



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Online Meeting
18 November 2020
19.30

Minutes

1	<p>Welcome and Apologies – Marcus Pickering, Chair</p> <p>Apologies :PCSO Daniel Grant, Caroline Henderson, Linda Bleackley, Kevin Fitzgerald, Caroline Gregson (SNTC)</p> <p>Present: Emma Lovelock, Ben Pitt (SNTC), Nik Johnson (HDC), David Wells (HDC), Ian Hall, John Pay, Rebecca Fowler, Cameron Paul, Julie Wisson (CCC), Helene Tame</p>
Building great relationships in our community.	
2	<p>Committee Governance</p> <p>a) <u>Review sharing of volunteer roles</u> Actions 1 & 2 to rollover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben to consider asking residents who have volunteered to assist as part of the LFCA COVID-19 response, whether they would be willing to volunteer for the LFCA. Ben to consider what this ask would be - i.e. should it be something specific to make the offer more meaningful and engaging. Addition (15/07/20): Ben to email volunteers to ask if they would like to merge with the wider group of St Neots COVID-19 volunteers. • Marcus to liaise with Holly to make the list of volunteer roles available on the website. <p>b) <u>Minutes of September/October meeting</u> The September and October minutes were agreed.</p>
3	<p>Police/Crime</p> <p>a) Any updates from our Police Community Support Officer or other crime news.</p> <p>Email update from Dan:</p> <p>I have been made aware of issues with a small group of children in the Cockrells/Harvest Drive area of the estate. The children are running onto Private Drives and shouting and hiding behind residents' parked cars. This causes not only a risk to the children but damage to the motor vehicles. I plan to patrol the area and hopefully come across the children and involve their parents. I believe they are aged 8-12 years.</p> <p>Regarding the parking at the front of the estate on the grass, this has been an ongoing problem for a while with one of two regular offenders. I worked in partnership with BPHA and residents were issued warning letters regarding this behaviour in the past. I will look on my patrols for offending vehicles as I understand as well as causing damage to the grass, this doesn't look great as you approach the estate.</p> <p>Drug dealing on the estate in Station Square - this area is regularly monitored by myself during my patrols and recently we have had success taking out local drug runners. We continue as a team to target drug dealing in the St Neots area.</p> <p>LFCA has received recent positive reports from residents that drug dealing/drug related activity has been less visible of late.</p> <p>b) Tackling anti-social behaviour on Love's Farm Action 3 update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus to check the street lights around the northern access gate are now working. <p style="padding-left: 40px;">This action is complete - all are working now. There was one other light out on Hogsden Leys which Marcus will report.</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>Councillor Updates</p> <p>Julie Wisson (CCC) - Household recycling centres remain open during lockdown; residents should ensure they attend their booked slot or cancel it if no longer required. The library and mobile library service remain open for 'select and collect' service.</p> <p>The Children and Young People's Committee is looking into secondary school provision in St Neots.</p> <p>New Action (no.3): Julie to inform LFCA when the findings of the report will be available.</p> <p>David Wells (HDC) - No update</p> <p>Nik Johnson (HDC) - No update</p> <p>Ben Pitt (SNTC) - SNTC has asked for bids to consider how the Community Infrastructure Levy (due to be generated from Wintringham) could be spent. LFCA to think of any improvements/new initiatives that may benefit from these funds.</p> <p>Christmas in St Neots Town - Christmas lights will be switched on but there will be no switch on event. The Farmer's Markets will be Christmas themed with music and Christmas stalls. SNTC may also commission a Christmas video.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>a) <u>Events</u> – update from Emma Lovelock</p> <p>i) How to celebrate Christmas safely on Love's Farm during lockdown.</p> <p>The group considered purchasing a potted tree for Station Square (or repurposing the one usually bought for the Love's Farm House, if it cannot open); however, they decided against it, as the tree could not be easily secured in this location.</p> <p>The group discounted the idea of decorating Auntie's Wood; due to the wet weather and subsequent clean up needed.</p> <p>The group also considered whether Love's Farm could have a dedicated night where residents are encouraged to switch on their outside Christmas lights, or a short event on Christmas Eve where residents are encouraged to ring a bell and sing a Christmas song.</p> <p>The group discussed whether Christmas carolling on Station Square or the area where the Big Lunch is usually hosted, could go ahead with socially distanced bubbles, using markers to map out where residents should stand. A final decision will be made pending government guidelines.</p> <p>Helene has set up a Christmas Nativity Story trail around Love's Farm.</p> <p>New Action (no. 4): Helene and Emma to discuss arrangements for Christmas carolling and other initiatives to celebrate Christmas on Love's Farm.</p> <p>b) <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> – update from Caroline Henderson Action 4 update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline H to write a facebook post promoting the benefits of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme <p>This action is complete.</p> <p>Caroline informed the group via email that the last reccie to determine where NHW signs will be placed, has been completed and that she is currently plotting these onto a map.</p> <p>c) <u>Street Reps</u> Actions 5, 6, 7 & 8 to rollover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus/Emma to post on the website/facebook page, asking residents to report if they are not receiving the Love's Farm Newsletter. • Phyllis and Marcus to follow up on any reports of residents not receiving the Love's Farm newsletter. • Ben to use February's edition of the Love's Farm newsletter to provide an up to date directory of street reps and LFCA members.

