

Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 11th Jan 2018 7.30 pm

Present

Ian Read, Chair [IR], Peter Nightingale [PN], Julie Norman [JN], Dave Oxley-Goody [DOG], Malcolm Whipp [MW], Chris Saltmarsh [CS], Den Harvey [DH], Geoffrey Woricker [GW], John Bishop [JB]

- 1, Apologies - Pam Dawson.
- 2, The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, proposed by PN seconded by MW
- 3, Chairman's Report

A date of 17th May was set for the AGM. Emma Almond, who runs the Danbury Living Landscape, was suggested as a possible speaker. **DOG** to contact.

There was discussion about the vandalism that occurred when the ditch and culvert behind the football containers, previously cleared, was deliberately blocked by rubbish. Also lengthy discussion about one of our members who was involved in an altercation when a mother from the school got involved over someone parking in the emergency access area of the car park.

- 4, Finance report

Treasurer's report was circulated before the meeting, no issues raised. The treasurer confirmed that the result of the Christmas Raffle has been forwarded to the City Council.

- 5, Working Party Report

At the December work party more of the scrub was cleared from the West Water Meadow and burnt but the Sunday work was called off due to heavy snow.

- 6, Fund Raising

Quiz Night date fixed as June 1, 2018. **DOG** to check availability of the usual quizmaster and school.

- 7, Field Projects,

PN is still working on the ongoing annual plan for field maintenance and an update of the species list, which **PN** will circulate to all when completed.

The new fruit trees should arrive by the next work party. **DOG** to contact Tony's wife and Brian Scowen's grandson to see if they wish to attend the planting. **JB** to speak to Brian Ley's wife.

The visits from the Essex Field Club are planned for May 19 and Aug 25. It is not yet known how many will attend or whether they would like refreshments.

- 8, P.C. Issues,

CS confirmed that Bakers will do a survey of the Arch, date yet to be fixed. A further tree survey has been agreed for this spring. Both surveys will be at the PCs expense. The PC have agreed to pay the Friends £100 for the work done to remove the old play equipment at the Hooe, although this may require the Friends to raise an invoice for that amount.

CS advised that two defibrillators will be positioned within the Parish, the one in Bicknacre being sited at the entrance to the Village Hall. CS advised that instructions for use will be with the devices and that the instructions are very easy to follow.

The PC had asked if the Friends could provide an additional exercise for younger children at the upcoming 'Play in the Park' days. As two of the people who were the leading players in that activity are no longer able to participate, it was regretfully decided that we could no longer support that activity.

It was requested that the Parish Clerk be added to all distribution lists for any items that could affect the PC in any way. This was agreed.

9, Publicity & News items. DOG has written an article for the February edition of In Touch.

10, A.O.B None

11, Date of next meeting Thurs 8th February 2018.