
Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of the meeting held on 9/5/2019

Present: Ian Read, Sandy Sinclair, John Bishop, Dave Oxley-Goody, Malcolm Whipp, Linden Rosam, Nick Rosam, Julie Norman and Jo Britter

1. Apologies: Den Harvey
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:
 - a. The minutes of the last meeting were approved by all present.
 - b. Dave has contacted BAT group but had no response from them as yet.
 - c. Dave thanked David Holmes for his £100 donation.
 - d. Dave has contacted Heritage Open Days and now has a local contact.
3. Chairman's Report:
 - a. It appears that the Bottomleys will not be able to do the grass cutting within the arch compound any more as Mr Bottomley is unwell. (NB from Linden: it would be good if we made contact as they have worked for us for a long time)
 - b. Bicknacre has been shortlisted for Village of the Year therefore it would be great if everyone can help to keep the place tidy.
 - c. Peter Nightingale visited and met up with several of the committee at the Fields and was delighted to see it all again.
 - d. Annual Parish Assembly: All agreed that we should put up our boards again, Dave has some more recent photos to add to the display and will pass them onto Ian including at least one of the "before")
 - e. AGM on 3rd June: LR to change the booking to 6.30 start in order to allow plenty of time to set up. JN agreed to do refreshments: tea and coffee before the meeting and wine after. LR gave apologies for the AGM as she will be away. Notice to be put in In-Touch and the notice boards asap – JB will do the shop.
4. Finance Report:
 - a. LR has collected £34.25 for dog tags on the doggy memorial bench, so far, money to be passed to Jo.
 - b. Jo reported that the accounts are almost ready to go to John for auditing. She is just in process of getting the assets list qualified by Ian. Jo left the meeting at 8.10.
5. Working Party Report:
 - a. At the last working party the path was cleared and the front of BMVH was cleared and tidied in lieu of hall hire for our quiz night. Also removed the fallen tree from the west water meadow. Spread out some more crushed concrete to areas of pathway that need it. Sarah from Hyde Hall finished pruning the fruit trees for us. Grass cutting was also done.
 - b. At the next working party, the team will tidy up and reorganize the garage as well as further grass cutting. Den, Paul and Mark will not be available on Sunday.
6. Fund Raising: Nothing to report currently.

7. Field Projects:

- a. Flagpole: IR did a load of research and after discussion it was agreed to go with the £304 pole. Also agreed that it would be delivered to Dave. Will require postcrete as well. Malcolm has a concrete mixer and generator and his neighbor has a post hole borer that we might try
- b. Play in the park: Everyone appeared to have a good time and Jesters actually posted a big thank you to all on their Facebook page. Note: We need small pots for the treasure hunt next year.
- c. Westwood Mower: is now working
- d. Ryobi Strimmer: Dave reported that it's appears to be no good and Nick agreed to take the last look at it before we dispose of it. It was suggested that we purchase a basic, lightweight strimmer.
- e. Ian will re-do the map of paths to mow and pass it onto JB.

8. PC Issues:

- a. Village of the year. We are on the shortlist and need to meet the judge on 21st to show around the fields.

9. Publicity:

- a. Website email contact appears to be working now, Ian and Dave will monitor it and let LR know if there are issues.

10. AOB: None

11. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

12. Next meeting is Thursday 13 June 2019 and the AGM on 3rd June 2019

13. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....