

Friends of Priory Fields

<i>Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2019</i>	<i>Action</i>
Present: Ian Read, Sandy Sinclair, John Bishop, Dave Oxley-Goody, Julie Norman, Den Harvey, Malcolm Whipp, Linden Rosam, Nick Rosam and Jo Britter	
1. Apologies: None	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:	
a. Proposed by JB and Seconded by DOG	
b. Dave mentioned that he had met up with a chap pruning the apple trees (Mr Doors) and has since spoken to Sarah who will check them and let him know if anything else is required.	
c. Clerk will put hard copies of our poster in the village green notice board and the parish facebook page.	
3. Chairman's Report:	
a. Ian reported that he'd received notification that we need to make our application for next years' Green Flag award. A few documents are required and the management plan needs updating this time.	IR
b. Hi Vis jackets: we don't usually wear them but experience at the recent planting events tells us they would be useful. Not yellow because they attract too many insects so will get orange tabards. Agreed that we will buy 5 large and 5 extra large and those should suit our members.	IR
c. Ian also reported that Priory Fields are now showing on google maps in the right place.	
4. Finance Report:	
a. Current account £249.26; Deposit account £9704.32; cash £70.35	
b. Bank are reducing our savings to 0.1% (from 0.2%) in January. After some discussion it was agreed that there is not much we can do if we want to keep free banking so will continue with these accounts.	
5. Working Party Report:	
a. We planted a load of trees on Saturday and a few have disappeared. We also lost a shovel. Other general maintenance tasks were cutting some branches and tidying up. Grass was cut in and around the arch. Area below the arch was flailed close to the fence. After discussion it was agreed that it could be left to grow naturally from now on.	
b. Sunday: the remainder of the trees will hopefully arrive by then and will be planted on Sunday. Hopeful that some scouts will come along.	
c. Next working party: We will get some bluebell bulbs and ask	LR/IR

<p>the guides if they would like to come along and help plant them. LR to find out who is the guide leader and notify IR who will try and arrange planting for Dec 14/15</p>	
<p>6. Fund Raising:</p>	
<p>a. Xmas Raffle: Dave sold approx. 300+ tickets. Shop has sold some too. Some to be sold on the day. LR to get prize from pet shop.</p> <p>b. JoB will make a list of items bought over the past year to be listed on a poster that will tell people what their money has bought</p> <p>c. DOG has some raffle prizes including toys. LR has raffle prizes and others with JN. A good selection building up.</p> <p>d. DOG to ask school if we can draw our raffle on the day. Update: yes we can.</p> <p>e. A reminder that our raffle is before our next meeting.</p> <p>f. JN volunteered to fold the raffle tickets and will bring purple table cloths on 2nd.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>JoB</p> <p>DOG</p> <p>JN</p>
<p>7. Field Projects:</p>	
<p>a. The remainder of our trees will be planted on Saturday and will be divided into varieties with each variety being given to one individual to go around and plant – along with any assistance available.</p> <p>b. IR will buy bluebells, all agreed to spend £120 on 500.</p>	<p>JN</p>
<p>8. PC Issues:</p>	
<p>a. SS reported that a new sign will be produced for the overflow parking gate and suggested that DOG speak with the Clerk regarding times as he has been woken up by Bradley to be let in (even though Bradley should have a key).</p> <p>b. Re volunteers: the parish council have asked us to design a card and they will print it and put it loose in the March issue of the parish magazine so that every household gets one.</p> <p>c. New Gate: a new gate is to be positioned between the lower and upper carparks in order to deter the drug dealing. An individual has volunteered to open the gate each morning and lock it up at dusk.</p> <p>d. There is to be a summer fete at Lodge Road Fields and PC wondered if we are interested in a stall. All agreed that this is a good opportunity and we have time to decide what to put on our stall.</p> <p>e. Access to school: SS reported that her contact has now left the school and she has no other contact at this time.</p> <p>f. Recruitment Poster: SS has designed a simple poster for us, which was passed around and may be used as the basis for our poster.</p> <p>g. Leaflets: Ian will have some more printed and put one in with each prize at the raffle.</p>	

9. Publicity:	
a. Nothing to report that hasn't already been mentioned.	
10. AOB:	
a. JN reported that the shaped cards for xmas cards will be in soon.	
b. Meet at 4.30 at the school hall to set up on 2 nd December.	
c. DOG will write an article for the PC newsletter.	
d. On 5 th December we will meet at 7pm for 7.30 at the Drunken Dragon.	
11. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.	
12. Next meeting is WEDNESDAY 11/12/19 at 7.45pm	
13. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....	