

# Love's Farm Community Association Meeting Zoom Online 21st April 2021 7.30pm

## **April Minutes**

1 Welcome and apologies

Christine Littlewood - Urban and Civic - Community Development Lead for Wintringham Rachel Arnold - Urban and Civic

LFCA members and circa 30 residents

#### Building great relationships in our community

a) Presentation from Urban and Civic - Wintringham

Presentation from Urban and Civic:

https://www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk/Articles/610634/Wintringham Update from Urban Civic.aspx

Write up of the question and answer session from Urban and Civic to follow.

b) Community plan - recovery group feedback - Helene Tame

The group of 5 working on the recovery element of the community plan, met yesterday and spent time talking about their own experiences of the pandemic to help generate ideas about events and activities to help Love's Farm recover from the pandemic. They have come up with several ideas which now need to be worked through in more detail e.g. facilitating people in sharing their own personal stories of the pandemic through garden gatherings, a creative community art project, post-pandemic podcasts and talking groups e.g. walk and talk or craft and talk. Phyllis suggested that some of the funds from the COVID grant to LFCA could be used to plant a tree as a symbol of recovery.

c) Newsletter/directory update - Ben Pitt

The next edition of the Love's Farm Newsletter, will be a directory featuring all the activities and community groups available on Love's Farm. Now the Love's Farm House is opening back up and lots of people are moving onto the estate, the group agreed it would be beneficial to get the directory published soon.

As the directory is bigger than a usual newsletter, more adverts are needed to help fund printing costs.

New Action: Stephen to send Ben details of the Youth Council to be included in the next LFCA newsletter.

New Action: Cam to speak with Alex about potential advertising.

d) County Council Hustings plans - Marcus Pickering

LFCA has organised a County Council hustings, so residents can hear from the candidates.

e) Police/crime update - PCSO Daniel Grant/Secretary

Email update from PCSO Daniel Grant:

Over the last month, the Policing Team has had lots of success targeting drug dealing on the estate with persons stopped and searched with positive results, and a successful warrant executed, resulting in a large quantity of class A and B drugs being found. There have been reports of drug dealing at the top of the estate on the farm track - if any residents suspect any drug dealing or have any information

e.g. names/vehicle registration number, please inform Dan. There have also been reports of teenagers swearing around Auntie's Wood, so Dan will be focusing his patrols in these two areas.

### Developing and managing shared resources and spaces

3 a) Artwork installation on St Neots station footbridge - Marcus Pickering

Thanks to resident and LFCA member Eleanor Gray, who heard an advert for a Passenger Benefit Fund run by Govia Thameslink Railway and submitted an application for a mural of St Neots to be installed across the railway footbridge depicting how Love's Farm connects with the rest of St Neots. Richard Slade of Neotists put LFCA in touch with artist Carli Pfurtscheller who created the marvellous illustration. Thanks to all involved.

b) Priory Hill bridge - graffiti / artwork update - Marcus Pickering

Some of the graffiti on Priory Hill bridge was cleaned off but more has since appeared. Lara is working with Richard Slade of Neotists to bring together local artists who could utilise the bridge for their work. The group hopes that if the right young people are involved, it will lead to less graffiti in the future. Stephen suggested that the Youth Council is engaged in the project once it's set up. There is a meeting with Network Rail to discuss practicalities.

c) SMART - tree guards update - Helene Tame

Following Helene's appeal for residents to help remove the plastic tree guards on the estate, lots of residents have been involved - circa 3000 tree guards have been removed! Thanks to Huntingdonshire District Council for helping to dispose of the guards.

The next SMART day will be on 22nd May.

New Action: Helene to send Marcus SMART dates for the LFCA website.

d) L&Q homes - Hooper's Green -

Ground clearance and groundworks should begin on Hooper's Green in May, with house building due to commence in January 2022.

New Action: Marcus to invite L&Q to give an update on plans at the June LFCA meeting.

#### 4 Any Other Business

- Street lights have been erected on the Fox Brook path. Thanks to David Wells for pushing HDC to undertake this work.
- b) In May, St Neots will be electing its first Youth Council and it would be great to have representation on the council from Love's Farm and Wintringham. LFCA is happy to promote the Youth Council elections via its social media.

New Action: Stephen to send LFCA content to share via social media to advertise the Youth Council elections.

c) The disused ground next to the train station was due to be sold at auction, the results of which are unknown.

New Action: Marcus to establish who has bought the disused ground by the train station.

- d) This is Julie Wisson's last LFCA meeting as our Cambridgeshire County Council representative. Thanks to Julie for all her continued help and support to LFCA.
- e) To discuss the restart of in person LFCA meetings at our May meeting.

New Action: Becky to add LFCA in person meetings to the next agenda.

f) The next LFCA meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday 19th May 2021.