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6	<p>Health</p> <p>LFCA Coronavirus update Actions 9 & 10 updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben to close the Love's Farm COVID helpline and refer residents to the St Neots help group. Complete. <p>This action is complete - the line is still open but should not be used anymore, as the number is no longer available online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus to update the section about COVID on the Love's Farm website. <p>This action is complete.</p>
7	<p>LFCA Communication Action 11 to rollover (now no.9):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus to begin designing content for the LFCA noticeboard, with help from Ben. <p>Ben commented that the December LF Newsletter is lacking content. The group suggested the December Newsletter could be a Christmas card design instead - so better suited to less content. It was suggested the December newsletter could put a call out to any businesses who would like to feature in the directory version of the newsletter in the New Year. The group also suggested the newsletter could include a list of support groups for people struggling at Christmas, the recent LFCA AGM article and an article about the Nativity Story trail. There will also be a flier for the St Neots Community Support Group to deliver with the December newsletter.</p> <p>New action (no.10): Ben to check with Helene how the fliers will be distributed.</p>
Developing and managing shared resources and spaces	
8	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>a) <u>SMART</u> – update from Helene Tame Action 12 update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcus to check with Helene who she was in contact with at the council about the recycling for SMART days. <p>This action is complete - litter collected from the ground is contaminated and often rejected at the recycling centre which is why LFCA is no longer receiving the clear recycling bags for SMART days. Helene and Marcus hope to be able to negotiate that we can separate the rubbish collected on SMART days.</p> <p>Action 13 to rollover (now no.11):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If appropriate, Helene to plan when the removal of tree guards can be incorporated into SMART. <p>The next SMART day is scheduled for 28th November.</p> <p>b) <u>Love's Farm Blooms</u> Action 14 to rollover (now no.12):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phyllis to inform Emma when HDC is likely to prune the willow trees, so a facebook post can be published informing residents about his activity. <p>c) <u>Community Garden</u> – update from Helene Tame Action 15 update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen to discuss with Jessica organising a group of volunteers to sort out the community garden at the Love's Farm House, and contact BPHA if they wish to utilise their offer of volunteers. <p>This action is complete. Phyllis, Helene and Jessica have been working on the community garden in the Love's Farm House, and will do some more work on the back garden later this week.</p> <p>d) <u>Community Library</u> - update from Emma/Helene Action 16 to roll over (now no.13):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma to check in with Helene re whether she is aware of any other individuals who may be able to assist in building the library box and if not, Emma to publish a facebook post asking residents for help.

Helene has approached the organisation Switch Now to see if they would like to help make the library boxes and is awaiting their response.

e) **Finance – update from Cameron Paul**

Action 17 update:

- Ben to email Marcus and Cam details of who to contact in SNTC to apply for the LFCA grant.

This action is complete and the grant has been obtained. LFCA now needs to decide how to spend the grant and demonstrate to SNTC how it has been used to help the community. The group discussed whether we could distribute some of these funds to existing community groups on Love's Farm e.g. Brownies, Love's Farm runners.

