



## Agenda

Welcome, apologies and introductions	
Apologies received: Helen Tame, Caz Henderson	
Open forum - Ideas and questions from residents and stakeholders	15 mins
Richard - We should welcome <b>Sarah Caine</b> to future meetings.  Jen will send her an invitation to the next meeting.	
Lara - Lara is organising an <b>eco event</b> for the first or last Friday in August. It's an opportunity to promote the heat pump that has been installed and the thermal camera that can be borrowed.  Would the LFCA like to partner?  Would anyone like to help organise it?	
Jonathan - There will be an <b>International food tasting event on</b> Saturday 21 June at 5pm to 7pm. We have about 7 cooks signed-up so far. These include Italy, Hong Kong, Romanian, German, Cantonese and possibly Slovenian. There will be a professional chef to award various categories and fun activities. Everyone is welcome. Please spread the word to anyone interested in cooking or attending.  Jen will contact Marcus and Richard to organise an email to the mailing list through the website (700-800 people).	
Sam and Jen - Struggling to get engagement from council to address <b>noise issues at Monksfields.</b> Sam will send the email written on behalf of LFCA to Marcus and Lara.  Marcus and Lara will pick up with Urban and Civic.	
Monksfields will be called Loves Farm in the future. This will impact the LFCA as it is. No builders chosen yet. Formal plans about emergency access will be submitted in June 2025.	
Residents - <b>Pumping station</b> recently went down and there was restricted access under the rail bridge, causing chaos for traffic. Is there any <b>alternative emergency access</b> into Loves Farm?  CCC refused access via the bridge at the top of Priory Hill due to restricted width of the bridge. Marcus pushed for this to be resolved for years.  Sam and Jen to explore - reach out to Sarah Caine.	
Welcome Richard Introduction and website update	5 mins
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	Richard has looked at CMS on the website already and has some ideas to improve the user journey.	
	Jen suggested a sub-group to meet and discuss ideas for the website.	
4	Updates and announcements from Councillors	10 mins
	Katie - There will be <b>Market Square celebrations on</b> Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 May. All welcome to come along.	
	Katie and Ben - Lara asked if the <b>old cemetery</b> will be replanted. No update at present. The town council is looking for more space for another cemetery.	
	Marcus - Lots of discussion at HDC around <b>local government reorganisation</b> . Should find out more about the geography in November 2025. HDC and CCC will cease to exist and district councils will likely merge. For now, services and functions will continue as usual.	
	Marcus - Working with Lara and a contact at HDC around possible <b>improvements on Station Square</b> . The budget is around £20k. This will be used to replant the planters and get some substantial trees installed. Exploring options for tree sections for example artwork that would be less maintenance - liaising with the Neotists for ideas. Plan to talk to Monksfields developers about considerations to share finances.	
	Lara - Projects on <b>Station Square</b> include signage, cherry trees, tree pits and mature trees, what do we put instead of trees, de-weeding and cleaning of the square. A horticulturalist will propose a design, on the basis of getting the biggest trees possible.	
	Ben - Community Infrastructure Levy: <b>Priory Centre</b> open September 2026, <b>Oast House</b> listed building uses being explored, <b>splash park</b> decision at end of May 2025 on whether going ahead.	
	Ben - <b>Community Chest</b> fund is available to apply to. LFCA receives a regular grant. Please submit any ideas you have.	
	Lara - Lara has asked for some <b>grass areas</b> to be left. Residents can advise Lara if there is an overgrown area of concern to them.	
5	Finance update - Sarah	10 mins
	Town Council grant £1,400 Bank balance: tbc General funds: tbc HDC Wellbeing grant: £995.11	
	Jonathan would like to request a £400 grant for MAST - a <b>replacement laptop</b> for an individual working at the food bank. They've not had a grant before. Jonathan has sent a formal application to the Chair. Unanimous decision at meeting to offer the grant.	
	Lara asked for £300 for <b>seeds</b> or something that residents can take home from the Eco Event.	
	Katie asked if <b>trees</b> that are being cut down could be used at Aunties Woods.	

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