

Minutes of The Friends of Priory Fields Committee meeting Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

1/ Present Nick, Den, Ian, Julie, Malcolm, Jo, Dave, PC rep Mary Shay

Apologies Linden

2/ Minutes agreed, only change is that Den attended the PC Country Fayre meeting instead of Dave

3/ Chairman's Report, Ian reported that the Land Registry no. as shown on our accounts was incorrect. Jo reported that Stuart, our auditor, had found the correct number. Apparently the one digit was missing on our records since the fields were bought. Ian has also suggested where possible to use E5 Petrol as it should last longer than the new E10 and many of our petrol appliances, mowers/strimmers/hedgecutters are not used for long periods during winter. E10 could also apparently cause problems with older fuel pipes etc. There was a discussion about wildflower planting and we will ask Linden to follow up on this.

4/ Finance, Jo produced details of our finances, it was suggested by Ian that no more than £500 be kept in the current account. The yearly accounts should shortly be signed off by Stuart Gerrish [auditor], Jo will email to committee.

5/ Work Party, Last W/P we repaired the vandalised bench, cut the East Meadow hedge, mowed and strimmed the paths. Next work party mainly tidying up as the Sunday we have a stand at the Country Fayre.

6/ Country Fayre, Discussion about our group's position on the Fayre plan, decided we would sort out on the Saturday. We will also have a table in the Pitman Room with photos of Bridge/Haycut + recruitment and general leaflets. We will have a name the Badger competition, raffle for small animals, auction of toy tractor and golf clubs, and a Nature Hunt on the fields. Julie has sweets for prizes.

7/ Future events, we will hold Christmas Raffle and a Quiz Night in March, prizes for raffle required. The raffle will be drawn at the School Xmas event or the PC Christmas Market [To be decided]

8/ Field Projects, Discussion re. crushed concrete or woodchips for the wet areas. Decided to use woodchip if available as free. Will order some crushed concrete later if the woodchip doesn't materialise or isn't sufficiently effective over time. Mike Barltrop has dumped some topsoil in the wet areas and will spread it with his digger when he has time. We agreed to buy a Mulberry tree in memory of John Summerfield and will liaise with Jane Bottomley re the type of tree in memory of Malcolm. Ian is going to order Bluebells to plant in late Autumn.

9/ PC matters, There weren't any.

10/ Publicity Articles in both In Touch and PC Newsletter this month. There will be an article next month in the In Touch re Xmas Raffle etc.

11/ A.O.B None

12/ Next Meeting Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021