

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields Committee meeting 12th Aug 2021

1/ Present, Dave Oxley-Goody, Ian Read, Den Harvey, Nick Rosam, Malcolm Whipp, Jo Britter

Guest, Stuart Gerrish [Auditor]

Apologies, Julie, Linden, Mary Shay

2/ Minutes of last meeting

No minutes as last meeting was a last minute affair and not fully attended.

3/ Chairman's report,

Not much to report but Jo gave us an update on the sad death of John Summerford.

4/ Finance,

Jo brought a finance report and Stuart who has agreed to take over as auditor from the late John Summerford [Thanks Stuart] suggested some changes to our way of laying out our yearly accounts and depreciation of equipment. He also noted that the details of our land registry were inaccurate and related to land in Clacton. This will be checked and probably relates to a number missing.

5/ Work parties

Last work party was involved in mainly grass cutting, strimming, hedge cutting and a general tidy up.

Next work party, again mowing, strimming, add extra paving to bridge, repair bench, erect gazebo to check it is OK for Country Fair.

6/ Events,

"Play in the Park" we were planning to do something with the RSPB who were attending. They are not attending now so we are not planning to do anything for this event.

12th Sept "Country Fair" we will be organising competitions and having our gazebo/show stand at this with tractor and Den's Land Rover displayed. We will organise our stand if possible near the entrance to Priory Fields. Dave to attend meeting 26th August, as Den is on holiday.

7/ Fund Raising,

We plan to operate our Christmas Raffle this year and probably a Quiz Night in March subject to any changes in Covid situation.

8/ Field Projects,

We plan to plant a Mulberry Tree in memory of John Summerford and another tree [to be agreed] in memory of Malcolm Bottomley. Dave and Ian to meet prior to next meeting, to look at fields prior to organising a crushed concrete delivery to improve wet areas.

9/PC Matters

No PC matters to discuss and PC representative unable to be present.

10/ Publicity & News

Ian has written an article for In Touch, Dave to write an article for Sept PC Newsletter including obituaries for John and Malcolm

11/ Any other business,

Discussed the fact that we don't have a qualified First aider at present, Dave's qualification ran out during 1st lockdown and no training courses being held. Den is taking this over and will try to sort out a course as our previous training company seems to not exist anymore.

Malcolm was thanked for selling plants to raise funds of £100 for FOPF, he asked for a Thank you to go into the parish Newsletter for people who bought plants.

12/ Date of next meeting Thurs 9th September 2021 7.30pm

David Oxley-Goody