

Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of the committee meeting held on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Present Ian Read, Chair [IR] Den Harvey [DH] Geoffrey Woricker [GW] Julie Norman [JN] Malcolm Whipp [MW] Dave Oxley-Goody [DOG]

Apologies for absence John Bishop, Chris Saltmarsh

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted

Matters arising. DOG said he had attended a Defibrillator course at Danbury.

Chairmans report

Discussion on advantages of joining Open Spaces Society? It was decided not to renew membership at present. IR has contacted Alan Sheldrake re the haycut and it is confirmed for Early July.

Finance Report

JN is going through the process of being added as a signatory on the groups accounts.

IR has given JB the new budget figures.

Brian Underwood will audit accounts for the last time this year. Can members think of anyone who might do this next year onwards?

Working Party Report

Hopefully we will finish scrub clearance in the West Water Meadow on the next work party.

Repair fence adjacent to the small sports field.

Future plans, Repair nest boxes, clean out pipe adj old bridge.

We also discussed raising level of the brook by means of a weir/logs laid across.

Fund raising, the new date for the quiz is Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June. School, Vill hall and quizmaster booked any raffle prizes gratefully accepted.

Field Projects,

nothing large planned this year.

PC Issues

The Arch survey was performed by Bakers on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The surveyor was impressed with the condition of the Arch. There is some delamination of the shelter coat, mainly at low level but not of importance. He suggested another survey is carried out in 5 years unless anyone notices any problems in the meantime.

Publicity.

JB has written an article for In Touch re. Peter Nightingale leaving the area and asking if anyone interested in being our Natural History Advisor/Expert. Also we will let In Touch know that our Quiz will be in June. An advert will go into in Touch next month with details.

A.O.B. Emma Ormond has agreed to speak about "Living Landscapes" at our AGM she will supply projector but will need a screen, DG to supply

Date of next Meeting Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> April