
Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2019

Present: Ian Read, Sandy Sinclair, John Bishop, Dave Oxley-Goody, Den Harvey, Malcolm Whipp, Linden Rosam, Julie Norman

1. Apologies: Jo Britter
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising: the minutes of the last meeting were agreed by all.
3. Chairman's Report:
 - a. There was discussion regarding a planning application re Priors Field – no objections.
 - b. It was agreed that we should lay on an activity at Play in the Park on 18th April.
 - c. The tree work required following the recent survey has been carried out at the expense of the PC.
4. We welcomed Ian and Gill Pessell who have offered to run the annual quiz night this year, on 22 March from 7.30 until 10 pm.
 - a. It was agreed that we will sell additional raffle tickets in the break (£1 per ticket) and the draw will take place whilst the marking of the last rounds is being done.
 - b. It was agreed that the event will run from 7.30 until 10 pm and entrance fee money will be taken on the night.
 - c. Advertising will be displayed/published in the following: InTouch magazine; the village shop(s); Paul Bailey Garage; the Village Hall notice board; Woodham Ferrers village hall; Danbury village hall; FoPF noticeboard and PC notice board(s).
 - d. LR to ask Polish me Pretty for raffle prize
 - e. SS will create a fruit basket from the Friendship Club.
5. Finance Report:
 - a. Treasurer reported c/a £2049.12; deposit a/c £8647.11; cash in hand £70.35.
 - b. JN has a small bill for Christmas cards and raffle prizes to give to JB; Dave has a bill for cement for the bench that was moved and also needs to buy a first aid kit plus a deposit for the hire of the school hall for the quiz night.
6. Working Party Report:
 - a. Last working party: we cleared to the side of the East Water Meadow and left some interestingly strange shaped trees for climbing on.
 - b. Next working party:
 - i. We have done all the major clearance work required for the time being. Will remove the surrounds and stakes from the more established orchard trees.
 - ii. There was a discussion about the badger sett and it was agreed that no further clearing was to be done in that area because it was not a good idea to draw attention to it, so it would be left reasonably natural.

- iii. Further discussion around filling-in some of the wetter areas on pathways with crushed concrete, we could use up what we have already in stock; wait for wetter weather and see which areas need it most.
- iv. There are a number of mole hills that need flattening
- v. Some disused rabbit holes in the West Water Meadow need filling in because they are on a new pathway.
- vi. Dave suggested that his donated chestnut tree could go by the picnic area.
- vii. Malcolm will take a look and service the strimmer and generator
- viii. Husqvarna – had it's last service the year before last so NR will change the oil asap
- ix. Need a garage clear out when the weather is suitable

7. Fund Raising: covered earlier re quiz night

8. Field Projects:

- a. Flag Pole: there was some discussion about having a flag pole for the Green Flag award flag and where to locate it. It was unanimously agreed that we should have a flag pole and some ideas about where it should be located so that it was visible to all.
- b. Westwood Mower – NR reported that it is coming along. The flywheel is back on; leaky inlet valve to be fixed and then rebuild. Carb is clean. Update : all done.
- c. Dog memorial bench: NR has made a jig to fit a 32mm dog tag to the bench. It needs trialing to check it all works as required and LR will order tags for self and Den.
- d. Dave mentioned about pruning apple trees in Feb. JoB knows someone who can do it and will chase up.

9. PC Issues:

- a. Extended Parking area: PC has reported that they will make a decision once the consultation period is over. CCTV will also be improved as part of the project and also GDPR requirements re CCTV need to be investigated.
- b. MW commented about the pile of chippings sitting on a plastic sheet on the village green and SS said she would investigate. SS reported that the PC have funding now for a gardener, being advertised to start in Spring.

10. Publicity: Quiz ads will be in InTouch magazine, Dave has organized already.

11. AOB:

- a. SS asked if anyone has a suitable basket for the Friendship Club's basket of fruit donation.
- b. NR wondered whether we should publish badger footage from the covert nighttime camera. This was discussed and agreed we would not publish at this time.
- c. IR wondered if we should buy a Priory Fields infrared camera? After discussion it was agreed that he should look into types of camera and costs.
- d. IR to speak with Karen re GDPR for camera pictures.

12. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

13. Next meeting is Thursday 14 Feb 2019

14. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....