

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
9th March 2023

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

Apologies for absence. None.

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Chairman's report. Ian attended the Village Hall AGM, which unfortunately was not well attended. The main item discussed was the parking on football days, the VH committee does not want the school playground being used for fear of people using the hall not being able to park.

Village hall is to have a new roof.

June Saltmarsh's tree is to be commemorated at 6pm on 31st March on the Green.

The Green Flag inspector is to visit 10.30 on Monday 13th March.

Finance. Jo presented our latest accounts. Current account - £1,785.97, deposit account - £8427.91 and cash in hand - £464.65. The increase in current account is a £50 donation and the increase in deposit account is the interest. We need to see if a higher interest will be possible.

Fields projects. There is to be an arch inspection on 17th March at 10am. The hay cut is to be arranged when Alan Sheldrake returns from Australia.

Working parties. The hedge between the football field and the East Meadow was trimmed but took longer than expected. Considering whether to contract out the hedge cut in the future.

This month will be general tidying and bonfire.

Events. AGM on 11th May, advertised as an Open Meeting.

We will attend the coronation celebration to be held on 20th May with our display boards and will have the quiz that Trevor created.

We are looking for ideas for the design of our Buddy bench.

To celebrate the coronation it has been decided to ask for donations to purchase a bench, which we will buy before the day so people can see what we are asking them to help toward.

P.C. Matters. A tree survey is to be done within the village including our fields.

Publicity and news items. The AGM is to be advertised in the April parish magazine.

Any other business. We need to warn dog owners that the stream has been polluted with sewerage. Some dog owners have said their dogs have been poorly after being in the stream.

Dr Sai Sankar's tree is to be planted on 14th May. The occasion is to be celebrated with his widow, family and friends. Just need to decide on location of tree.

Date of Next Meeting. Thursday 13th April 2023 at 7.30.