



**Love's Farm Community Association Meeting  
Zoom Online  
19th May 2021 7.30pm**

**May 2021 Minutes**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Marcus Pickering (Chair), Stephen Ferguson (SNTC, CCC), Cameron Paul, Ben Pitt (SNTC), Diane Briggs, Sam Collins, James Catmur, Ian Hall, Rob Simonis (SNTC), Helene Tame, Caz, Lara Davenport-Ray, Phyllis Hooper, Emma Lovelock, Paul, Caroline Gregson (SNTC), Jen</p> <p><b>Apologies: David Wells (HDC), Nik Johnson</b></p>
<b>Main Agenda Items</b>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>a) East West Railway Consultation - LFCA response</b></p> <p>James Catmur, a Transport Consultant and Parish Councillor in Great Gransden presented LFCA with the details of the East West Railway consultation and its potential impact on Love's Farm and Wintringham (see attached slides). The two preferred routes put the new railway line slightly west of the new A421, alongside the edge of Wintringham, with a high viaduct of 12 metres by the existing roundabout connecting Cambridge Road and the A428. These preferred routes were not included in the original consultation and were only included in the 2nd, due to the change in route of the A421. This section of the railway is due for completion between 2025-2030.</p> <p>The group raised concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how useful the railway would be once the new A421 is built - as the station for St Neots will not be in St Neots (it will likely be located around Tempsford), it would be more convenient for residents to drive to Cambridge via the new road.</li> <li>- whether a new railway route will be used given the decrease in commuting due to working from home and the inevitable increase in driverless autonomous vehicles.</li> <li>- the lack of electrification on the line and subsequent pollution</li> <li>- noise pollution; with no trees over the viaduct and a fast railway, it is likely to cause considerable noise.</li> <li>- the preferred routes not being included in the original consultation documents. The new route has blindsided developers and residents at Wintringham.</li> <li>- the proposed viaduct being longer and higher than it needs to be; James suggested a 6 metre high viaduct would be sufficient.</li> <li>- the negative impact on the circa 5000 residents of Love's Farm, Love's Farm East and Wintringham, compared to other routes which would impact fewer residents. Should the railway take this preferred route, it needs to be located as far away as possible from residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Action: Lara to draft LFCA response to the consultation and Marcus to publish on LFCA website for resident's comments before submitting by 9th June.</b></p> <p><b>b) Restarting in-person LFCA meetings</b></p> <p>Due to Covid restrictions, the first possible in-person meeting of LFCA could be our July meeting (depending on Boris' June announcement). The hall at LFH would be better suited but isn't available. For now, LFCA will continue to run meetings via Zoom, hopefully meeting in person every quarter (or less) and/or for big events. Discussion about whether we could run hybrid meetings and what technology would be needed.</p> <p><b>c) LFCA Directory</b></p> <p>Action 1 update: Stephen to send Ben details of the Youth Council to be included in the next LFCA newsletter. Complete.</p> <p>Many thanks to Ben for his hard work in producing the LFCA Directory.</p> <p><b>d) Community Plan:</b></p>

