

Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 12th July 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present

Ian Read, Chair [IR], Julie Norman [JN], Dave Oxley-Goody [DO-G], Malcolm Whipp [MW], Jo Britter [JoB]
Den Harvey [DH], John Bishop (Acting Secretary), [JB], Marley

1. Apologies - Linden Rosam and Sandy Sinclair

2. Minutes of last meeting & matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, at the proposal of DH, seconded by DO-G.

3. Chairman's Report

The hay crop has been completed earlier than usual this year. It was not believed to be a particularly big or good crop.

The Chairman produced a proposed notice to be placed at the bridge onto the Arch field, advising that when wet the bridge can be slippery. The notice was approved, with minor changes, and will be erected in due course.

The Chairman advised that JoB and JB will be sharing the Treasurer role for the foreseeable future and that future expenses claims should be forwarded to JoB. To assist with this the Chairman will recirculate the list of all members' names and addresses. JB is to resolve the current problem with insufficient signing officers at the Bank.

The Chairman proposed that JB should take over the role of Vice Chairman, which is currently vacant, and this was agreed.

4. Finance report

A donation of £80 from a local resident was handed to the Treasurer by MW. An old generator was given by the same resident. DO-G and MW are attempting to renovate this item.

The Treasurers report was circulated at the meeting, which shows a continuing healthy financial situation.

5. Working Party Report

The last working party included cutting and clearing the hedge along the pathway to the Village Hall and renovating the bench nearest the arch field bridge.

The next working party will include watering the fruit trees, removing a broken branch in the EWM and removing some self sown oaks in the WWM..

6. Fund Raising

We need to start the organisation of the annual Raffle and Quiz Night – volunteers are sought.

7, Field Projects.

Our Green Flag for this year has arrived as has a press release giving information about the green flag award and winners, which will be forwarded to DO-G. This is to be sent to the Essex Chronicle. See item 9.

8, P.C. Issues

Recent requests to hold parties on the fields had been turned down, with concerns for the potential problems it might cause and insurance worries by the PC.

9, Publicity & News items.

DO-G to produce article to go to Essex Chronicle and Danbury Journal, primarily about the Green Flag.

10, A.O.B Marley was commended for his perfect behaviour at the meeting.

11, Date of next meeting Thurs 9th August 2018.