



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

July's LFCA Minutes

1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Marcus Pickering (Chair), Stephen Ferguson (SNTC, CCC), Cameron Paul, Ian Hall, Helene Tame, Lara Davenport-Ray, Phyllis Hooper, Paul, Caroline Gregson (SNTC)</p> <p>Apologies: David Wells (HDC), Ben Pitt (SNTC, HDC), Caroline Henderson, Becky Fowler, Emma Lovelock, PC Dan Grant</p>
Main Agenda Items	
2	<p>a) Planning for October's Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Marcus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traditionally combined with LFH AGM in Oct/Nov with a community-wide event ● 2020 was held on Zoom ● Do we want to go back to an in-person community event? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Majority were keen to have it in person, with moving online as a backup ■ We could look at whether there are good options for live streaming to complement the in-person event. ■ To include a quiz, short presentations, awards ■ Marcus to talk to Raymon and Jenny to find out availability of Love's Farm House and if they want to combine the LFH AGM with our LFCA AGM ■ Update from Marcus (22/07/2021) - The best option to me at the moment looks to be 12th November. <p>b) Local Highway Bids - Marcus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have until the end of September to make bids. ● This fund previously awarded money for our parking restrictions and removal of chicanes. ● In the past our Town Council Clerk presented our bids to CCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stephen suggests that perhaps he would present our bids in future. ● The Town can prepare one bid per County Council division. So far there are no bids from our Division - St Neots East & Gransden ● Last year there were very few bids, about 80% of bids were successfully funded in St Neots East & Gransden ● The Town Council will meet next week to decide which bids are put forward (Wednesday). ● We discussed three potential bids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pedestrian Crossing on Hogsden Leys - Swap of give-way priority to allow greater visibility of pedestrians. Work to extend double yellow lines to incorporate the give way lines and reduce the blind spots. ○ 20 mph Speed Limit (especially near the two schools) ○ Give-way road markings at the junction of Kester Road and Station Square (near Peri-Zone) - Helene believes the lack of markings here will become even more of an issue once the new carpark is built on Station Square. Perhaps Peri-Zone and Cox's would have evidence of accidents that have happened at this location. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marcus will also raise the issue of the Kester Way junction in the planning application for the car park. ● Agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Put forward the Hogsden Leys pedestrian crossing to the Town Council as our bid. ○ Commit to evidence gathering (using the Town Council's new speed camera/signs) regarding speed limits in preparation for a bid for this in 2022. ○ Create a standing item on the agenda to collect ideas for future bids. ○ Add the Kester and Station Road intersection give-way to the new list of items for consideration in future years. ● Update Following Meeting from Stephen (29/07/2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Town Council met and was strongly in support of a scheme to implement 20mph speed limits around all the schools in the Town. ○ Cllr Giles sits on the Highway's Committee on CCC and thinks that the Joint Administration has a strong political motivation for supporting this bid.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The view of the council was that this would be likely to have the biggest overall benefit with regards to improved safety. ○ Stephen believes we should continue to work on the Hogsden Leys plan, so that we have a robust evidenced-based submission for next year's round of funding. <p>c) Finance update - Cam/Marcus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An additional £1000 in funds has been secured from Arnold Clark for printing costs. Funds have already been allocated to this, so there will now be surplus funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This covers our portion of the Newsletter printing costs for about a year. ○ We previously shared the Newsletter bill with LFH. ○ Agreed: We can use surplus funds to pay the full newsletter costs while this fund is available. ● How can we use circa £5k surplus funds to benefit the community? Any ideas? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreed: "Moving On" from Covid Group – give them funds to have an event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marcus will ask them if funds would be welcome ○ Grants to community groups like Brownies, Runners, etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Perhaps we need to advertise to our community groups that they can apply for a small grant - details are available on our website. ■ Lara to ask Emma to advertise the info on social media. ○ Agreed: Additional funding for Neighbourhood Watch signs ○ Agreed: Allocating funding to a second community library location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Helene will contact the builder of the first library box and obtain a quote for a paid commission. ■ Perhaps use it as a 'how to' workshop for the construction if the builder agrees. ○ Agreed: Older residents group start-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marcus to ask Di Briggs if funding would be welcome ● Existing Junior Youth Club budget – this was inherited from a previous project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreed: Pass £120 of leftover funds allocated to the youth club (from the period when we administered it) to the youth club hosted by Love's Farm Church <p>d) LFCA community Survey Update - Marcus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● About 15 responses so far ● Helene may do door-knocking
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3	<p>Committee Governance</p> <p>Receive notes of the last meeting and update on actions not covered elsewhere on the agenda (7 incomplete - see table below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
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4	<p>Police/Crime</p> <p>Updates from our Police Community Support Officer or other crime news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PC Dan Grant was not in attendance but sent an update. ● The St Neots Neighborhood Policing Team have been tackling drug dealing in the area of Fox Brook and the nearby green area. Stop searches have been carried out. ● PC Jack Priestman is the new PC working alongside PC Dan
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5	<p>Councillor updates</p> <p>Receive updates from our Town, District and County Councillors</p> <p><u>Stephen Ferguson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Youth Council has not yet decided how it will interact with the rest of our town community. Perhaps in future they may wish to send a representative to attend LFCA meetings. ● The East-West Rail Consultation has received responses from HDC, CCC, CPCA and LFCA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ None selected a preferred route, all were against a diesel railway ● Luton flight path stack consultation results – they will increase the stack by 1,000ft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It will be active from Feb 2022 over St Neots ● Ian Winfield was our local Highways Officer. He is departing and we will soon have a new officer allocated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is a chance for new eyes on the recurring problems in our area.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Household recycling centers will gradually increase the number of timed slots available and remove the booking system by the end of August 2021. ● Dramsell Rise will be closed Aug 3 9:30pm-3:30am for Anglian Water works ● Stephen attended a bus summit in Ely with a view to reintroducing a bus service for Wintringham and Love's Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Urban & Civic could help subsidise this with S106 money ○ We need to demonstrate community demand for a bus service ○ Press release about this from the Combined Authority will come out soon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After the press release, Lara will investigate starting a petition <p><u>Other Councillors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Updates
6	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>a) Events – Emma was not in attendance but sent two reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Men Hunt will be the last 2 weeks of August ○ 5 September – Big Lunch <p>b) Neighbourhood Watch – Caroline was not in attendance but Marcus provided an update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permissions are back from County Council to put signs on lamp posts ○ We just need to purchase the signs <p>c) Street Reps - nothing to report</p>
Developing and managing shared resources and spaces	
7	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>a) SMART</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The next litter pick will be this Saturday ○ The following litter pick will be held the day before the Big Lunch - Saturday 4 September <p>b) Love's Farm Blooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phyllis is still considering the option of applying for a grant for hedging. This could be used to create a maze for children.. <p>c) Community Garden – nothing to report</p> <p>d) Community Library - nothing to report</p>
8	<p>Community action area updates</p> <p>a) Engagement with developers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Action update: Ben to coordinate response to HDC re design code for Love's Farm East. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The LFCA response was submitted to HDC. Hopefully Love's Farm East can learn from some of the mistakes made in the design of Love's Farm West. ○ Marcus will circulate the written response to the committee ● Action update: Stephen to liaise with Urban & Civic and Marcus to liaise with L&Q to seek their funding for defibrillators to be sited on Hooper's Green and Love's Farm East. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not yet completed ● New car park and additional seating/planters for Station Square <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marcus and Lara met with HDC and the car park architect at Station Square ○ The tree wells (and one surviving tree) in Station Square will be repurposed with raised beds that are surrounded on two sides by seating. ○ The car park developer will pay for the seating/planters and HDC will implement it ○ Kelly (architect for the car park) will send us drawings of new benches and planters ○ HDC also has funds for some 'play' elements that could be used in Station Square ● A428/A421 Upgrade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lara has registered LFCA as an interested party. She will report back if there are any developments of interest. ○ It is likely that there will be future public information sessions. <p>b) Condition of footpaths - nothing to report</p>
9	<p>Farm House update Receive news from the Farm House trustees.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many sessions are now being held in the space, but safety measures are still in place. • Bar is still closed for the moment, but they are taking bookings.
10 Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next LFCA meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2021.

