

## Minutes of the Friends of Priory Fields Committee Meeting 6/1/2022

1/ Present, Ian, Julie, Mary, Malcolm, Nick, Sandy, David, Jo.

David Greenwood a member of the public attended

Apologies Den & Linden

2/ Minutes read and accepted. Dave mentioned that the woodchip promised had not turned up prior to Xmas.

3/ Chairman's report, Ian reported that applications for Green Flag to be done.

4/ Finance, Jo gave all a copy of Finances. The current account shows £1,045-27 savings account £9,633-20

5/ Working parties

Last W/P clearing brook on Arch Field side, planting memorial tree for John Summerford

Next W/P may not be able to work Saturday [rain forecast all day] on Sunday continue with brook clearance and bonfire.

6/7 Fundraising/ Events, it has been decided that it will not be possible to run a quiz in March. The school said they would accept the booking but it probably would not go ahead due to Covid restrictions at the time. It was thought that even if it could go ahead, as many of our participants are elderly it would be a problem to fill teams due to concerns of close proximity to large numbers of people. We will reconsider later in the year.

8/ Field projects, Still hoping for a woodchip delivery. Ian is getting a Wild Cherry tree in memory of Malcolm Bottomley. Hoping for Bluebells to plant in February.

David Greenwood then brought up the suggestion of planting a wood in the centre of the West Meadow, the idea being to demonstrate Bicknacre's commitment towards combatting climate change. This had been suggested before and it was turned down by the entire committee due to our commitment to conserving the wild flower meadows. The suggestion provoked a lively discussion but was turned down again for the same reasons as previously. It was suggested that we could plant an equal number of trees around the perimeter and in the corners of the fields but Mr Greenwood would not agree with this idea.

9/ PC matters, The next PC meeting is next week and Mary will ask if the PC would like to finance training of a First Aider.

10/ Publicity and News, Ian wrote an article for the In Touch, but it unfortunately it missed the date for printing and will appear in the next issue. Dave has written an article for Contact re the way we organised fundraising and replaced the Old Bridge. This was at the request of Mary Huntingdon, [editor and regular dog walker on the fields].

11/ A.O.B None

12/ Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022