

## **Minutes of the Friends of Priory Fields Committee meeting Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Present** Ian Read [Chairman] Dave Oxley-Goody [Sec] Sandy Sinclair, Den Harvey, Julie Norman, Malcolm Whipp, Jo Britter [Treasurer] Gill Pessell [guest]

**1/ Apologies,** Linden & Nick Rosam, Mary Shay

**2/ Minutes** read and accepted

**6/ Fund Raising, Quiz Night** Agenda adjusted to allow Gill to be able to leave. Gill said only 5 teams booked probably due to Covid 19 and the likelihood that some of these may not be full teams. After discussion it was decided to postpone the quiz to a later date. We would like to thank Ian & Gill for their work on the quiz to date.

**3/ Chairman's Report,** Next Meeting and Work Party were discussed and it was decided although over Easter, we would have our next meeting on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April and the work party the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April \*

**4/ Finance** Jo gave out a copy of accounts. We discussed how to allocate donations from people who gave donations rather than attend the quiz [£70] + tree donations.

**5/ Work Parties,** Last work party, we cut most of the hedge by the football pitches in the East Meadow. This weekend, paint mower deck, finish hedge, trim hedge back in East Water Meadow, move snowdrops from adj to graveyard, replant in West Water Meadow.

**7/ Field Projects, Old Bridge Collapse,** The bridge has been fenced off to prevent accidents. Dave has contacted 3 contractors for quotes. Pearl Land Drainage, William Moorfoot Land Drainage, Anglian Land drainage. At present Pearl have surveyed and sent a quote, William Moorfoot will survey 17<sup>th</sup> March, after a reminder Anglian have not replied so asking a local contractor with drainage experience to quote. [He has since surveyed the bridge].

**School Ambassador,** Sandy and Mary have contacted Priory School and a presentation to the kids will be arranged for a 10.20 assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> June,\* **Bluebells,** decided not to plant any yet, hopefully plant bulbs in the autumn.

**8/ PC Matters,** Village Fair, It was decided we do something at this rather than just have a presence. A Love on a Rock competition suggested and agreed, Sandy, Julie & Jo to form a sub committee for this. Dave asked if anything agreed re dog poo bags, nothing yet. The plan to upgrade CCTV in the car park discussed. Can the PC liaise with us on position/coverage as we know where the problems occur?

**9/Publicity,** Article in Newsletter + advert for AGM and Quiz [too late to cancel ads]

**10/Any Other Business,** Dave suggested Solar powered battery charger for mowers [to be looked into] The volunteer brochure was discussed [only one elderly volunteer so far]

**11/ Date of next Meeting** Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 \*

### **Update**

\* Please note that due to current restraints regarding Covid 19 most/all the dates mentioned here may be cancelled or postponed.

At present the Quiz, AGM, Meeting in April and all work parties cancelled. We will need to make a decision on the Priory School presentation at some point dependant on situation.

The bridge has now been surveyed by 3 contractors, we have one quote so far.

Due to ongoing situation, my exercise/dog walk regime will allow me to walk around the fields daily so I will update the committee as and when anything arises.

Regardless of some silly comments on Face Book the people/dog walkers on the fields are behaving very sensibly. Much higher numbers than usual as Danbury Park/Common closed.

I can't say the same for a number of kids coming over in a group, but maybe they have learnt? as not seen for several days.

Dave OxleyGoody