



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Love's Farm House
17 July 2019
19.30

Minutes

Agenda Item

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| 1 | <p>Welcome and apologies – Marcus Pickering, chair Love's Farm Community Association Apologies received: Cllr Julie Wisson, Cllr David Wells, PCSO Dan Grant, Ben Pitt</p> | |
| Building great relationships in our community. | | |
| 2 | <p>Committee Governance</p> <p>i) Notes of last meeting were received and actions not covered elsewhere on the agenda were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lighting – LED lights on Stone Hill have been replaced. Tesco carpark lights are the landlords responsibility and have yet to be replaced. BPHA have completed replacing bulbs for most of the lights they are responsible including those in the car park areas. Some lights on spine roads remain unlit but as these roads are now adopted it is Cambridge County Council responsibility to replace them. It should be easier now to report lights. • Fox Brook Bridge – David Wells advised there is no update. The action will be carried forward to the next agenda. • Northern Boundary – advised that Huntingdon District Council have agreed to replace the fence which has fallen down. Nik Johnson advised he understood it was agreed it would be fixed. The action will be carried forward to the next agenda. • L&Q will attend the September meeting to update on plans for the reserve site. • Ruts along the Millar development will be rectified by the developer which HDC employed to carry out the work. The action will be carried forward to the next agenda. <p>ii) Updates received from Town, District and County Councillors in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Nik Johnson advised that HDC planning committee did not report on any specific Love's Farm or St Neots issues. A petition about the customer care centre in the Priory Centre planned closure in August will go to Cabinet next week. It was thought that the online portal will be proposed as the solution however this is not accessible by those who probably most need the service locally. - Cllr Stephen Ferguson advised the Mayor of St Neots was optimistic about working with HDC going forward. The town councillors had launched a zero climate initiative proposal to look at cutting down energy and carbon usage before 2030. Other plans included revitalising the farmers market and local shopping. A proposal for a regular boat service from the Ouse was also being worked on. <p>PCSO Dan Grant provided a written update in his absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Railway staff had reported thefts of 4 cycles from the bike racks, residents were asked to mark property and be vigilant - Motor thefts at the start of summer were thought to be the result of organised criminals. There have been no more recent thefts - Over the summer children are encouraged not to swim in local rivers, especially Pocket Park - The policing team are working with the Riverside Park and HDC to improve safety at the Riverside Park ramps. <p>Residents noted the Town Councillor vacancy for Love's Farm for St Neots Town Council co-option. The nominees are not local to Love's Farm but very good. The deadline is 18 July.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Community grants</p> <p>i) A grant application from Coder Dojo (circulated with agenda) had been received to support an initiative to develop interest in computer coding by children and young adults. The grant was to contribute to the cost of room hire at the Farm House to enable the sessions to take place and included a safe guarding policy and all volunteers would be DBS checked, parents would need to accompany children. The programme would be run by volunteers to teach coding skills and would be supported by online information. The sessions would benefit residents but mostly children from age 7 to 17 and would be held monthly. A pilot session would be held with approximately 15 children. Children would need to be accompanied by a responsible adult – this was felt to be a</p> | |

barrier however would be reviewed. Funding was also being sought from HDC. Those in attendance considered the application and supported it on the understanding that the form would be resubmitted with safe guarding and DBS requirements. Once the resubmitted form was received and the bank account is set up the request would be approved subject to the criteria being met.

Action: Community reach fund, British Transport Police Fund, BPHA contacts to be shared with Coder Dojo team.

ii) Marcus Pickering gave an update on the memorial for Marissa Aldrich. HDC were unable to provide a Christmas Tree and an alternative list of trees was provided to the family. A tree was chosen by Marissa's family. The ground will be prepared properly for the tree. A plaque has been ordered to go with the tree. The remaining fund is approx. £250 and will be split between Marissa's two children.

iii) Residents noted a Passenger Benefits Fund (<https://www.passengerbenefitfund.co.uk/>) which had been publicised nationally for communities to apply to. Residents were invited to submit their view on possible improvements to St Neots station and benefits from the fund to the community bordering the station. Suggestions were put forward to benefit the community through visually bringing together Love's Farm and St Neots through a mural connecting the spaces.

