

## **Friends of Priory Fields**

### **Minutes of committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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** 13<sup>th</sup> July