

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting

13th April 2023

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

Apologies for absence. Dave, Sandy and Mary.

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Chairman's report. Dave went to June's tree dedication. Scramble bikes were seen on the fields on 7 & 8th April at around 15.30 by local residents. Dave went and spoke to them and they haven't been seen over there since but need to monitor the situation. We will contact PC to ask the security team

Finance. Jo presented our latest accounts. Adjustments have been made to the cash in hand figure due to a £15 discrepancy in December last year. Current account £1785.97, deposit account £8427.91 and cash in hand £479.65.

Field projects. The Green Flag inspector has been and did remark that the picnic benches were not suitable for the elderly, and asked if we had training for hedge cutting etc..

Bakers did arrive to inspect the arch but the weather was too poor for the inspection so will be returning.

Working parties. Cleared the ditch along the path to the garage, had a bonfire and cleared part of the water meadow. Dr Sankar's wife has asked to choose a bench to be situated near Dr Sankar's tree. We hopefully have a new volunteer (Russ) to be involved in the working parties and possibly the committee.

This month will be just general maintenance.

Events. Next committee meeting will incorporate the AGM and we will be welcoming Trevor to be our new vice chairman. The remainder of the committee will remain but Malcolm has requested that if we have any new members he would like to step down. We will be having refreshments.

We will have the gazebo and our usual boards at the Coronation celebration and hopefully will have purchased a 'Buddy bench' so we can request donations towards it. We will also hold a treasure hunt and make sure the union flag is flying on that particular day.

P.C. Matters. Mary was unable to attend our meeting but we will be making her aware that the brook is still quite badly polluted and can the PC look into it for us.

Publicity and news items. Sandy has designed a flier, which we will enlarge into poster size to put up on our notice boards.

Any other business. Apple trees are being damaged on the bark near to ground level, which is possibly due to the deer. We will need to put new protection around the trees.

Date of next meeting (AGM). Thursday 11th May 2023. at 7.30. Preparation from 7pm.