

**Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting**  
**9th February 2023**

**Present.** Ian, Sandy, Trevor, Nick, Malcolm, Dave, Jo and Julie.

**Apologies for absence.** Mary, Angelina and Den.

**Minutes of last meeting.** Read and agreed apart from deciding that we will call our AGM an open meeting in the hope it may encourage more people to attend.

**Chairman's report.** Grayson Perry, the famous artist, was seen in a program including a clip filmed in front of the arch. It is understood that he spent time in the village as a child. Sadly Rod Brown's wife died shortly after Christmas (Rod Brown created the artwork for all our information boards) so it was decided to send him a condolence card from the Friends. It was officially reported that there was an earth tremor in the village on Thursday morning.

**Finance.** Jo presented our latest accounts. Current account - £1,735.97, deposit account - £8,417.46 and cash in hand - £464.65. The increase in current account is due to money from the Christmas raffle being paid into the account. The final cost to the Friends of the jubilee tree sales was £79.80.

**Field projects.** All the jubilee trees were planted apart from two. One for a lady whose dog recently died which is to be planted this Sunday and the other for Dr Sai Sanka which is to be planted later with a ceremony. This has proved to be a really good PR exercise and there have been a number of emails thanking us, which we are going to display on our boards at our open meeting and the PC APM.

Dave is waiting to hear back from Bakers re inspecting the arch and having spoken to Lucy (the new parish clerk) the PC will be paying for the inspection.

Trees are due for inspection, the last inspection was April 2015 we will remind PC. Alan Sheldrake who cuts our hay is in Australia at the moment, we will contact him on his return re our hay cut.

**Working parties.** All trees planted apart from two.

Want to plant hawthorn or blackthorn in West Water Meadow to discourage people from creating a new path. Plant the last jubilee tree. Clear the ditch by the garage. Fill gaps between football field and East Meadow.

**Events.** Our AGM is to be on 11th May combined with our normal monthly meeting.

The meeting is to be known as Priory Fields Residents Forum.

The PC's Annual Parish Meeting is 26th May.

**P.C. Matters.** Mary was absent (due to holiday) therefore no update from PC. The school fence is being renewed around the car park. Due to congested parking with football events it has been decided to consider a cost for a fold down bollard to be placed at fields entrance to deter parking on our fields.

**Publicity and news items.** Dave is to put an article in the 'In Touch' and the Parish newsletter.

**Any Other Business.** None.

**Date of Next Meeting.** Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30.