

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
7th September 2023

Present. Trevor May, Dave Oxley-Goody, Malcolm Whipp, Nick Rosam, Den Harvey, Mary Shay, Sandy Sinclair and Julie Norman.

Apologies for absence. Ian Read (Trevor to chair tonight's meeting), Angelina Robinson, Jo Britter and Val Dawes.

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Chairman's report. We have been asked if a fun run could take place on the fields in February 2024. It will be to raise money for the hospice in the name of a child who sadly died recently. The concern is the logistics of this.

Finance. Jo was absent from the meeting but sent a report of the accounts. Current account - £1468.68, deposit account - £8468.11, and cash in hand £573.85. There were expenses of £81.95 and income of £72.63.

Field Projects. The results of the arch inspection still haven't been submitted. Mary to speak to Lucy, the Parish clerk. Hay cut done ready to be baled. Trees have been inspected, there are some that may need attention. The fallen tree by the Moor Hall lane entrance has been cut into logs and removed.

Working party. At the last working party Richard Poulter's bench was put in arch field near the stream, wood chip was spread and the new kestrel box positioned. This working party the board in the arch area needs to be replaced after the frame has been repaired, barbed wire was found near the fallen tree which needs removing and possibly need the bowser for watering the new trees.

Events. Dave is to approach Derek Kelly to ask for a donation of a turkey for our Christmas raffle. Sandy on behalf of the Friendship Club asked if we would like to put up our boards and be present at their Christmas craft fair. She also suggested that we should ask the RSPB if we could sell some of their pin badges. Trevor is going to look into this.

P.C. Matters. The Parish Council is looking into having the Christmas light switch on at top Woodham but the main problem is the parking. Richard Poulter is very keen that we should be able to purchase the extra land next to the arch and is going to look into if this could be made possible.

Publicity and news items. The In Touch magazine will probably cease next year. This means our only form of publicity will be the Parish magazine. Perhaps we should consider if we could produce a news letter of some kind?

Any other business. None

Date of next meeting. Thursday 12th October 2023 back at the village hall.