

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields Committee meeting 10th Feb 2022

1/ Present, Ian, Den, Mary, Dave, Malcom, Julie, Jo + member of the public David Greenwood.

Apologies Linden, Nick and Sandy

2/ Minutes/Matters Arising. Minutes agreed. Had woodchip deliveries 1 load to us 3 to overflow car park, Football club to spread this. Green flag, we have not had any feedback so we don't know if we actually had a mystery shopper visit last year.

3/Chairman's report. Discussed Management Plan and introduction of wildflowers. Member of the public, David Greenwood, voiced his objection to our clearance of the south bank of the brook and about our clearance of scrub a few years ago in the West Water Meadow where we have planted Bluebells, Snowdrops and Primroses. He thinks it should be left to grow back into a thicket. We pointed out that the management plan allows for the regular clearance of Brambles and Nettles to encourage growth of other species by allowing light to enter areas.

4/ Finance Jo brought a copy of the latest accounts.

5/ Last work party. Carried on with Brook clearance, burnt cleared branches/brambles etc. Spread a load of woodchips on muddy areas. Saturday 22nd planted 500 Bluebells with help of several families and other volunteers from the village.

6/ Events. AGM to be booked for evening of Friday 20th May. We need a guest speaker, possibly RSPB man who we had booked for the 2020 AGM that was cancelled. Jubilee event 4th June we will organise our gazebo for display purposes and will organise an event [to be decided]. Similar for the Country Fayre on 10th September. Den also suggested a sponsored tree plant to celebrate the Jubilee.

7/Fund Raising. Spoke about Quiz Night. Dave to liaise with Sandy re organising.

8/Field Projects. Conversation about planting of trees and Bluebells mentioned earlier.

9/ PC Matters. Discussed our First Aider cost question to the PC. Mary said we should ask the PC for a Grant Application form. Dave to follow up. Mary reported that the PC had no problems with the way we are managing the fields.

10/ Publicity and News items. An article went into In Touch this month, another to go into next PC Newsletter.

11/ A.O.B Discussion on advertising Fields and continued lively discussion with David Greenwood re . planting trees and not clearing scrub. David asked how to join committee and was told he would need to be voted on at the AGM.

12/ Date of next meeting Thurs 10th March 2022