

Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of committee meeting on 15th June 2017

Present

Ian Read [Chair]

Dave Oxley-Goody [Minutes Taker]

Den Harvey

Pam Dawson

Peter Nightingale

Malcolm Whipp

Chris Saltmarsh

Apologies for absence John Bishop

Minutes of last meeting

Actions were discussed

Re. children's parties, it was generally decided not to advertise but maybe do a general ad in the PC newsletter [**Ian**] & Priory School newsletter [**Dave**] to get more people to use the fields.

Discussion re. extra signatory, **Dave** to get required form from Barclays

Chairman's Report

Ian discussed the reply from DEFRA regarding Nitrate Sensitive Zones. Apparently, as it would appear that we are not classed as an agricultural enterprise, we don't come under this legislation. Even though we come within the boundaries of a much larger NVZ no further action needs to be taken as we do not use any fertilisers. We have been invited to the Open Spaces Society AGM but decided not to attend.

Election of officers

In addition to those voted in at the AGM, Peter Athey, Geoffrey Woricker & Jo Britter wish to continue on the committee. Linden Rosam doesn't want to continue as a committee member but would like to continue to receive all info to update Facebook.

Tony Bushell

Tony's Funeral 3.30 19th June Chelmsford Crematorium, **Ian & Dave** to attend

Finance report

John is away at present but had sent a copy of the Finance report to everybody.

Working Party Report

At the last work party we mowed grass, strimmed round all benches, cut hedge on Village Hall path and generally tidied the area.

Fund Raising

The quiz night was a success but takings especially the raffle a bit down. We discussed maybe changing raffle format price/method. Will discuss nearer the time of next quiz

Field Projects

Ian has contacted the company who make the flail mowers, they suggested we contact Does to organise a trial, **Malcolm** to organise. **Dave** to get details of prev "Awards for All" grant from Jane Bushell when appropriate. Chris suggested also speak to Karen as she is very good at obtaining grants, **Dave** to contact her. We also need to obtain new "loppers", **Peter** said the NT are buying some Stihl loppers, he will give the NT ones a road test.

U3A visit

This is planned for 28th July at 12.30 **Dave** to check if refreshments are required when they contact us nearer the time and if so to confirm time.

PC issues

The grant application for the village hall was discussed. Most of us have voted on this. It was mentioned it is some time since the Arch was surveyed, last done in 2008 and last inspection in 2012. Decided don't survey unless we think there is a problem as grants for work easier to obtain if there is a problem. **Chris** to contact Bakers for their thoughts.

Publicity

Facebook is going well in Linden's hands, please send any photos to her to keep it updated also any news good or bad. We should be regularly putting an article in the Parish newsletter and the In Touch magazine. PF Brochures to be left at White Elm garden centre [**Pam**] and in the Asda at SWF places to go rack [**Dave**]

Any Other Business

Discussion on a "Trim Trail" with exercise type machines scattered about. The general thought was that this would be better on the sports fields and nearer the car park. **Chris** to look into this.

Memorial trees for Tony Bushell and Brian Scowen. We need to discuss with the families. **Dave** to contact Jane Bushell and **Ian** to contact Brian's family. We have been asked for permission to plant an apple tree called [Barney] the name being significant to a lady dog walker. It was agreed to find out a little more about this particular strain to see if it is local. **Peter's** First aid cert runs out in October and he requires another course, it was agreed to fund it and for **Dave** also to take the course so we are covered for eventualities.

Date of next meeting 13th July