
Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2019

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

1. Apologies: None
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:
 - a. Matters Arising: JoB is going to a talk about BATs and will get a contact in case we need a speaker. The new playing field bench is going alongside "Compasses". The flagpole is on Parish Council insurance. We didn't get Village of the Year in part because we don't have a village plan.
 - b. Proposed by MW and Seconded by DOG
3. Chairman's Report: We are not allowed to announce the Green Flag award until 16 July.
4. Finance Report:
 - a. Current situation: current a/c £500; Deposit £10309.47; Cash £70.35; Total £10879.80
 - b. Jo reported that she is able to transfer monies between accounts without getting additional signatories, they are only required for external payments and transfers.
 - c. New categories were agreed for expense claims.
5. Working Party Report:
 - a. Last working party: Planted the flag pole and cut grass
 - b. Next working party: cut grass on the pathways and strim edges; Use flail mower on parts of the West Water Meadow. Thin out the apples on orchard trees. The new tree near the picnic area needs watering regularly – DOG doing this.
 - c. Some discussion about hay cut, wildflowers and weather and it was agreed that we would try to get a drone to take some photographs before the cut (Stuart Little agreed he would do this early next week). UPDATE: the hay cut was actually done the next day rendering the drone photography unnecessary.
6. Fund Raising

Nothing to report at the moment other than to consider the Christmas Raffle around September time. LR to give small basket to JN.

7. Field Projects:

- a. IR showed the meeting a design for our new sign to go on notice board. Unanimously agreed that we should go ahead.
- b. Parties on the field: after some discussion it was agreed that parties can be on the fields, at the individuals own risk. However, if they are bringing in entertainment they have to get the approval of the parish council.

8. PC Issues:

- a. There are 2 new councillors : Martin Vale and Cathy Ames.
- b. Possibility of a boot sale on the playing fields. FoPF are possibly interested in participating.
- c. Anti social behavior – there is a meeting organized with Police at the village hall and DOG will go as our rep.
- d. Nothing to report re contact with school
- e. All members of Friends and working party people must have sight of the health and safety and risk assessments. Ian will distribute.

9. Publicity:

- a. Green Flag information will be prepared for next month.
- b. Radio: there has been some interest shown in doing a piece about Priory Fields and Dave directed them to the website.

10. AOB:

- a. JN will look into the cost having some Christmas cards printed that could be for general sale as well as sending out. Dave has photographs of the fields under snow that could be used.
- b. JN apologized that she will not be at the next meeting.
- c. Dave asked if we could start the meetings at 7.45 instead of 7.30 to give the minutes secretary time to get there from a previous meeting. Agreed by all.

11. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 2120 pm.

12. Next meeting is Thursday 8th August 2019

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