

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
8th December 2022

Present. Trevor, Den, Ian, Mary, Nick, Malcolm, Julie and Dave

Apologies for absence. Angelina, Jo and Sandy

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Chairman's report. Trevor has arranged next year's committee meeting and working party dates. We will continue to have the committee meetings before the working party weekends. The working party weekend that is due at Easter weekend will be a week later.

Finance. Although Jo was not at meeting she gave the latest accounts to Ian. Current account - £914.71, deposit account - £8417.46, and cash in hand - £889.65. The raffle was a success and raised £985 gross. Next year we need to print more raffle tickets, maybe 2,000.

Working parties. The last working party was preparing the trench for the jubilee trees to be stored. Flailing was done in preparation for planting the trees and the bench that had been moved was replaced. Holes were bored (approx 68), the week before again in preparation for the tree planting. We would like to thank Den for organising the post hole borer.

Events. The Christmas dinner at The Cygnet (the White Swan) was extremely successful and will probably be repeated next year.

Field projects. As reported in working parties. Den is seeing to the labels for the trees so people will know which trees have been allocated to them.

P.C. Matters. Richard Poulter has reported that Chelmsford is not agreeing to the house build in Leighams Road which sadly means we will not be able to obtain the extra land behind the Priory arch. We need to arrange a time with Mary to plant June Saltmarsh's trees. A security company is being hired by the Parish Council for 2 hours a week to act as a deterrent on The Hooe and Priory Fields. We would like to thank Mary for arranging this.

Publicity and news items. Dave is to write a positive report for PC newsletter and the next article for In Touch will refer to the tree planting.

Any other business. None

Date of next meeting. Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30.