



Love's Farm Community Association Meeting
15th June 2022 7.30pm
Online

LFCA Meeting Minutes

1	<p>Welcome, apologies and introductions Lara Davenport-Ray (Chair), Cameron Paul (Chair & Treasurer), Jenny Street (Secretary), Marcus Pickering, Helene Tame, Phyllis Hooper, Emma Lovelock, Caroline Henderson, Marcus Chadwick, Katie Dundas-Todorov, Paul Nicol, Matt (WRA), Sam, Eimann Elbanhawy. Apologies: Becky Fowler, Siriol Hogg</p>	
Main Agenda Items		
2	Open Forum - Ideas and Questions from residents and stakeholders - None	10 mins
3	<p>Neighbourhood Watch - Marcus Pickering/Caroline Henderson Minutes from last meeting were accepted. No facebook reports. Update received from PCSOs - The NPT (Neighbourhood Police Team) have been taking action against street drug issues across the town including in the Loves Farm area and have had some positive arrests. There has been a small increase in the level of ASB incidents on Loves Farm involving older primary school children and younger secondary school children verbally abusing small children and parents in Aunties Woods. It has been reported to the PCSOs who have said they will be increasing their patrols of the area. Police are also working with BPHA to tackle these issues. Please log any ASB issues online. Discussions are ongoing re signs for Field Gate Close. NW has received notification about the broken equipment at the play area and some broken bits of pavement which have now been fixed. There have been incidents of shoplifting at Tescos and more reports of children on e-scooters. Eimann Elbanhawy reported in the chat that there is broken blue glass in the path between 65 and 67 Great High Ground. Caroline encouraged the broken blue glass to be reported to the council. Helene Tame also offered to check the area. Eiman also highlighted that last month, Police approached them to ask if their ring doorbell records activity because there was an issue of harassment that occurred by the Pirate Ship. Caroline to liaise with PCSO Grant for an update.</p>	20 mins
4	<p>Updates and Announcements (<i>only if necessary - please email the Secretary in advance with details of your update/announcement</i>)</p> <p>a) Jubilee Weekend Feedback - Helene Tame - Unfortunately the bad weather prevented the Jubilee event from taking place at Wintringham Plaza but Tracy Bryden permitted the use of the school hall at the Round House Academy. Approximately 200 people attended from both Wintringham and Loves Farm communities and spent a happy afternoon together. Helene thanked all those involved in making the event a success and to everyone who participated. Phyllis commented that the WI raised £99.85 for MAGPAS. Over £100 was also raised for LFCA to support lunches for Ukrainian refugees.</p> <p>b) CCTV for Pirate Ship Park - Marcus Pickering - Marcus explained that the question of monitoring the Pirate Ship Park came up as a result of repeated damage that had been caused to the play equipment in the park. Marcus met with the Open Spaces Team at HDC that look after the play areas along with PCSO Daniel Grant and PC Jack Priestman to discuss what might be done to combat these issues. They discussed the implementation of CCTV at length - is this something that the community as a whole wants to put in place at the Pirate Ship or indeed across the whole of the estate? There is CCTV in St Neots town centre and in various locations around Huntingdonshire. HDC has a network of CCTV that they operate and monitor from a control room in Huntingdon. There is a scheme that we could subscribe to in order to put CCTV in place. Installation costs are fairly significant. The Police are very much in favour of putting CCTV in place because it acts as a deterrent and provides crucial evidence to support any convictions. Station Square is another area where there are issues - there is the opportunity to link up with the developer of the new car park who may be able to provide funding to help cover the costs of CCTV</p>	30 mins

installation at this site. Marcus also suggested that the area by the bridge at the top of the Estate by Priory Hill could also be a key area for CCTV.
Broad costs are: £3,700 for installation and set up of a mobile camera. Ongoing maintenance, power and surveillance is £1,800 per year. The cost of moving the camera is £500.
HDC Open Spaces Team may have some budget available to help with the initial installation costs but they would not be able to provide a budget for the ongoing maintenance costs once installed.

Lara asked: Are other community associations funding other CCTV areas in Huntingdonshire? Marcus explained that many are funded by town and parish councils. St Neots TC would be the first place to go for funding. There are grants out there that LFCA could use to fund the CCTV for a 5 year period. Developers of Station Square may be able to fund CCTV for this area of LF.

Caroline - What is the cost difference between the 2 cameras? Marcus said that mobile cameras have a SIM card in them which adds to the ongoing costs. Fixed cameras have a high initial cost but potentially a lower ongoing cost.

Helene - Given the size of the investment, would it be better to focus on 'hot-spot' areas like Station Square and Hull Way rather than the Pirate Ship where the loss of play equipment is arguably a more petty crime?

Marcus explained that the outdoor team at the council were keen to cover the Pirate Ship because there is a degree of anti-social behaviour that goes on in this area and child protection issues. As a community, is CCTV something that we welcome? Does CCTV send a message that we have a problem or would people prefer to deal with it from a community perspective?

Lara - Is there a sense that the council will stop replacing broken play equipment - is this why the CCTV has been suggested?

Marcus didn't think that this was an imminent problem.

Phyllis said she is not in favour of CCTV in general and believes it gives way to even worse behaviour. Would it be better to spend the money on replacing the broken equipment ourselves rather than spending money on the costly cameras?

