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# *Friends of Priory Fields*

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*Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2019*

Present: Ian Read, Dave Oxley-Goodey, Den Harvey, Malcolm Whipp, Linden Rosam, Nick Rosam and Jo Britter

1. Apologies: John Bishop, Sandy Sinclair, Julie Norman
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:
  - a. Proposed by MW and Seconded by IR
3. Chairman's Report:
  - a. Discussion about the Quiz Night and organization for the evening.
  - b. AGM provisionally 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> May. UPDATE: now booked for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7 till 9.30
  - c. Annual parish assembly is May 24<sup>th</sup> at BMVH and it was agreed that we could put up a stand with some new pictures.
  - d. Having received a request by the Rosams who wish to purchase a crab apple tree, it was agreed that this would be procured and planted in the coming autumn/winter.
  - e. There has been a freedom of information request regarding putting a building on Priory Fields. Further information is required/keep an eye on this but most likely to be something football related. The parish clerk said she cannot reveal who made the request but that it is nothing to worry about.
  - f. Peter Nightingale will be in the area on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and would love to meet up with some/all of the group. Ian will organize a time and let us all know.
4. Finance Report:
  - a. Current account = £2026.42; Deposit account £8698.78; Cash = £70.35
5. Working Party Report:
  - a. Last working party: trimmed/cut the hedge by the football field and pruned the apple trees.
  - b. Next working party:
    - i. Will spread more crushed concrete and get some more as and when required. It was decided that we would stick to the main boggy areas for the time being.
    - ii. There was some discussion about the location of our bonfires and most rather liked the last place used to burn the hedge cuttings.
    - iii. Discussion about moving hawthorn/oak trees and it was decided that now is not the best time
    - iv. Fallen wood/branches can be piled up in suitable places.

- v. Re the mobile cinema on 11<sup>th</sup> May – the PC have asked if we will put together a beer/drinks tent of some kind and after discussion it was agreed that we couldn't do it this time.

6. Field Projects:

- a. Thurs 18 April 10-12: play in the park. Discussion regarding what to do, we need just one activity for the smaller children although we're bound to get older kids too. We will do a scavenger hunt, need bags and pencils plus an egg for each child who participates and comes back with something. Agreed that we need to recce the week before to check likely sites and availability of items on the "list". All info is with Jo who will also get bags/pencils and eggs organized. PC pay/provide all equipment..
- b. New planting: Ian is putting in for free trees – Wildwood (105 trees) and Year Round Colour (105 trees) packs. They come with canes and covers.
- c. Flag Pole: we need to measure what pole we need next month. The scaffold pole already there is too heavy and would need too much work.
- d. Heritage Open Days: in September 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. After some discussion it was agreed that we would "open" for one or two days (14/15) September. We would need to do something specific, perhaps someone to talk about the arch. Sell coffees/teas – have a gazebo by the arch. DO-G will look at the Danbury football website and find out if any football fixtures here that might cause a parking issue. Maybe we could do a potted history? Would the PC provide sponsorship.
- e. Westwood Mower: NR said he was waiting for warmer weather but would get onto it asap
- f. Discussion about whether we need a new extended hedge trimmer. MW said he would get a price and we could decide at the next meeting.

7. PC Issues: None

8. Publicity:

- a. DO-G has done articles for all the local magazines and the parish newsletter, as well as one for the Focus re our Orchard.

9. AOB: DH thanked all those who came to his wife's funeral.

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

11. Next meeting is Thursday 11 April 2018

12. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....