



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
Zoom Online
16th February 2022 7.30pm

February's LFCA Meeting Minutes

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| 1 | <p>Welcome and apologies Attendees: Cameron Paul (Treasurer/Chair), Lara Davenport-Ray (Chair), Jen Street (Secretary), Emma Lovelock, Becky Fowler, Siriol Hogg, Marcus Pickering, Stephen Ferguson, Helene Tame, Diane Briggs, Steve Briggs, Andrew Scotney (Anglian Water), Matt (chair of Wintringham Residents Association), Anna Piecha, Sam, Pam Davenport, Caroline Henderson. Apologies: PC Daniel Grant, Ben Pitt, Phyllis Hooper</p> | |
| Main Agenda Items | | |
| 2 | <p>Open Forum - Ideas and Questions from residents and stakeholders None raised.</p> | 10 mins |
| 3 | <p>Guest Speaker - Andrew Scotney, Sewer Network Investigator at Anglian Water Questions to be answered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have the three recent water outages on Love's Farm been a result of increasing demand on the Cambridge Road pumping station? <i>No - the reason for the outages is a problem with the power supply to the booster station. Pumps have tripped out due to power outages.</i> ● Will Love's Farm residents be compensated for their periods of water loss? <i>No. If water was lost over a significant period of time, then Anglian Water would bring in tankers to supply us.</i> ● How will information about our water outages be communicated to residents? <i>Water outages will be communicated via the Anglian Water website. Residents can also sign up to receive alerts from the Anglian website. Click "In Your Area" and then "Keep Me Informed". Alternatively, residents can phone 03457 145 145 where a recorded message will convey necessary information.</i> ● Will an additional pumping station be built on the Wintringham housing estate (and future Love's Farm East housing estate) to manage the increasing amount of foul water? <i>Yes, a new pumping station will be installed to the East of Cambridge Road pumping station.</i> ● If not, will additional pumps be added to the existing pumping station on Cambridge Road? <i>Pumps are being upgraded - the Cambridge Road Pumping Station is going to be upgraded - this will take place in the next few weeks.</i> ● What plans do Anglian Water have in place to prepare for future events when one or both existing pumps are blocked (or fail)? How will future foul water surcharges into Fox Brook be avoided? <i>There is a two pump station currently in situ at the moment - one pump in operation while one is in reserve. If one fails, the reserve kicks in and engineers are called to the station to make repairs. If both pumps fail, tankers will pump water into the pumping station to supply the area.</i> <p><u>Additional Question on the night:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anglian Water reports to the Environment Agency on any sewerage entering the waterworks. Travellers did quite a bit of damage to the Pumping station - they left on 7th January. Are there plans to put a preventative gate across the station and repairs to take place to repair the fence? (Siriol) <i>Contractors are due to make the repairs to the fence and fit gates - a quote has been submitted. Anglian Water is currently awaiting funds to be released. The fencing should be repaired in the first instance before the gates are put in place. Siriol and Lara will write again to the directors of Anglian Water to remind them of the issues surrounding the security of the pumping station. In some instances cameras are installed to certain sites - Andrew didn't think it would be likely that cameras would be installed at the Cambridge Road pumping station.</i> | 20 min |

