



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting  
Love's Farm House  
19 April 2017  
19.30

### **Attendees**

Marcus Pickering  
Becky Symms  
Ben Pitt  
David Wells  
Emma Lovelock  
Helene Tame  
Ian Gardener  
Julie Wisson  
Matthew Muffato  
Penny Norton  
Romana Kandziora

### **Attendees (part)**

Danielle Parkin  
Emma Stevens

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## **1. Welcome etc**

Apologies were received from Caroline Gregson, Colin Chaplin, Ellie Gray and Jenny Parris.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with one amendment.

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## **2. Working group updates**

### **2.1. Dogs**

No update

### **2.2. Events: Emma Lovelock**

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success, with 37 entries and three families finding all 30 eggs. Prizes were provided by Tesco but were not available to all who completed the hunt successfully. This is to be reviewed next year.

130 people attended the Chocolate Bingo, which raised approximately £100. Due to the popularity of the event it was suggested that this takes place three times each year, with the summer hunt being Hunt the Emojis.

A possible event to mark the completion of Station Square (or perhaps all roads on Love's Farm) was discussed. Helene Tame suggested a square dance and will investigate this, with Ben Pitt.

**Action: HT and Ben Pitt to investigate.**

### **2.3. Street Reps: Romana Kandziora**

Romana Kandziora reported on behalf of Caroline Gregson regarding the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Signs are available for Field Gate Close and will be installed when the positioning has been decided.

**Action: CG to progress signage**

A trampoline has been abandoned behind Paddock Close.

**Action: RK to discuss with BPHA**

#### **2.4. SMART: Helene Tame**

The next SMART day will be held on Saturday 29 April.

A SMART packs is now available at the Farm House for anyone wishing to carry out extra shifts.

**Action: HT to draft text regarding the availability of the SMART kit at the Farm House; HT to provide MP with SMART day dates from May onwards.**

#### **2.5. Finance: David Wells**

No update from DW

**Action: DW to confirm balance**

Marcus Pickering mentioned that St Neots in Bloom had contributed £500. The committee agreed with a suggestion by Phyllis that wild garlic and bluebells are planted.

**Action: MP to include a discussion on plans for spending the St Neots in Bloom money on May's agenda; HT to discuss with Phyllis.**

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### **3. Oversubscription of the Round House Primary Academy**

Primary school places were announced on 16 April. 18 children on Love's Farm were unsuccessful in securing a place at the Round House despite it being their first choice. Marcus Pickering formally thanked Emma Stevens for her work in publicising the issue. ES is continuing to communicate with Cambridgeshire County Council. The County Council is believed to be carrying out a survey to investigate the potential to expand the Round House permanently and will then put the issue to a County Council vote. If this is successful it is possible that an expanded 2017/18 Reception intake could be housed temporarily in portacabins.

ES has processed a Freedom of Information request regarding previous admission data and has asked the County Council for minutes of meetings concerning planned provision for children living on Love's Farm.

Danielle Parkin spoke about the school she teaches at in Bedford which was successfully expanded for one specific year group.

Ben Pitt referred to conversations with Tracey Bryden (head teacher of the Round House) in which she had seemed positive about a potential expansion to three-form entry on an ongoing basis, but less so about a single expanded year group. Specific issues include the capacity of the kitchen and the hall, and the fact that the ground source heating pipes occupy much of the field. It is not known whether a second storey is possible.

Julie Wisson warned that the decision could be taken by the next meeting of the Children's and Young Persons' Committee on 7 June, which could potentially comprise new councillors. Therefore there is a need to communicate quickly and effectively with all councillors following County Council elections, as well as with any new advisory members of the committee.

**Action: JW to make internal enquiries at Cambridgeshire County Council; Penny Norton to add this issue to the agenda for the next Round House governors' meeting; Ian Gardener to let ES know committee membership as soon as the information is available; MP to send an email from the Love's Farm website regarding ES's campaign; BP to arrange for ES to meet Tracey Bryden and Susannah Connell (Executive Headteacher of the DLPT)**

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#### **4. Parking restrictions**

David Wells explained that he had been in communication with Karen Lunn regarding parking restrictions in Love's Farm. DW, Ben Pitt, Marcus Pickering and Hazel Pinhero plan to meet Karen Lunn to better understand the planned consultation. The potential consultation was discussed in detail, with the committee agreeing that it is important that large number of Love's Farm residents take part; that street reps should be utilised to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to input into the consultation, and that a plan should be made available to LFCA before it is approved.

Julie Wisson and Ian Gardener explained that a proposed car park on Hawkesden Road had been rejected by the County Council because the figures did not convince officers. It was felt that a car park on Hawkesden Road would be of benefit to Love's Farm and to commuters travelling from St Neots station. The committee will ask for the Hawkesden Road car park to be reconsidered once the new council has been elected.

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#### **5. Community Plan**

The draft community plan was reviewed with a view to identifying those who should be consulted. Marcus Pickering made some amendments, including a list of stakeholders.

**Action: MP to pass on the outcome of our discussions to Eleanor Gray, who will progress the development of the plan at the next meeting**

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#### **6. Noticeboards**

A discussion took place regarding the need for more noticeboards around Love's Farm. Huntingdonshire District Council had not supplied notice boards as was originally hoped, possibly because a commitment to maintain them is required. It was suggested that street reps were made responsible for maintaining notice boards.

It was agreed that Love's Farm would benefit from a map to replace Gallagher's map of construction sites, and perhaps a 'village' sign.

**Action: Helene Tame to look into installing a new noticeboard in the Farm House.**

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#### **7. BHPA welcome packs**

Becky Symms mentioned that as a tenant of a BPHA property, she had not received any information about LFCA.

It was agreed that LFCA should provide BHPA with a general document (perhaps a postcard) for welcome packs, in addition the newsletters that some residents have received.

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### **8. A428 consultation**

The LFCA's response to the consultation was discussed. MP recommended that the committee supported the Orange route and this was agreed. The committee's preference is that the route is slightly further south than is marked on the map; includes appropriate junctions and acoustic barriers, and that a cycleway is provided linking St Neots to Cambourne.

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### **9. Facebook**

Emma Lovelock is on holiday during April / May and Keela Shackell-Smith will be responsible for the Facebook page.

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### **10. BPHA / time credits**

Ben Pitt has a meeting to discuss.

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### **11. Christmas tree**

It was agreed that LFCA should respond to St Neots Town Council's offer to provide a Christmas tree, to be located either in the Pirate Ship park or Station Square. The committee agreed that a specific Christmas tree would be preferable to lights on an existing tree.

**Action: David Wells to confirm to Kevin at St Neots Town Council.**

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### **12. Next meeting**

Wednesday 17 May, 7:30