Engagement with Developers</u> Received updates from Marcus Pickering on interaction with developers and impact on Love's Farm residents – noting timeline for Cambridge Road works</p> <p>Engagement with U&amp;C on road works and delay. There have been issues of safety with the lights being out and the emergency plan not working. Noted that there is no reason for the traffic lights to be in place at the weekend however U&amp;C have said there is an area of excavation the other side of the barrier. Marcus has asked why removal of barriers is appropriate for emergency response.</p> <p>Friday morning Marcus is meeting with the developers and will ask questions about i) trench across Cambridge Road which has not been filled in ii) how long the cones and single lane will be in place on the second round a bout. Noted that there was confusion with signage and drivers had not been following signage and gone the wrong way round. Next step will be for a round a bout to be built further towards.</p> <p>Asked what the timeline for the school was – 10 year 1 and 6 reception children. There will be capacity for three school years in the Wintringham building. Suggested something added to the newsletter.</p> <p>Gallagher's L&amp;Q verges on Hogsden Leys – expected the verges to be adopted and then arrangements would be in place to maintain these.</p> <p>Glen Langham – no reply on what the plans for Eastern Expansion and the west of Station Square on Love's Farm.</p>	<p>10 minutes</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Farm House update</b> Received news from the Farmhouse trustees</p> <p>Gin lab took place and was sold out. Supporting Great Get Together Shume bar night – on 23/24 of May Blinds are working and installed. Facilities manager is in post.</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Nik Johnson advised a document has been produced by the Planning Directorate. Hunts District has local plan which standardise and provide a transparent process for planning applications. The planning inspectorate have undertaken a report into Hunts District Council. There was a perception of a tilted balance where anyone with a piece of land was able to get planning approval.</p> <p>Reports of children using the woods for drinking and unsubstantiated reports of drug paraphernalia. Emma Lovelock has been to investigate and found glass bottles.</p>	

## 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 – noted funds and location have been agreed via Love's Farm Blooms	June agenda	Marcus Pickering
2.	Incredible Edible project to be developed and supported – Ben Pitt supporting via LFH	June 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	June agenda May agenda May agenda  Street reps to update future agenda	David Wells All Marcus Pickering/Emma Lovelock Caroline Henderson
5.	Eleanor Gray to be published .	May 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 and bus bay – revisit when planning comes out.	<u>On going</u>	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