	<p><b>i) Survey update</b></p> <p>The LFCA community survey will launch with the LFCA Directory - it consists of three questions; what do you like about Love's Farm, what would you improve about Love's Farm and would you like to be involved in the change? The responses will inform the LFCA community plan and LFCA's strategic priorities. The survey will be available online and some door knocking will be undertaken to seek greater feedback levels and reach residents who may not normally respond.</p> <p><b>ii) Recovery Group feedback</b></p> <p>The group has met several times about how we might reconnect as a community. They have changed the name of the group from recovery to 'moving on'. They intend to utilise the Great Get Together weekend (18th - 20th June) to promote a number of initiatives; pizza and prosecco with neighbours, BBQs across 3 corners of Love's Farm, talking groups, a fun run and asking residents to think about hosting an afternoon tea in their garden.</p> <p>It was suggested that family friendly activities such as pea shooting could be used to help break the ice and get residents involved and talking to their neighbours.</p> <p><b>e) Hustings Feedback</b></p> <p>LFCA received excellent feedback about the hustings it hosted for the recent CCC elections, and intends to host similar events for future elections. Participants expressed that they would like more than one minute to comprehensively answer complex questions.</p> <p><b>f) Developer Feedback</b></p> <p>Marcus invited feedback about Urban and Civic's response to recent questions posed by residents about the Wintringham development (see attached).</p>
<b>Building great relationships in our community</b>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Committee Governance</b></p> <p><b>Receive notes of the last meetings and update on actions not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</b></p> <p>The minutes of March and April's meetings were agreed. Outstanding actions not covered on the agenda were not discussed due to time constraints.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Police/Crime</b></p> <p><b>Updates from our Police Community Support Officer or other crime news</b></p> <p>No update from PCSO Dan Grant.</p> <p>Action 2 update: Marcus to look into using Microsoft Teams for future LFCA meetings, so PCSO Daniel Grant can attend future meetings (he is not allowed to access meetings hosted on Zoom). The Teams test wasn't successful, so LFCA meetings will remain on Zoom for now.</p> <p>Action 3 update: At the next quarterly meeting, Stephen to ask Councillor Ryan Fuller for the outcome/progress of the review into decriminalising parking. CCC has agreed to do this but it requires legislative change and could take up to 18 months to complete.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Councillor updates</b></p> <p><b>Receive updates from our Town, District and County Councillors</b></p> <p>Action 4 update: Julie to advise LFCA when the report into secondary school provision in St Neots will be available. Marcus is aware that this report should be available in the next month.</p> <p><b>Stephen Ferguson (SNTC and CCC):</b></p> <p>Stephen has raised the issues of the loose block work paving on Stone Hill with highway officer Ian Winfield and the issue with a manhole cover on Dramsell Rise.</p> <p>Has been working on increasing the number of stalls at the farmer's market and in organising the St Neot's Street Food Festival.</p>

	<p><b>Rob Simonis (SNTC):</b></p> <p>Has been involved in drafting the SNTC response to the East West Railway consultation and in presenting the strategy for the town (Caroline Gregson has now taken this over).</p> <p><b>Ben Pitt (SNTC):</b></p> <p>Has been working on the proposals for the splash park and on the Future High Street Fund.</p>
6	<p><b>Working Groups</b></p> <p>a) <b><u>Events</u> – update from Emma Lovelock</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love’s Farm yard sale - 13th June</li> <li>• Mr Men summer hunt - 21st Aug - 4th Sep (draw on 5th Sep)</li> <li>• Big Lunch - 5th September</li> </ul> <p><b>New Action: Emma to send upcoming event dates to Marcus for inclusion on the LFCA website.</b></p> <p>b) <b><u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> – update from Caroline Henderson</b></p> <p>The list of sign posts to be used to display NHW signs has been submitted and Caroline is awaiting approval.</p> <p>c) <b><u>Street Reps</u> - update from Caroline Henderson</b></p> <p>No update.</p>
<p><b>Developing and managing shared resources and spaces</b></p>	
7	<p><b>Working Groups</b></p> <p>a) <b><u>SMART</u> – update from Helene Tame</b></p> <p>The Waste and Recycling Manager from HDC, has confirmed Love’s Farm will be included in a pilot to promote food waste recycling. All residents will get a food waste caddy - half will get liners, half won’t and HDC will see how this affects recycling rates. Residents will receive a letter about the scheme.</p> <p>b) <b><u>Love’s Farm Blooms</u> - update from Phyllis Hooper</b></p> <p>Action 4 update: Phyllis to inform Emma when HDC is likely to prune the willow trees, so a facebook post can be published informing residents about his activity. HDC were too busy to do this and this now can’t be completed until Oct/Nov - to remove action.</p> <p>No update.</p> <p>c) <b><u>Community Garden</u> – update from Helene Tame</b></p> <p>No update.</p> <p>d) <b><u>Community Library</u> - update from Emma/Helene</b></p> <p>Action 5 update: Helene to follow up with local Mens’ Sheds to see if any would like to assist with building the community library box. Helene is following up on leads.</p> <p>e) <b><u>Finance</u> – update from Cameron Paul</b></p> <p>No update.</p>
8	<p><b>Community action area updates</b></p> <p>a) <b><u>Roads and traffic management</u></b></p> <p><b>Parking at the front of the estate</b></p>