Outstanding Actions not on Agenda

Action	Who?	Update
<p><u>Committee Governance</u></p> <p>1) 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>2) Marcus to liaise with Holly to make the list of volunteer roles available on the website.</p>	<p>Ben</p> <p>Marcus</p>	
<p><u>Working Groups - Relationships</u></p> <p>3) 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>4) 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><u>LFCA Communication</u></p> <p>5) Marcus to begin designing content for the LFCA noticeboard, with help from Ben.</p>	<p>Marcus/Ben</p>	
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>6) Emma to publish HDC guidance on use of electric scooters on the LFCA facebook page</p> <p>7) Emma to publish HDC guidance about dog control in open spaces on the LFCA facebook page.</p>	<p>Emma</p> <p>Emma</p>	

New Actions Agreed

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<p><u>AGM</u></p> <p>1) Marcus to talk to Raymon and Jenny to find out availability of Love's Farm House for an in-person AGM. Also to assess if they want to combine the LFH AGM with our LFCA AGM.</p>	<p>Marcus</p>	
<p><u>Local Highways Bids</u></p> <p>2) To include a regular agenda item regarding any new projects for consideration with annual Local Highways funding bids.</p> <p>3) Marcus will raise the issue of Kester Way/Station Square intersection in the planning application for the car park.</p>	<p>Becky</p> <p>Marcus</p>	

<p><u>Community Funding Ideas</u></p> <p>4) Helene will contact the builder of the first library box and obtain a quote for a paid commission.</p> <p>5) Lara to ask Emma to advertise the Small Grants webpage on social media: https://www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk/Groups/276605/Small_Grants.aspx</p> <p>6) Marcus to ask the "Moving On" group if they would like funds to hold an event.</p> <p>7) Marcus to offer funds to Di Briggs to help start a social group for older people</p>	<p>Helene</p> <p>Lara</p> <p>Marcus</p> <p>Marcus</p>	
<p><u>Bus Service for our Community</u></p> <p>6) Once the Combined Authority has issued a Press Release about community busing, Lara to investigate a petition to demonstrate local community demand for a Love's Farm & Wintringham bus route.</p>	<p>Lara</p>	
<p><u>Love's Farm East Design Code Consultation</u></p> <p>7) Marcus will circulate the LFCA response to the consultation.</p>	<p>Marcus</p>	