

Minutes

1	Welcome, apologies and introductions Attendees: Sam Booker, Jen Ogilvie, Lara Davenport-Ray, Marcus Pickering, Sarah Fuller, Katie Dundas, Sam Rasa, Megan T, Jonathan Tame, Emma Lovelock, Helen Tame.	
	Apologies received: none	
2	Open forum - Ideas and questions from residents and stakeholders	15 mins
	Wiggly path development	
	Jen - Sad to see the trees chopped down on the path.	
	Lara - Pedestrian and cycle paths through to Monksfields will be installed.	
	Online hustings for Cambridgeshire County Council May 2025 election Sam - Proposed that LFCA run an online hustings and asked who would like to get involved. This would involve contacting candidates and managing the questions. Jonathan - Jonathan offered to chair the hustings. He would like one or two others to help organise the event.	
	Jen - Jen is happy to support the event operations.	
	International food event	
	Jonathan - Proposed that LFCA run an international food event. It would help residents to connect. Organisers would need to actively seek food vendors eg knocking on doors. Jonathan and Sam happy to work on organising it. Lara - Proposed an event for people that are interested in learning other languages. The idea is to have country-linked tables and invite people to learn a language at each table. This could link in with the food event. Sam, Jonathan and Lara to meet and discuss options.	
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3	Volunteer opportunities	5 mins
	Neighbourhood Watch	
	Sam - no interest for this role yet. We will keep plugging.	
	LFCA X (Twitter)	
	Marcus - Many organisations are coming off X. Should LFCA come off X? Facebook	
	probably has better reach. But there may be other platforms that get better reach.	
	Emma - Emma will look at linking Facebook with Instagram. Tik Tok is unlikely to be suitable.	
	LFCA website	
	Sam - Someone has been in touch about running the website. They may also be interested	
	in supporting social media. Marcus - Marcus will reach out to them to discuss.	
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4 Updates and announcements from Councillors

10 mins

Footpath repairs

Marcus - Seeking support from HDC to repair footpaths. The initial repairs were not fit for purpose. Budget not there yet.

Station square

Marcus - Hoping for a community infrastructure levy. May be an opportunity to bid for A428 community funding.

Jen - On the wiggly path towards the lower end of Stone Hill there is stagnant water and flooding on the path.

Marcus - Lara is working with Monksfields to sort. No point in resurfacing until underlying issues are fixed.

Helene - Flooding started before Monksfields works started. The pile up of piping could be a sign that appropriate drainage will be installed.

Lara - Lara is aware of the 3 houses that are experiencing flooding and liaising with the flood authority to sort earthworks. Asked Jen to take a photo of the flooding (action done).

Block paving

Marcus - Block paving on stone hill is coming apart again. It's with CCC highways dept to sort, awaiting repairs.

Jen - Fox Brook blocked paving needs addressing.

Marcus - Asked Jen to Report the Fox Brook issues on the CCC website.

Food waste

Lara - Weekly Food Waste Collections will begin in April 2026. Households will be given 2 caddies each (a 23-litre kerbside caddie and 7-litre kitchen worktop caddies). There will also be approx 400 communal bins provided to apartment blocks and people that don't have their own personal bins.

Emma - Food caddies are unsuitable.

Green bins

Emma - Green bins are being discarded. Will they be collected?

Lara - Link to request green bin to be collected. Emma to share on social media.

Council restructure

Lara - The council restructure will see 5 tiers reducing to 1. We don't know if the Huntingdonshire border will stay the same. Council elections will still go ahead.

Market square celebration

Katie - For awareness there may be an event at the end of May 2025.

5 Finance update

Sarah -

Bank balance: £3,497.57 General funds: £2,602.46 HDC Wellbeing grant: £995.11 10 mins

Grants

Sarah - LFCA is expecting another grant from the council. LFCA hasn't received any requests for grants.

Marcus - Link to grants information.

	Helene - Can we put a call out for grants in the newsletter?	
	Sarah - Lloyds are going to charge £4.25 a month. Free options are available if you have existing accounts with them. Sarah advises we stay with Lloyds. Open to vote - it was unanimous decision to keep.	
	Sarah - changing signatories to Sarah, Sam and Emma.	
6	Local Highways Bids - Lara and Sam	10 mins
	Junction of Kester Way and Station Square update Lara - Yellow give way lines. Town council and CCC will pay 50% each. Residents will be given opportunity to object.	
	Stone Hill Lara - Jen and Sam explored extension of the double yellow lines on Stone Hill as a means to improve road safety. But we would need to find 2 spaces on an adjacent road. The council is aware we may put a proposal in for it. Marus - Ask HDC to visit the site and make a suggestion. Helene - Agrees the need for a 3rd party to make a proposal. Lara - We can't assume that all of our proposals will get funding just because we have been successful every year. Marcus - Parking enforcement will come sometime this year. Needs to go through parliament beforehand. Sam - Sam will contact the new highways officer for ideas.	
	Ideas for the future Not discussed - Road Signs cleanup to remove unnecessary signs and add Love's Farm House signs?	
7	Future Big Lunch Plans Sam - Group is working on a flow chart to help a decision in the event of poor weather on the day. Marcus, Sam and Katie will make a shared decision on the day. Emma - Agreed 7th September and back up is 14th September 2025.	10 mins
8	Love's Farm News - Ben/Daniel (not in attendance) Sam - Ben has handed the newsletter over to Daniel. Awaiting one article and then it will be finished, ready for print. Deadline for submissions 12 Feb 2025. Contact Daniel for queries (insert email address)	5 mins
9	Street reps and newsletter delivery update Sam - Emma has contacted the street reps asking if they'd like to continue their role and deliver newsletters on their respective streets. Contact Emma with queries (insert email address) Helene - Concerned about Steve Briggs who distributes to the street reps. He would be unable to deliver additional on their behalf. We need a contingency if a street rep pulls-out of the role. Could we use some of our funds to deliver? Sam - Looking into options.	5 mins

10	Lara - Loves Farm House 10 years old celebration in April 'Kings cake' magic, music and puppets. First of several events leading up to October 2025. Lara - Heat pump installed at the Loves Farm House by May 2025. Hoping to celebrate this too. Helene - Can we link everything we do with the 10th birthday of the Loves Farm House to keep it front of minds. Sam - Liaising with Wintringham Association about 10 year events at Loves Farm House. Emma - Dogs poop still an issue. Contact Emma if you're happy to spray poop. She has 3 cans outside her house all the time. Lara - Lara will message the rangers to ask if they'll help out with dog poor spraying. Lara - Extensive road closure from roundabout connecting to Cambridge Road to Caxton Gibbet.	5 mins
	 Upcoming dates for Your diary Easter egg hunt - Friday 4 April to Wednesday 23 April LFCA meeting - Wednesday 14 May 2025, 19:30 at Loves Farm House LFCA meeting - Wednesday 10 September 2025, 19:30 online LFCA and LFH AGM - Friday 28 November 2025, evening 	