

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
6th July 2023

Present. Malcolm Whipp, Den Harvey, Julie Norman, Ian Read, Ione & David Saunders, Sandy Sinclair, Angelina Robinson, Mary Shay, Dave Oxley-Goody, Valerie Dawes and Nick Rosam.

Apologies for absence. Jo Britter and Trevor May.

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Chairman's report. Green Flag results discussed. We have achieved the top band of 80 +. It was suggested that the notice board in car park should be nearer to field entrance but has been agreed it is better in the car park. Other signs need wood treatment and debris in stream needs to be cleared. Our August meeting cannot be held in village hall as it is having new roof during school holidays, other places have been suggested but Cygnet room seems the most favourable. Den will see if it is available.

Finance. Ian passed around the account summary as Jo was absent. Current account - £1,486.29, deposit account - £8,445.48 and cash in hand - £573.85. There were expenses of £118.68 and donations of £410.00.

Field projects. The arch inspection has been carried out and paid for, we are now waiting for the report.

The hay cut should be happening soon just waiting to hear from Alan Sheldrake for date. Must look beforehand for any pieces of metal and also look for ragwort.

There is a question of ownership regarding the oak trees along the north side of the fields.

Richard Poulter's bench is to be placed near the picnic benches and needs to be chosen so it will not look out of place with them.

Working party. Positioned both benches, the coronation bench and Dr Sankar's, watered the trees and as always general maintenance.

This working party will be mowing the paths, clearing the footpath to village hall and check for pieces of loose metal ready for hay cut.

Events. The planting of Dr Sankar's tree and the revealing of his bench was extremely successful and Ione very kindly asked to thank the Friends for helping to make it a successful day.

P. C. Matters. Richard Poulter spoke of how well everything is being looked after on the fields. The entrances to the football field are becoming very muddy, can we suggest what should be done? CCTV in the car park cannot be improved at the present time due to lack of finances.

Publicity and news items. An article is to be put in the Parish newsletter.

Any other business. David Greenwood did ask if we would like him to varnish the coronation bench.

We would like to see more interaction with the school if possible.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 10th August 2023 at 7.30. The venue to be confirmed.