

Love's Farm Community Association Meeting Zoom Online 20th October 2021 7.30pm

October's LFCA Meeting Minutes

1 Welcome and apologies

Attendees: Marcus Pickering (Chair), Becky Fowler (Secretary), Cameron Paul (Treasurer), Phyllis Hooper, Helene Tame, Christine Littlewood (U&C), David Ruff, Emma Lovelock

Apologies: Ben Pitt, David Wells, Caroline Gregson, Caroline Henderson, Steve Briggs, Lara Davenport-Ray, Stephen Ferguson

Main Agenda Items

a) Planning for Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Marcus

ACTION update: Marcus to confirm if the Love's Farm House will incorporate their AGM at the same time as ours. Yes - this is confirmed.

ACTION update: Marcus, Becky, Emma, Helene and Ben to meet on Monday 18th October to finalise the awards. Complete - award winners have been selected by the LFCA committee.

ACTION update: Emma to create two rounds for the quiz for the AGM. Lara is creating an escape room style challenge, which will run alongside the quiz.

b) Feedback from first Wintringham community association meeting

ACTION update: Matt to talk to Ben (in due course) about seeking a grant from SNTC for the Wintringham community association. Roll over.

Last night (19/10/21) was the first meeting of the Wintringham Community Association. Key issue raised:

 The speed limit on Cambridge Road is too fast to exit Wintringham safely. The position seems to be that nothing can be done to change the speed limit until wider road works are underway (likely 2023). Signs will be placed on the road to remind drivers that there is a new road layout.

NEW ACTION: Marcus to invite Matt (and other interested committee members) to the LFCA and LFH AGM.

- c) Bus route petition Lara/Stephen Lara and Stephen not present at the meeting to be discussed at the next meeting.
- d) Library of Things Ben Ben not present at the meeting to be discussed at the next meeting.

Building great relationships in our community

3 Committee Governance

Receive notes of the last meeting and update on actions not covered elsewhere on the agenda (10 actions not covered elsewhere- see below table).

The minutes from last month's meeting were agreed.

4 Police/Crime

Updates from our Police Community Support Officer or other crime news

LFCA continues to receive complaints about the anti-social use of e-scooters on Love's Farm. The police are aware and Emma has already posted warnings on LFCA's social media pages.

A steel bar weapon was found on Wintringham estate by a resident, which was reported to the police.

5 Councillor updates

Receive updates from our Town, District and County Councillors

No councillors present.

6 Working Groups

a) Events – update from Emma Lovelock

The next quiz will be held at LFH on Friday 29th October. There will be a Christmas quiz on the last Friday of November.

NEW ACTION: Emma to email Marcus the dates of any LFH events to be added to the LFCA calendar.

The group agreed that we should host carol singing in December (as per last year's COVID safe arrangements), likely in Station Square and the Village Green. Potential to get some youth groups to carol around the Christmas trees also.

NEW ACTION: Helene to ask Chris Hat if he'd be willing to help with the music for the Christmas carolling (this may determine the date of the carolling).

On Friday 10th December, a harpist will be coming to Love's Farm to perform Christmas songs.

b) <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> – update from Caroline Henderson

ACTION update: Lara will nominate LFCA as part of the NHW's community of the year competition. Complete.

ACTION update: Emma to share the NHW's neighbour of the year competition link on LFCA's facebook page. Complete

The first round of NHW signs have been erected. Caroline is awaiting permission to put a further 5 signs up. Some other roads require adoption and so erection of the signs will take longer

c) Street Reps - update from Caroline Henderson

No update.

Developing and managing shared resources and spaces

7 Working Groups

a) <u>SMART</u> – update from Helene Tame

ACTION update: Helene to send dates of scheduled SMART days to Marcus for inclusion on the LFCA website. Roll over.

The next SMART day is on Saturday 23rd October.

b) <u>Love's Farm Blooms</u> - update from Phyllis Hooper

ACTION update: Phyllis to develop the idea of creating a hedge maze to discuss at the AGM. Phyllis is developing this idea and if the concept is developed enough before the AGM, she will set up a table with info for residents.

ACTION update: Ben to raise the issues of the hedge cutting with the open spaces team. Roll over.