Action: Eleanor to submit PBF proposal on behalf of the community association to purpose a mural connecting Love's Farm and ST Neots. Mural to bring the communities together of the dividing line of the railway.

Phylliss Hooper updated residents that following the station community gardening event, Godiva Thameslink railway community liaison officer had offered residents station tours and rides for children should this wish to be pursued.

Action: Phylliss to share details of Thameslink contact with Marcus.

4 Great Get Together 2019

Ben Pitt and Helene Tame provided an update on the on Great Get Together weekend which was a success.

The quiz had low attendance but the BBQ was very well attended. The international foods theme was very enjoyable and the BBQ sold out of food! The meet your street was successful and the yard sale was felt to be good too.

Thanks was given to all those who helped.

Action: The annual clash off Neots Armed Forces day and the national Great Get Together date will be notified to SNTC – Cllr Stephen Furguson to advise Caroline Greenwood.

5 AGM

Plans for the AGM which will take place on 11 October were considered. It was noted the regular LFCA social will take place on the 13 September.

The same format of the AGM will be used as for 2018. It was suggested the awards will not take place this year but possibly a special award is given for nominations made or more smaller awards given.

Emma will lead the quiz and Ben will be asked to provide the presentation. The community plan will also be put in a publication format for the meeting. Photos of activities will update the slide deck.

The presentation and community plan will be used to promote Love's Farm as we did last year with councils and developers.

Fish and Chips supper will be requested by Cox's shop for those attending again. With better arrangements for managing the orders.

Action: Emma Lovelock to provide a Facebook on community awards and Marcus to share form.

Action: Photos to Ben Pitt which illustrate the activities that have taken place

6 Working Groups action to note (no discussion/comments by exception)

i) Events – Emma Lovelock advised that the quiz will take place in July. A summer holiday hunt will take place (the theme of which was tbc), Sunday 8 September is the Big Lunch.

ii) Street reps – Caroline Henderson advised there was no real update from reps. The neighbourhood watch scheme is now registered. PCSO's will provide stickers, and sign locations will be highlighted. It was noted that BPHA and LFCA funds could be approached for sign funding. Street

reps would be encouraged to request funds for the signs from residents. The October newsletter will publicise the scheme and set out what the purpose of the scheme is for our residents and how it links with our existing street reps scheme, website and Facebook pages.

Developing and managing shared resources and spaces

7 Working Group action to note (no discussion/comments by exception):

- i) SMART – Helene Tame advised a session was held recently and confirmed the next SMART day would be 6 September. It was suggested that pickers could be advertised for use over the summer holidays. Helene advised pickers are at the Farm House for anyone whom wishes to use them. Phyllis was thanked for her ongoing work on yard farm gate near Hull Way.
- ii) Love’s Farm Blooms/Community Garden – Phyllis Hooper updated on the Blooms. She advised that she had done lots of bramble cutting across the estate. Marissa’s shrubs are being affected by ants and Phyllis had replanted some and continues to water them. Bulbs for the north east of the estate were requested. Jessica Sanchez will be asked to update on the community garden which is doing really well. The Saturday morning gardening sessions will continue and it is well advertised on social media.
- iii) Finance – Cameron Paul provided an update on committee finances. He advised he would meet with Marcus to update on specific issues.

8 Community action area updates:

i) Roads and traffic management

It was noted that the parking management scheme would be implemented from end of July and would be supported by road closures across the south west of the estate from Dramsell Rise, around station square, up to stone hill and towards the Cambridge Road. Details would be provided on the ourlovesfarm.co.uk website and shared with residents.