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| | Any water or sewerage issues affecting Loves Farm residents should be raised directly with Anglian Water on: <i>03457 145 145</i> | |
| 4 | <p>Updates and Announcements (as necessary)</p> <p>a) Councillors - Stephen Ferguson - Eaton Socon Councillor (David Giles) has had to stand down due to medical issues - congratulations to Stephen who was elected to be the Chair of Cambridgeshire County Council in his place. The County Council is going to remove the booking system from the household recycling centres in the near future. Big council tax rises are in the pipeline for this year (4.99% increase in the County Council share as well as the District Council share). Stephen asserted that it's a difficult decision for the Council to make given the rising costs due to the energy crisis and he is passionate in supporting the most vulnerable in the community. A Local Highways officer is due to visit on 22nd February to assess some of the ongoing issues on LF. The Mayor's Ball is due to be held on March 26th. The theme for the event is the 90s and the cost is £40 a ticket - all proceeds go to charity. Helene suggested one of the charities for the Mayors Ball to be the Community Money Advice Team. Stephen Ferguson was happy to support and accept the suggestion.</p> <p>b) Committee members - Lara - tiny library - lots of support for the installation of another library. 22 out of 23 residents surveyed were very supportive. Lara to continue working on this.</p> <p>c) Police and Neighbourhood Watch - Focus on anti-social behaviour which has involved knocking on doors and making house visits to ensure a continued police presence. They have also been working with BPHA to secure properties and they are continuing to target drug issues on the estate. There have also been reports of motorbike use - young adults driving irresponsibly around the estate that will be followed up.</p> <p>d) Street Reps - No updates</p> | 15 mins |
| 5 | <p>Finance Update - Treasurer</p> <p>a) Bank balance - just under £5,000 - General Funds approx £3,500</p> <p>b) Substantial Incomings - Covid support funding - how best should we spend this money? Stephen reinforced the prioritisation of supporting the most vulnerable people in the community during this time of rising inflation and in the face of the energy crisis - he supported the move to give the money to the Money Advice Service.. Lara - suggested that funding be used to provide vouchers to support those most vulnerable. All agreed with the decision to send money across to the Money Advice Service. Decision seconded by Stephen Ferguson.</p> <p>c) Grant Requests - £120 from Little Loves to purchase a larger toy for the group from Hope Education - Approved.</p> | 5 mins |
| 6 | <p>Matters arising</p> <p>a) Future Guest Invitations - Lara Davenport-Ray - L&Q Estates to be invited to discuss proposals for Loves Farm East. Lara proposed two separate meetings - one to answer pre-agreed questions at the next meeting and another for residents to attend in person to ask their own questions of L&Q Estates. It was later agreed that Marcus & Lara would invite L&Q Estates to the <u>April</u> online meeting.</p> <p>b) Plans for the Queen's Jubilee - Helene Tame - Councils will be organising and coordinating events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Bank Holiday weekend in June. Local communities will be free to organise their own celebrations on the Sunday 5th June. Some streets are in the process of organising their own street parties. Helene suggests the following in order to bring the wider Loves Farm Community together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch time Big Cream Tea (encourage people to bake their own and share with neighbours on some of the open green spaces we have on LF), • Late Afternoon: A Ceilidh/country dance - accessible to all, Lynn Otto (of Fitsteps) to potentially lead this event, leading into... • Early evening/Evening: Live music and singing - Chris Hatt to play piano and provide an evening of live music. Lara has suggested a treasure hunt across both Loves Farm and Wintringham for children to get involved. <p>Other ideas include a scavenger hunt/treasure hunt for children. Stephen requested the return of Mr Sawalhi and Indian drumming! Lara - suggested asking the Black Cat Radio-mobile to publicise local events. Helene - possible venues for the above suggestions: Civic Plaza suggested as a possible location for the Ceilidh with Wintringham School Hall as a back-up in case the weather is not favourable/access for toilets etc. Encourage streets to hold street parties during the day with the ceilidh and live music running into the late afternoon and evening.</p> <p>c) Proposed March In Person meetings - There is availability in the LFH main hall on Wednesday 16th March in order to meet in person. The hall is available from 8pm so the meeting is proposed to start at 8.15pm. Cam suggested the possibility of zooming in for residents who don't feel comfortable meeting in person. Marcus suggested that the meeting should close at 9.30pm. April meeting to be held online. L&Q to be invited to April's online</p> | |

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| | <p>meeting. Lara to book the space with Love's Farm House. We will advertise the March meeting as starting at "8:05 for an 8:15 start."</p> <p>d) HDC 'adopt a small green space' scheme - Lara Davenport-Ray - Biodiversity bid - to acquire redundant or orphan sites and transfer those sites to local and community ownerships to increase biodiversity. Are there any such plots around Loves Farm that could fall into this category? Lara to liaise with Phyllis Hooper to pursue this further.</p> <p>e) April/May Newsletter Content - Potential ideas include: An update on the Food Waste Trial, Jubilee celebrations on Loves Farm, Anglian Water updates.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic chairs on Station Square - HDC funding to provide street games and a sundial. Funding to be diverted to provide seating around the hedge maze that Phyllis is working on. The picnic bench that has been placed at Auntie's Wood play area has been well received. Lara suggested placing something similar in Station Square. Marcus to go back to contacts at the council. Update: HDC have confirmed that the available funds must be used on station square, but that the deadline for using the funds is June 2025. • Stephen Ferguson - upcoming Town Council elections - 4 vacancies - if anyone would like to put themselves forward, speak to Stephen or Ben for advice. | 10 mins |
| 8 | Confirm details of next meeting - Wednesday 16th March - 8.15pm - 9.30pm at Loves Farm House. | 1 mins |
| 9 | Close meeting | |