ACTION update: Lara to report the issues with the hedges along the path by the postbox to HDC, using the online form. Complete.

c) <u>Community Garden</u> – update from Helene Tame

No update.

d) Community Library - update from Emma/Helene

Helene has spoken to Katie about buying a 2nd library box and is waiting to hear back about a price.

e) Finance - update from Cam Paul

ACTION update: Cam to explore other insurance quotes to see if he can get a better deal. Cam renewed with the same provider, as it was a similar price to other quotes and included legal cover, which other providers did not.

No other update.

8 | Community action area updates

a) <u>Engagement with developers</u> - updates from Ben/Helene/Marcus.

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. Roll over.

NEW ACTION: Christine Littlewood will speak to U&C about providing a defibrillator (location to be agreed).

ACTION update: Ben to raise issues of litter/mess at Hooper's Green with L&Q. Actioned replaced as below:

NEW ACTION: Marcus to liaise with L&Q about regularly clearing up the litter on the site, which is spilling over into Love's Farm.

b) <u>Condition of footpaths</u> - update from Marcus/David

Jason in the HDC Operations Team has agreed that work needs to be done on the paths to improve their condition. HDC is arranging for a contractor to come onsite to give a quote for how much this would cost. Budget may be an issue for HDC.

c) <u>Local Highway Bids -</u> bids and update from Stephen Ferguson. To remove as a rolling agenda item.

d) <u>Station Square Improvement - update from Marcus</u>

ACTION update: Becky to raise the issues of the Kester Way/Station Square intersection on the car park planning application. Complete

It is looking like the planning application for the car park opposite Station Square will be rejected. That particular site has always been designated in the Love's Farm plan as a key building (not a car park), also there are concerns about noise from slamming car doors. The fact that the developers are willing to help develop Station Square is not being taken into account by Planning Officers. Given the location of an underground gas pipe and other utilities on the site, it is unlikely that a building would be located there.

Kelly (part of the development team) has asked whether any residents would be willing to write letters/emails of support to the council. Marcus has done this but would urge others to do so.

9 Farm House update

Receive news from the Farm House trustees.

There is a new Bar Manager in place. An open mic night will be held on Thursday 28th October.

10 Any Other Business

a) The LFCA AGM will be held on Friday 12th November 2021 at 8pm at Love's Farm House - please do come along.

We are looking for nominations for the key roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. A LFCA meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th November to follow up on the outcome of the AGM.

NEW ACTION: Marcus to check availability of councillors for the meeting on the 17th November.

NEW ACTION: Becky to schedule discussion of the survey and community plan for the next meeting.

Outstanding Actions not on Agenda

Action	Who?	Update
Main Agenda Items ACTION: Marcus to email the electronic link to the community	Marcus/Emma	To do
survey to residents and also a paragraph explaining the purpose of the survey and highlighting that there are only 3 questions to answer. Marcus also to send Emma the link to the community survey for inclusion on LFCA social media pages.	Wardus/Emma	
ACTION: Marcus, Helene, Becky, and Ben to meet again to discuss how to increase the survey response rate.	Marcus, Becky, Ben, Helene	To do
ACTION: Members to consider projects for inclusion under the Place Maker Fund.	All	On-going - remove.
ACTION: Jonathan Djanogly award nominations are Gemma Keech for the rock snake (Becky to write nomination), Katie for the community library (Helene to write nomination), Zoe Elizabeth for the fairy decorations in Auntie's Wood (Emma to write the nomination) and the founders of St Neots Community Support Group (Ben to write the nomination).	Becky, Lara, Emma, Ben	Done
Working Groups - Relationships:		
ACTION: Marcus/Emma to post on the website/facebook page, asking residents to report if they are not receiving the Love's Farm Newsletter.	Marcus/Emma	To do
ACTION: Phyllis and Marcus to follow up on any reports of residents not receiving the Love's Farm newsletter.	Phyllis/Marcus	To do
LFCA Communication:		
ACTION: Marcus to begin designing content for the LFCA noticeboard, with help from Ben.	Marcus/Ben	To doUse map and put more info for each pin. Get professionally printed.
		Wintringham map to be included?
AOB:		
ACTION: Marcus to share archeology booklets with Jenny at LFH.	Marcus	To do
ACTION: Marcus will write a letter for our website and facebook about the food waste caddies.	Marcus	Done

ACTION : Lara to write a Facebook notice asking residents to drop off unwanted waste caddies/or collect them, at her house.	Lara	Done
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