

Friends of Priory Fields

<i>Minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2019</i>	<i>Action</i>
Present: Ian Read, Sandy Sinclair, John Bishop, Dave Oxley-Goody, Den Harvey, Malcolm Whipp, Linden Rosam, and Jo Britter	
1. Apologies: Julie Norman	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proposed by JB and Seconded by DH b. Dave has already organized a Kelly Turkey donation for the Christmas Raffle and will collect the voucher on Monday. c. Jo B will pre-book the drone chap for next year, pre harvest asking if he would also do a fly-through the arch. d. JoB noted that Kathy Ames name be corrected to Cathy Ames 	DOG Jo B done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. New meeting day Jan to Apr 2020 will be 2nd Wednesday each month at 7.45, reverting to 2nd Thursday May onwards. LR to put in our bookings for the next 2 years. 	LR (done)
3. Chairman's Report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Priory Fields has been awarded a green flag once again. b. Risk assessment documents : agreed by all that IR can sign on behalf of the committee. Also agreed that they be sent to everyone who may be on a Working Party and each individual to email IR that they have read and understood. c. Meeting about drug dealing: DOG attended and reported that not a lot will be done about this issue. He has asked police representative if patrol car(s) could periodically drive around the car park at Priory Playing Fields and she said she would put it forward. d. Chairman thanked JB for all the old FoPF documents, historical, financial, etc. that he has collected and stored for us in his various roles over the years. These documents now need to be sorted into categories ie: important historical documents and rubbish etc. and storage organised for the more important ones. As Priory Fields is PC responsibility it was felt that KK might be able to archive them. 	IR
4. Finance Report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Signs for the Arch are done and will be put up at next working party. Had to strengthen them with ply. b. Dave will purchase petrol tomorrow for working party c. JoB is reorganizing the spreadsheet now because it needs to cope with transfers between accounts. d. Balances: C/a £401.70; D/a £10309.47; Cash £70.35 	DOG JoB
5. Working Party Report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Last working party: cut grass on the pathways and trim edges; Use flail mower on parts of the west water meadow. 	

Thin the apple trees. b. Next working party: watering as necessary; strimming, mowing, cut down an old plum, clear stuff hanging over the pathways, dead tree near the poo bin needs to be cleared and possibly one at the front of the school entrance. SS will seek approval for our WP to cut it down and clear it. c. Noted that Dave's watering of the tree near picnic benches is working as it appears to be responding.	SS
6. Fund Raising:	
a. Nothing to report at present. b. Will start on raffle prizes next month	
7. Field Projects:	
a. New signs to the arch will go up this weekend b. Regarding parties on the fields: KK will give us a disclaimer form that people can sign.	IR
8. PC Issues:	
a. The next cinema showing will be inside the hall instead of the autumn one schedule to be outside, due to lack of interest. It was thought that possibly the film chosen wasn't suitable for young children, hence the low level of interest. b. The Two Brewers pub will reopen at the end of August as the Drunken Dragon and their mural was deemed to contravene planning. c. Some new photographs of priory arch have been seen by NR on Bicknacre page. LR to see if they can be shared to priory fields facebook page.	LR (done)
9. Publicity:	
a. Dave doing articles for local publications. KK has asked for one for the Village publication. b. Dave requested a sign asking people to tie up their poo bags and not to put them in the litter bins, only in the poo bins because of the maggots.	DOG DOG
10. AOB:	
a. IR mentioned an article in Chelmsford & Mid Essex Times about green vehicles and tools. Electric stuff would save buying petrol and be quieter. Agreed this needs more discussion because there is no separate power supply to the shed. Ask KK for funding perhaps. b. JoB left the meeting at 9.10 c. DOG proposed that NR be on the committee as he has attended for some time now. All were in favour. d. MW repaired the strimmer, found the handle and installed new cord (2mm) as well as jet washing it.	IR
11. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.	
12. Next meeting is Thursday 12/9/19	
13. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....	