



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Love's Farm House
16th March 2022 8pm

LFCA Meeting Minutes

1	<p>Welcome, apologies and introductions Lara Davenport-Ray (Chair), Cameron Paul (Chair & Treasurer via zoom), Jenny Street (Secretary), Marcus Pickering, Emma Lovelock, Caroline Henderson, Pam Davenport, Lynn Otto, Peter Clifton Joined part way through the meeting: Helene Tame, Ben Pitt Apologies: Caroline Gregson</p>	
Main Agenda Items		
2	<p>Open Forum - Ideas and Questions from residents and stakeholders <u>Keith White, a resident from Top Birches raised 2 issues via email:</u></p> <p>1. Every time there is a school pick or collection run the cars park up onto the pavement outside my house and along that stretch of road. Is there any signage that could be used?</p> <p>The road is easily wide enough for vehicles to pass the other side near the birch hedge without parking on the pavement. Let these people disrespect pedestrians and damage pavements outside their own houses!</p> <p>2. The number of e scooter riders on Loves Farm is atrocious and totally illegal. There are even 12 year olds riding them. I have seen them taken into Tesco Express by youths etc. I have seen residents using them to get to the station, down to the town centre etc. Is there anything that our community can do to prevent a serious or deadly accident because of these "couldn't give a damn eScooter riders"?</p> <p>Mr White suggested the following measures to improve the issues he raised:</p> <p>Is there any signage available to prohibit this - perhaps we could place a list of common courtesy rules on LFCA website - better policing at school pick up and drop off times. Could bollards be installed as a deterrent?</p> <p><i>Lara suggested that the LFCA ask PCSO Dan Grant to patrol the area and around the school and generally to help raise awareness of the issue.</i> <i>Lara also mentioned that illegal parking will become the responsibility of HDC in the near future. This will allow the council to employ parking wardens.</i> <i>Update - Caroline has corresponded with Dan and Lara has spoken with Dan in person. He will step up his presence around Oliver Way & Top Birches at school pickup time.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding the issue of electric scooters being used by residents - it's illegal to use e-scooters on paths - any instances witnessed by residents should to be reported to the police via this link:</i> https://www.police.uk/pt/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/ <i>Emma agreed to re-issue her social media posts about illegal e-scooter use and police reporting.</i></p> <p><u>Peter Clifton, Clark Drive, raised the issue of how best people of Loves Farm can best support and host refugee families.</u></p> <p>It was suggested that we facilitate a support network for both refugees and host families. Lara suggested creating a sub group of the LFCA "Loves Farm Ukrainian Support Group" on whatsapp. It was agreed that a group approach could potentially work best, incorporating all the elements of Love's Farm so that we can connect people. Lara met a Polish woman living on Cambridge Street who is happy to provide guidance where necessary. 5 households have currently registered an interest in finding out more.</p> <p>Peter: How do we go about getting matched with someone? What support would there be? Lara has approached a charity to provide guidance and support. Feedback to follow. Action: Gather information and build networks. More information to follow in the newsletter.</p>	10 mins
3	<p>Guest Speaker - None</p>	0 min