New action (no.14): Emma to publish a facebook post, highlighting that community grants will be available from January and encouraging residents to start new community-based initiatives and to apply for a start-up grant, or for existing community groups to apply for a grant.

9 Community action area updates

a) **Roads and traffic management**

i) **Parking at the front of the estate**

Action 18 and 19 to rollover (now nos. 15 and 16):

- Stephen to contact the Police Sergeant to raise the issue of residents parking on the green verge at the front of the estate. Would some targeted days of action help?
- Marcus to continue to liaise with Rebecca Britton about installation of bollards on the grass verges at the front of the estate. There is now a new communications rep, who Marcus will approach for an update.

b) **Street Lighting**

i) **Fox Brook lighting - HDC update**

Action 20 update:

- David to chase when the new street light in Fox Brook will be erected.

This action is complete. The street light will be erected in January 2021.

c) **Engagement with developers**

Action 21 update:

- Helene to contact Rebecca to discuss the faith space offering at Wintringham.

No update but the group decided this action would come off the agenda for Helene to follow up on independently.

Two households have moved into Wintringham already and it is likely another 7 will move in before Christmas. There is a meeting at the end of November to discuss plans for an older youth space. Wintringham school opened just after October half-term; there are 16 pupils in attendance. There is also a new preschool on site. Due to COVID-19 an opening ceremony will be held in the Spring.

d) **Condition of footpaths - update from David Wells**

Action 22 to roll over (now no.17):

- David to chase HDC about what action they will take to fix the footpaths on LF, and report on progress at the next LFCA meeting.

The issues with the footpaths have been referred to Open Spaces to be prioritised and sits with a Senior Officer for consideration. David will continue to chase HDC for a response.

e) **Station Square**

Actions 23, 24 and 25 to rollover (now nos. 18, 19 and 20):

- Marcus to chase HDC re how/if they might rectify the drainage issues which cause the trees to fail to thrive.
- Stephen to chase St Neots Town Ops Team re whether flower beds could be installed in Station Square with on-going maintenance from St Neots Town Council.
- David to chase the planning department at the District Council, asking for a progress report on what L&Q intend to do with the disused space on Station Square to improve

	<p>it, until it is turned into a car park (since the meeting this land has been put back up for sale).</p> <p>f) <u>Google Maps and Street View update for Love's Farm</u> Action 26 to rollover (now no.21): .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cam to approach local estate agents about funding for the Google Street View project. <p>Bennett Lorruso has donated £150 and Matt Giggs has donated £200 to the Google Street View project. Cam needs to chase the other local estate agents to see if he can secure all the funds needed (£500). The group agreed that LFCA would fund the remaining costs of this project, if sufficient funds could not be raised from local estate agents.</p> <p>The group discussed the need to ensure the contractor is using a 360 degree camera for this project, as the initial videos that have been published are not of a 360 degree view. The group also suggested we confirm that the contractor will video Love's Farm on foot as well as by car, as much of the estate can only be seen by routes not accessible to vehicles.</p> <p>New Action (no. 22): Ben and John to give feedback via facebook messenger: https://www.facebook.com/marc.bergeret.7</p> <p>g) <u>Train Station Mural</u></p> <p>LFCA has secured a grant of £10,000 to paint a mural on the inside of the St Neots Train Station bridge, depicting key aspects of the town. An artist from Bedford has been commissioned to complete this work: http://katieallen-illustration.com/</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Farm House update</p> <p>During lockdown, only support groups have been allowed to run at the Love's Farm House (LFH). There are no plans to open the bar until at least next year which has resulted in LFH having to dispose of outdated stock. The group suggested they approached The Smiling Grape to see if they would be interested in buying any of the stock (if losses aren't covered by insurance).</p> <p>LFH is looking to recruit new trustees. Residents who are interested in becoming a trustee should contact Emma Lovelock for more information.</p> <p>The LFH AGM is due to be held shortly. Details of how to join are available on the LFH facebook page.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a) The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday 20th January 2021.</p> <p>b) Residents are encouraged to submit a response in relation to the consultation for the aeroplane holding stack proposal which if approved, will likely affect the town. See recent Hunts Post article for more details: https://www.huntspost.co.uk/news/flight-path-concerns-raised-by-huntingdon-mp-1-6932752</p>

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