

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
12th January 2023

Present. Den, Trevor, Mary, Malcolm, Angelina, Dave, Sandy, Ian and Julie.

Apologies for absence. Nick and Jo.

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Chairman's report. The Green Flag application has been sent off and we will have an unannounced assessment before June (secret visitor?). The result will be given at the end of June. Ian asked Trevor to send the new working party list for this year. The arch inspection is due in March so must contact Bakers in early February to book a date. Need to check with PC regarding payment for the inspection.

Finance. Jo was not at the meeting but she gave the finance report to Ian. Current account - £745.97, deposit account - £8417.46, and cash in hand - £1424.65. The raffle raised £856.10 net. It has been agreed that in future we will not contribute a hamper as the generous response from our supporters makes this unnecessary and it will mean extra profit. Ian is to check that if we apply regularly for a raffle registration, the fee reduces to £20.

Working parties. At the last working party 23 trees jubilee trees were planted despite the ground being frozen. At the next working party more trees are to be planted and the ground needs to be trodden down on the trees already planted last month. We need to be aware that there are trees suffering with Oak Canker on the bridle path, which could spread to the fields.

More hours have been registered with our working parties for 2022 than any year since 2016, possibly due to more volunteers.

Events. Our AGM is due in May but we need to know when the PC hold theirs before we can set a definite date. It has been decided not to have a speaker this year but it was decided to call it an Open Meeting or Residents Forum in order to get more involvement from the community. The date for the PC coronation event has been altered to 20th May.

Field projects. People are contacting Jo regarding the tree planting but it is felt that the trees must not be left for too much longer before being finally planted.

P.C. Matters. Mary asked to thank Dave and Den for planting June Saltmarsh's tree on the village green. There will be an official tree planting with June on 31st March at 6pm and then drinks after at the Swan.

Publicity and news items. An article is to go in the 'In Touch' and the parish magazine regarding the tree planting.

Any other business. None

Date of next meeting. Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7.30.