



## Love's Farm Community Association

### Meeting

Reedmans Bar, St. Neots FC

19th June 2013

7.30pm

## MINUTES

**Present:** Beverley Morrison, John Carter, Grant Morrison, David Wells, Keela Shackell, Phyllis Hooper, Marcus Pickering, George Yazigi

Item		Action
1.	<b>Welcome</b>  BM welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>  Terry Kirby, Emma Lovelock, Philip Gibbs, Diane Lane (CCC), Julie Wisson.	
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  Accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 21st May 2013.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>  DW confirmed that there were funds available to finance prizes for the proposed photographic competition.	
5.	<b>Reports from Sub-Committees:</b>  <b>i General Purposes</b> Northern access: the way forward is via a petition to the County Council. If 50 signatures are collected this forces a debate in the council. To collect maximum number of signatures will require door knocking. There are concerns as to the length of time this will take given the available man power. Decision taken to proceed with an electronic petition via the website – there are 400+ registered users so this should generate sufficient signatures to trigger the debate at council. To be promoted via the next newsletter.  <b>ii Finance</b> No report this month.  <b>iii Building Steering</b> PG's report: There is conflicting information at present as to what is happening with the community building. Apparently, the planners haven't seen the plans for the timber framed building as was previously advised and the transfer to the Town Council is by no means a "done deal". We understand that the District and County	

	<p>Councils are locked in negotiations regarding the provision of youth facilities. Current position is still the same – s106 monies too small and the design too good for the monies available.</p> <p><b>iv Events</b> Nothing significant to report this month. Availability of dates required from the football club for events generally and from the Council for the big lunch. The football club have advised that they can no longer warrant opening the bar for quiz nights as wages are not being covered by takings. They are happy for us to operate on a 'bring your own' basis.</p> <p><b>v SMART</b> PH won an award for SMART at the recent BPHA Volunteer awards evening. Many congratulations from the committee; a just reward for all the hard work. Next SMART events are programmed for evenings to test the level of interest. Looking at getting away from being litterpicks as litter is a reduced problem now. For example, at the last SMART day, tree guards were removed. This is a Hunts DC responsibility but it's in our interest to help to improve appearances and for the health of the trees. Suggestion that we could help maintain gardens for those who can't manage it themselves. Discussion as to signs saying "This area cleaned by SMART". Good idea and hope that it doesn't lead to a dumping problem.</p> <p><b>vi Communications &amp; Website</b> Many thanks to KS for the website content she has prepared. Committee page on the website is now up and running. Newsletter – process of educating residents on alternate electronic and paper months.</p>	
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Grant Applications from Town Council</b> These are grants of up to £10,000 for capital projects. Discussion as to possible projects; the two favoured are establishing a permit system to counteract the envisaged problem of commuter parking and the purchase of printer/ink/paper for the newsletter. DW will make the necessary applications for both projects.</p> <p><b>Addenbroke's Hospital Virtual Balloon Race</b> GY highlighted this event that is being promoted by the Rotary Club; for individuals to contribute.</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> This is low tonight; discussion as to whether the committee format is too formal and puts off people who might otherwise be interested. Discussion that alternating the days of the week for meetings is confusing. Agreed that when the next meeting dates are set that we will stick to the same night each week.</p> <p><b>Sarah Gower</b> SG is moving churches and will be leaving us in August.</p> <p><b>Rebrand</b> Discussion as to whether the Love's Farm Community Association title is too formal? It is a bit staid but other community groups have similar titles so nothing unusual. Sparked a wider discussion as to whether Love's Farm is liked as a name for the</p>	

	area. Other parts of St Neots have “village” style names (eg Eynesbury, Eaton Socon etc). Clearly, Love’s Farm comes from the name of the farm that was here. Suggestions welcomed!	
	<b>Meeting closed at 8.40pm.</b>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 22nd July 2013 at 7.30pm Reedmans Bar</b>	