

# Friends of Priory Fields

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2019

Present: Ian Read, Dave Oxley-Goody, Linden Rosam, Julie Norman, Malcolm Whipp, Nick Rosam and Sandy Sinclair	
1. Apologies: JB, DH & JoB	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:	
Proposed by MW and Seconded by DOG	
New hi-viz jackets have been ordered and the application has been made for the Green Flag Award. It was agreed that bluebell bulbs would not be ordered until the spring. Everyone agreed that the meal at the Drunken Dragon was good. SS reported that she is not creating a recruitment poster, it is an advert.	
3. Chairman's Report:	
a) Ian asked everyone to check email recipients of any emails we send out to the group to ensure the distribution of information is appropriate. b) Also on the above point, it's past time we removed some previous committee members from whom we no longer hear. Agreed that G Worricker and P Athey be removed from our committee members at this time. c) Confirmed that meetings for next year will be moved back to Thursdays at 7.45pm	
4. Finance Report:	
a) We made an excellent profit of £806 on the Christmas Raffle less £50 for the hamper. Agreed that we should re-think prizes next year, there were too many and the toys were not really appropriate.	
5. Working Party Report:	
a) Last working party: the group planted 200 trees over 2 weekends plus some flailing of nettles and tidying around the arch enclosure. b) Next working party: NR reported that there is a hole in the fence somewhere at the top of the arch field giving dogs access to gardens. On discussion it was felt that this could potentially be a badger trail but perhaps we could take a look and decide whether it's down to us to block it up. The mowers will be pressure washed. It was decided to have a go at measuring the field we are interested in purchasing.	
6. Fund Raising	
Quiz Night: Invite our previous quiz masters (Ian and Gill Pessell) to our next meeting to discuss plans for the next quiz with an emphasis on making it a fun event and not too serious. Potentially to be held 27th March.	
7. Field Projects:	
It seems that land adjacent to the arch is being offered to us for the sum of £35,000	

measuring 1.4 acres in total. There was much discussion about the pros and cons of us buying this land. However, we do not have the capital to purchase it at this time. SS suggested speaking to The Clerk as she may have some ideas for funding. It was agreed that we could investigate current market values for land and organize a chat with the Clerk and Chairperson.	
8. PC Matters: None	
9. Publicity: New recruitment articles and leaflets mentioned earlier.	
10. AOB: SS mentioned an event on 21 Dec 8pm at The Swan – all welcome. DOG mentioned orchard trees that had been offered.	
11. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.	
12. Next meeting is Thursday 9/1/ 2020	
13. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....	