

Friends of Priory Fields

<i>Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2019</i>	<i>Action</i>
Present: Ian Read, Dave Oxley-Goodey, Julie Norman, Den Harvey, Malcolm Whipp, Linden Rosam, Nick Rosam and Sandy Sinclair	
1. Apologies: JB and JoB	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proposed by DH and Seconded by DOG b. JN will approach the greengrocer at White Elm for a prize c. SS will approach Westview nursery for a Poinsettia d. DOG has tried to contact Sarah re pruning apple trees with no luck so far. e. JN will make enough xmas cards for us to send out as usual. The price of having cards printed was considered prohibitive f. IR reported that it's now too late to change delivery of the tree bundles so they will go to IR as originally ordered. g. SS said that it is unlikely that storage is available at PC offices for our archived information although she suggested IR contact Clerk directly. Other options being considered. IR has made up 5 box files of important historical documents. 	<p>JN SS DOG</p> <p>JN</p> <p>IR</p>
3. Chairman's Report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. As yet there has been no feedback from the green flag people. IR has emailed them and is awaiting a response. b. Other issues dealt with above so far. 	
4. Finance Report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. c/a £300.26 d/a £9704.32 cash £70.35. £610 was moved from deposit to current account for hedge trimmer. b. IR reported that he had found invoices amongst the documents he was sorting and has handed them to JoB. c. There was some confusion as to how the balances were obtained and it was suggested that perhaps the information presented to the meeting could be a little clearer ie last months' balance less payments plus transfers = current balance. Perhaps JoB could take a look at that for next time? 	<p>JoB</p>
5. Working Party Report:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Last WP: Various tasks were done such as trimming foot path hedge; watering apple trees; flailing water meadows; silicone in the garage – incomplete. The rest of the siliconising will probably be left till next spring. b. Next WP: DOG will bring the longer silicone gun but as it's too cold to spread it now will leave it to next spring. Need to clear around the 4 new trees near the sports field and think about digging up the hawthorns near the path in the water meadow soon. It was decided that it's probably easier to dig or pull the roots out. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. SS suggested potting some small oaks and selling them. Thought will be given to this. d. The fence around the dead tree near the horse field requires repair. e. Will consider thinning the small oaks at some stage when time permits. 	
<p>6. Fund Raising:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Xmas Raffle: tickets have been ordered and are due soon. b. Prizes/vouchers received so far from: Kelly Turkeys, Drunken Dragon, Paul Bailey, Polish Me Pretty and Pet shop. c. SS will make up a fruit basket just a few days prior to the raffle and a toiletries basket asap – from the friendship club. d. JN is making up a couple of other basket prizes. e. We need some children’s prizes f. Could we ask the football club for prizes and to buy tickets? g. Next meeting is too late to distribute tickets to committee members for selling so IR will deliver some to each of us as soon as possible. h. Priory Stores has agreed to sell our tickets again so they will be delivered there asap. i. Will put an advert on the Bicknacre FB page and on our FB page. j. Hard copies will go on the Village hall board and FB page 	<p>SS JN Everyone IR IR IR LR (done) LR</p>
<p>7. Field Projects:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The new hedge trimmer was ordered by MW and put together by IR. It’s working well. b. New trees due for delivery in November to IR c. IR suggested planting some more bluebells – unanimously agreed. 	<p>IR</p>
<p>8. PC Issues:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. As mentioned earlier SS reported little chance of storing the 5 box files that IR has put together however suggested that he approach the clerk directly. b. IR suggested that old registration forms to do with Country Fayre should be destroyed now. Agreed that we could keep a list of the company names and phone numbers only. c. IR read out an email received from the Clerk regarding the overflow car parking. d. We note that DOG has so far been the one letting people in/out of the gates as appropriate however most of those who require a key should now have one available. e. DOG suggested that we need a new sign on the gate with appropriate telephone contacts in case of need/emergency. f. The Clerk requested comments on the idea of putting an additional gate between the top and bottom car parks to circumvent anti-social behaviour. Unanimous No. g. DOG suggested that maintaining the lighting/better/additional lighting and cameras might be preferable. h. DH suggested a sign announcing that we have wildlife 	<p>IR IR</p>

<p>cameras installed around the fields might frighten off drug dealers and those up to mischief?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bradley will dig out the entrance to the overflow car parking and lay gravel because it has become very muddy there already. j. It was noted that although the PC website indicates that there are 20 parking spaces for football and others by request, this still sounds as though its mainly for football use. k. Thursday 12 December is the PC social event for volunteers from 7-9pm at The Drunken Dragon. That is our December meeting date, so all agreed to move it to the 11th instead. UPDATE: done l. Boot sale: scheduled for 26 October is to be cancelled m. The Parish Council have agreed to support us with our search for new members if we let them know what/who we want. SS volunteered to draft an advert for volunteers, send to IR who will distribute for comment. It was noted that DOG consistently finishes his published articles with a shout for volunteers but without luck so far. It was noted that his articles are much appreciated and valued; however, it would be worth splitting out the advert from the article for a while to see if we get any response. 	<p>EVERYONE</p>
<p>9. AOB:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. IR reported that he is still receiving invoices for hall hire for our meetings and that this cost is always met by the parish council. To ask Liz Woodhouse to change the invoice distribution. b. IR reported that he had found a nice written history of Bicknacre Priory. He will distribute to everyone. LR will put it on the website and FB pages. c. DH spoke about the xmas meal at Drunken Dragon. It will be £24.95 for 3 courses or £21.95 for 2 courses. DH will email everyone for their choices and their deposit. A date of Wed 4th Dec was agreed. d. SS informed the meeting that the Friendship Club is holding their Christmas social again. It will be at the White Swan on Saturday 21st December 8pm onwards. All welcome. e. JN mentioned that Drunken Dragon said they would section off the snooker area for our party. f. DH suggested that the yellow jackets are worn in the winter months to make it evident that a working party is in progress. The jackets cannot be worn in summer because they attract all the bugs and flies etc. It is not known what condition the jackets are in so we will look at the weekend. 	<p>LR</p>
<p>10. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.37 pm.</p>	
<p>11. Next meeting is Thursday 14/11/19 at 7.45pm</p>	
<p>12. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....</p>	