Cambridgeshire County Council would be issuing advance warning of road closures but had requested LFCA help with hand delivering letters across the estate w/c 29 July. Roadworks would take place between 6am and 4.30pm each day and the road closures moved around for each phase of the road marking.

Full details provided would be provided by Cambridge County Council and will be uploaded to the website including the phasing plans for painting the lines.

Residents agreed to support delivery by asking for volunteers to deliver letters but would not take responsibility for ensuring letters go to each resident.

It was noted that a commuter had been in touch with the LFCA to advise that threatening letters had been left on commuter cars. The request was for more parking spaces. Marcus passed on the email to our PCSO and suggested commuters should lobby for more spaces.

ii) Road and street safety

Residents were updated on a possible 20 MPH bid to LHI to improve road safety on Love’s Farm. It was noted that SNTC can provide 3 bids, the deadline is 4 August. The Love’s Farm bid for 20 MPH around Round House was supported and extended to all schools across the town. The other bid is for yellow line repainting and the other for pedestrian crossing on church street.

It was suggested a limit for all Love’s Farm could be made for future years but this year the target was for schools. This was felt to be especially important given the ‘sister school’ status and winning bid for the Wintringham school which would result in movement of children north-south across the estate throughout the day (not just at school drop off/collection).

It was confirmed that LFCA did not need to do anything as the Town Clerk was leading on the submission. It was suggested that the sister school was included in the proposal to ensure the zone extends to Wintringham. Also the bus stop would be included as the school busses no longer travel to the school site due to issues with access across station square and therefore the walking routes would be included too.

iii) Engagement with Developers

It was noted that L&Q had requested they attend the September meeting of the LFCA to update on development of the reserve site which had now been granted planning permission.

9 Farm House update

There was no news from the Farmhouse trustees, it was deferred to the next meeting.

10 AOB - Noted no meeting in August, next meeting September 18, 7.30, Love’s Farm House.

Actions from previous meetings and updates

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| 1. | Connecting our community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coder Dojo to be provided with other grant opportunities info e.g. BTP - Armed Forces day and great get together clash to be notified to SNTC - Incredible Edible project to be developed and brought back to future meeting - Passenger Benefits Fund proposal for mural to be submitted - Thameslink lead for communities contact to be shared | ? update needed ? updated needed September? Complete – submitted ? update needed | Marcus Pickering Stephen Ferguson/Caroline Greenwood Jessica Sanchez Ellie Gray Phyllis Hooper |
| 2. | AGM planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photos to Ben for presentation - Community plan to be update into publication format - Community awards to be promoted | September agenda | All |
| 3. | Looking after our community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HDC considering street lighting for Fox Brook - Future agenda to consider road safety and speeding – bid for funding - Northern Boundary Fence repairs - Contractors need to re do landscaping they have damaged on Millar development | ? update needed September – noted deadline 4 August by SNTC September update – complete? September update – complete? | David Wells SNTC Cllrs Marcus Emma Lovelock |
| 4. | Street reps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marcus to update on policing and crime in liaison with PCSO Dan Grant - Neighbourhood watch scheme to be supported by LFCA through street reps and grants - Removal of benches on Belland Hill being pursued by Street Reps | Standing agenda item On going Pending update from street rep | Marcus Pickering Caroline Henderson |
| 5. | Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Wells to keep LFCA updated on parking restriction plans - Julie Wisson to keep LFCA update on access issues and discussions with CCC Highways on norther access - Ben Pitt to update on Cambridge Road crossing development - Stephen Ferguson to discuss with Town Council options for bus bay on Cambridge Road | September agenda – lines painted August On going – not resolved On going On going | David Wells |
| 6. | Finance Marcus and Cameron to follow up with BPHA, Gallagher's and U&C re funding contribution to LFCA. | On going | Marcus/Cameron |
| 7. | Love's Farm Blooms - Permanent site for northern Christmas tree to be sought. | Future agenda item | Phyllis Hooper |