	<p>Action 6 update: Camilla to check whether the parking on the green on Cambridge Street is occurring near BPHA properties. Camilla has confirmed that BPHA residents are not involved. PCSO Dan Grant is monitoring the situation. To remove action.</p> <p><b>b) <u>Engagement with developers</u> - updates from Ben/Helene/Marcus</b></p> <p>No update.</p> <p><b>c) <u>Condition of footpaths</u> - update from Marcus</b></p> <p>Action 7 update: Marcus to chase HDC about what action they will take to fix the footpaths on LF. Marcus is waiting to hear back from HDC.</p> <p><b>d) <u>Station Square</u> - update from Marcus</b></p> <p>Action 8 update: Marcus to establish who has bought the disused ground by the train station. Complete - Sensus Architecture will attend the next meeting to brief on the plans for the space; it will be turned into a car park. The buyer may potentially assist with improving the aesthetics of Station Square also.</p> <p>Action 9 update: Stephen to chase St Neots Town Ops Team re whether flower beds could be installed in Station Square with on-going maintenance from St Neots Town Council. Complete.</p> <p>Action 10 update: David to chase the planning department at the District Council, asking for a progress report on what L&amp;Q intend to do with the disused space on Station Square to improve it. Complete (see above).</p> <p><b>e) <u>Artwork on Priory Hill Bridge</u> - update from Marcus</b></p> <p>Network Rail has denied LFCA's request to use the railway bridge for local artists to display their work, stating it could distract the train drivers. Marcus has requested that they take responsibility for cleaning off any graffiti.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Farm House update</b></p> <p>Receive news from the Farm House trustees.</p> <p>LFH is reopening (except for the bar).</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>a) L&amp;Q Homes, developers of Hooper's Green will be attending June's meeting.</p> <p>b) There has been an increase in the anti-social and dangerous use of e-scooters on Love's Farm. These should not be used on any public highways.</p> <p>c) The next LFCA meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th June 2021.</p>

## Outstanding Actions not on Agenda

Action	Who?	Update
<p><b><u>Committee Governance</u></b></p> <p>11) Ben to confirm arrangements with the wider St Neots Community Support Group about how to refer our volunteers and residents to their scheme.</p> <p>12) Marcus to liaise with Holly to make the list of volunteer roles available on the website.</p>	<p>Ben</p> <p>Marcus</p>	

<p><b><u>Working Groups - Relationships</u></b></p> <p>13) Marcus/Emma to post on the website/facebook page, asking residents to report if they are not receiving the Love's Farm Newsletter.</p> <p>14) Phyllis and Marcus to follow up on any reports of residents not receiving the Love's Farm newsletter.</p>	<p>Marcus/Emma</p> <p>Phyllis/Marcus</p>	
<p><b><u>LFCA Communication</u></b></p> <p>15) Marcus to begin designing content for the LFCA noticeboard, with help from Ben.</p>	<p>Marcus/Ben</p>	
<p><b><u>Working Groups - Shared Spaces</u></b></p> <p>17) Cam to check how much of the remaining £1000 HDC grant has been spent in 6 months time (July).</p>	<p>Cam</p>	<p>For July's Mtg</p>
<p><b><u>Community Action</u></b></p> <p>18) Camilla to check whether BPHA could fund (or part-fund) a scheme for the council to remove resident's bulky waste.</p> <p>19) Camilla to inform LFCA if an appropriate area of BPHA owned land is available for planting wildflowers.</p> <p>20) Camilla to inform LFCA of her engagement plans for BPHA residents on Love's Farm.</p>	<p>Camilla</p> <p>Camilla</p> <p>Camilla</p>	