4	<p>Updates and Announcements (as necessary)</p> <p>a) Councillors - Ben Pitt - Local Highway Improvement bid - Annually the Town Council has put forward a bid to have 20mph zones around all the primary schools in St Neots. The cost of this is approx £70,000. County will pay up to £15,000 towards the project. Town Council to hold a Jubilee event in Regatta Meadow - Beacon Lighting on Thursday at 8.40pm and a Community Picnic with live music on Saturday 4th June 1pm - 8pm. The Future High Streets Fund is ongoing. Peter suggested that it would be helpful if the temporary speed restrictions on A428 could become the new legal limit for that section of road in order to minimise accidents. Lara agreed to send Peter the contact details for County Cllr Stephen Ferguson. The Town Council and District Council elections are taking place in May. Nominations for representatives from Love's Farm would be welcome from anyone who is interested in standing for these roles. .</p> <p>b) Committee members - None</p> <p>c) Police and Neighbourhood Watch There have been reports of a broken window in Field Gate Close this week. 2 youths have been spotted around the estate asking for sponsor money to support family members who have passed away or who have cancer. Residents please be aware and report via Neighbourhood Watch. There have been successful arrests by the police regarding drug related crimes. Police are currently monitoring the issues regarding the male and female motorcyclists riding up and down the wiggly path. The police are waiting for more evidence before any action can be taken. Caroline has been sharing posts with Wintringham Neighbourhood Watch and introducing them to the local PCSO.</p> <p>d) Street Reps - No updates. Lara asked how many vacancies we have for Street Reps. The following streets require representation (we brainstormed possible leads): Field Gate Close (Caroline Gregson), Top Birches, Middle Ground (Karen Brookes or Claire Howes), Clark Drive (Peter Clifton), Oliver Way, School Drive, Kester Way, Embry Drive (Jessica Sanchez), Alvey Road, Waterland (Steve Caretaker #2), Leveret Way, The Warren (Chris Jones), Cambridge Road, Pattison Court. Helene to contact prospective representatives.</p> <p>e) Emma was invited to a BPHA event recently and is awaiting information from them to begin engaging with the Community Association.</p>	15 mins
5	<p>Finance Update - Treasurer</p> <p>a) Bank balance - General funds stand at £4,750. Restricted funds stands at £146 for St Neots in Bloom and £428.70 for the printing fund from Arnold Clark for the next few newsletters. Emma requested more money for petty cash. Cam is moving house to Brampton and is giving notice on his role as Treasurer effective late 2022.</p> <p>b) Substantial Incomings Cam has had confirmation from the Town Council regarding the annual £1,400 grant which has been issued and will be received shortly.</p> <p>c) Grant Requests- none</p>	5 mins
6	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>a) Future Guest Invitations - Lara Davenport-Ray - Marcus has invited L&Q Estates to the next meeting in April to discuss the Love's Farm East development. Lara and Marcus will provide them with questions in advance. The meeting is to take place online. Any suggestions for questions should be sent to chair@ourlovesfarm.co.uk A BPHA representative will be invited to the meeting in May.</p> <p>b) Plans for the Queen's Jubilee - Helene Tame - Afternoon Tea from 3-5pm. There will be some country dancing, people will be encouraged to bring their own picnics and seating. Urban & Civic are going to close Nuffield Road to Wintringham Plaza. It's a free event but if people want to leave a donation, any money raised will go to support Ukrainian refugees. Children at both Round House and Wintringham schools will be involved in a competition to draw a portrait of the Queen - entries will be displayed on the boards facing Wintringham School. An evening event may well take place at Loves Farm House - to be discussed.</p> <p>c) April/May Newsletter Content - to be discussed next month</p> <p>d) HDC Community Resilience Team Visit Feedback - Lara Davenport-Ray - to be discussed next month</p> <p>e) Community Library #2 Construction Update - Helene Tame- to be discussed next month</p> <p>f) Highways Visit - Lara Davenport-Ray- to be discussed next month</p> <p>g) Defibrillators - Cam Paul - The new defibrillator will cost approx £2,500 plus £200-£300 for installation. Application for funds to be made via L&Q. Where are we going to put it? Marcus suggested Hoopers Green. Lara suggested asking L&Q where they think it should be placed. There are 2 blocks of 6 flats facing Cambridge Road - the defibrillator could be attached to one of those buildings - particularly as these are on a public road. Cam is going to propose this to L&Q via email.</p> <p>h) Email Addresses Options - Marcus Pickering - Google are starting to charge for our email addresses unless we become a charity. We could reduce the number of email addresses or register with HMRC to gain charitable status. Cam suggested that we reduce the number of email addresses and then we can budget for the cost. However, there may be other unrelated</p>	30 mins

	<p>benefits that come with registering with HMRC as a charity. Marcus and Cam to discuss this further offline. Deadline is July. Initial costs are £2 per month per mailbox.</p> <p>i) Station Square Car Park Update - Marcus Pickering- to be discussed next month</p> <p>j) HDC & Paths Maintenance - Marcus Pickering- to be discussed next month</p> <p>k) Foul Water Update - Lara Davenport-Ray- to be discussed next month</p> <p>l) Future of the Community Survey - All- to be discussed next month</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Emma - Chocolate Bingo will take place on Thursday 14th April before Easter. There will be the traditional Easter Egg hunt around the estate and there will be a Royal themed hunt over the Jubilee weekend as well.</p>	10 mins
8	Confirm details of next meeting - Wednesday 20th April - 7:30pm - online	1 mins
9	Close meeting	