Marcus - the cost of play equipment doesn't equate to the cost of CCTV at the moment but it could provide a solution. He suggested a pilot CCTV scheme on Station Square because this is more of a civic space where CCTV is arguably expected more than in a children's play area. Cam felt that CCTV would not work in just one or two locations but would be needed for the whole estate in order to be successful but if it stops the anti-social behaviour and the vandalism then it is worthwhile. What is the process of approving the installation of CCTV on the Estate? Is there planning approval that needs to be gained from HDC? Could HDC just put it in themselves? Do we need to be consulted? Marcus said that he would find out the answers to these questions. The benefit of buying into the HDC CCTV scheme is that they would deal with the necessary consents. The issue of GDPR concerns was also raised. Cam explained that GDPR doesn't apply to individuals only to corporations that store data. There was a real mix of opinion amongst meeting attendees as to whether CCTV should be put in place. We had discussions surrounding the issue of what we are trying to achieve with CCTV. Meeting attendees differed in their views on this. Some believe CCTV acts as a deterrent, others believe it is used to 'catch criminals', others believe that it is to help gather evidence regarding crimes that have been committed in an area.

Emma raised the point that not all CCTV cameras in the town are supervised all the time.

Marcus said that as far as he was aware, cameras can be moved so they are not targeting the same spot at all times but they are manned 24/7.

Lara - summarised that as a group we would like more information on this. Marcus will find out further information for us to explore at a later meeting.

c) Welcome to New Councillors - Lara Davenport-Ray

Lara welcomed Katie to the call and introduced her along with Ben Pitt (Mayor), Anna Crompton and Jaideep Singh as the Town Councillors. They are welcome to join us at future meetings.

d) Young People - Lara Davenport-Ray

What can we do to support our teenage population? Lara suggested three initiatives:

i) Police will run a scheme to train volunteers to be mentors in the community. In some areas, the police do this in conjunction with a school.

ii) The District Council has received funding to support activities that will lead to better health in the community. HDC will open up opportunities for communities to apply for grants to start activities for young people. For example, a boxing club in Ramsey was started at the local community centre. Boxing leaders look for mentors among the young people to become trainers. Or we could work to combat loneliness, we could apply for funding for activities to combat loneliness in adults.

Katie is interested in supporting young people in St Neots.

Lara asked for thoughts on these initiatives. Helene commented that they were great initiatives but one of the drawbacks of having opportunities that are finance led is that these things rarely sit in a vacuum - they need a context/network of volunteers that can coordinate it. In Loves

	<p>Farm's infancy, Helene said that they were 'importing' a youth worker to run the youth club. At one level this delivers something but Helene made the point that there was no knowledge of the issues facing our youth, there was no meaningful connection.</p> <p>Lara explained that it would also be possible to apply directly for funding if there was something that the Community Association wanted to do itself rather than outsource for a coach. HDC are asking for ideas and that this would be something that we co-design for our young people.</p> <p>Helene commented that the Football Club has an Academy offering similar things for our young people already. Lara explained that she was thinking more of the young people that were not taking up the opportunities that already existed. Helene said that it is these youngsters that will require continuous relationship building in order for the opportunity to be meaningful. Lara commented that it would be important to canvas opinion amongst the targeted group to establish their wants/needs.</p> <p>Phyllis commented that mixed martial arts is a thriving area and this could work well to provide young people opportunities to improve their physical and mental health.</p> <p>Emma wondered how long funding would be available for? The children that will be accessing these opportunities need to have access to things that are low-cost and funding needs to be available long term.</p> <p>Caroline - It could be a good idea to ask the youth council for their opinion on what is made available.</p> <p>Lara - daytime activity for adults that are lonely - what are people's thoughts? We could bid for funding to make leaflets so that people are aware of what is going on.</p> <p>Marcus - Trust needs to be built between leaders and young people.</p> <p>Phyllis - Are there really lonely people in Loves Farm? Would it be worth putting an article in the next newsletter to ascertain how people are feeling.</p> <p>e) Management Companies Talk - Lara Davenport-Ray There are many different management companies in the community and there is an overwhelming negative experience. Raymon has a lot of experience with management companies, having removed his management company and created a community-run alternative. Lara suggested pooling knowledge and wondered if LFCA could host a talk with Raymon as the speaker. We agreed to go ahead and host this event.</p>	
5	<p>Finance Update - Treasurer</p> <p>a) Bank balance £4,745 - unrestricted funds: £4,495</p> <p>b) Substantial Incomings - None</p> <p>c) Grant Requests - i) WI Printing Costs £60 ii) Refugee Lunches £120</p> <p>d) Succession planning - Cam will be stepping down at the AGM in October. Who could be approached for the role of Treasurer? A bookkeeper would be great but it's not essential.</p>	5 mins
6	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>a) Community Library #2 Construction Update - Helene Tame Completion is expected by the end of June. Cost will be £200. Lara spoke to residents around the Village Green and HDC who own the land - this is the proposed site.</p> <p>b) Relationship with Social Housing - Emma Lovelock & Helene Tame Emma has no response to the emails she has sent. Helene spoke to Catherine Beck who has agreed to liaise with the social housing team. The SH team covers a much larger area and are stretched quite significantly as a result. Lara is concerned that residents are encountering problems on a regular basis and suggested that herself and Marcus take this issue and report back to HDC. Marcus believes that the best course of action is to try to forge better relationships directly with the social housing team. Emma made the point that residents need to be proactive in reporting issues through the channels available. Helene suggested that perhaps as a community we need to redefine our expectations of the social housing team given that both the community and the role of the social housing team has evolved.</p> <p>c) Dates for meetings to the end of the year & AGM - Lara Davenport-Ray Next meetings: 13th July August - no meeting 14th September 19th October 14th December AGM will be held on Friday 11th November at Love's Farm House.</p> <p>d) Sharing L&Q Talk Recording from last meeting - Cameron Paul L&Q have agreed that their section of the recording from the last meeting can be shared publicly. Cam asked for advice on how to share that. Marcus explained that we have a youtube channel and this can be embedded on the website.</p>	30 mins

7	AOB - None	10 mins
8	Date of next meeting - 13th July 2022	1 mins
9	Close meeting	