

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
11th August 2022

Present. Ian, Julie, Jo, Malcolm, Nick, Dave, Angelina, Sandy, Trevor, Den.

Apologies. All present except Mary (PC rep).

Before commencement of meeting, photos were taken of committee and working party members, Bob Law and Paul Harden, to be posted on our website in recognition of being awarded the Green Flag award again this year.

Minutes. Read and agreed. Matters arising from - the arch is due to be inspected in March 2023.

Chairman's report. The hay was cut but unfortunately the machinery was damaged due to broken parts of goal posts being thrown into the field. The football club is looking into quick release net supports. Next year we will need to inspect the field before the hay cut. Due to the drought we are unable to assess if the weir in the brook is successful.

Finance. Jo presented our latest accounts, current account - £1207.88, deposit account - £9634.17, and cash in hand - £574.40.

We now have requests for 71 Jubilee trees in total, which have been paid for - 59 families. It has been requested that June Saltmarsh's tree is to be planted on village green. Due to the drought we need to check that our original list of trees will still be available. If there should be any change, Jo will inform those who have made specific requests.

Working parties. On the last working party the weir was built and all the overhanging branches were cut back. The next working party will be repairing the vandalised picnic bench, watering the trees, servicing the mower and tightening the loose boards on Priory bridge. Also need to check the bench next to the Priory Bridge as seat is becoming very rough.

Events. We need to be prepared that the PC Country Fayre may not go ahead due to resignation of parish clerk (the organiser). Maybe prepare a quiz in case it does take place.

Field projects. We are to receive a donation towards the cost of the repair to the damaged picnic bench. Ground anchors for fixing both ends need to be looked into. We discussed taking precautions to prevent a possible fire on fields but it was agreed there is little that can be done.

When the Jubilee trees are planted we will need to provide stakes and guards. We may also need to hire a post hole borer (£90+VAT) but this may be considered too dangerous so possibly ask local contractors. Once the trees are planted whether by us or the donor, they will be asked to water and tend their trees. We will provide water via our bowser on specified days.

PC matters. Mary our PC rep was not present.

Publicity and news items. Sandy has designed an advert for new committee members and asked for it to be put in September issue of 'In Touch' and for it to run for three months and also to put in Parish Council magazine.

Dave is to put an article in 'In Touch' regarding the vandalised bench and our receiving the Green Flag award.

Any other business. Ian suggested we consider buying new helmets with ear defenders and visor attached. It was agreed.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 8th September 7.30.