

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
12th October 2023

Present. Den Harvey, Mary Shay, Trevor May, Malcolm Whipp, Nick Rosam, Jo Britter, Angelina Robinson, Sandy Sinclair, Dave Oxley-Goody, Ian Read, Julie Norman.

Apologies for absence. None.

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Chairman's Report. We have been asked if a fun run can be held in February to raise money for a cancer charity in memory of a child who died in the village. We need to ask Lucy if a risk assessment has been done by the family who are organising it. Ione and David Saunders are moving away so we would like to wish them well.

Finance. Jo presented our latest accounts. Current account - £1,468.86, deposit account - £8,468.11 and cash in hand - £573.85. There were expenses of £186.15.

Field projects. The report of the arch has been finally read. The inspection was done in March but only just received the written report. The arch is in good condition but may need to take closer look at later date. The work resulting from the tree inspection is now completed and the logs have been removed or plied up to create habitats. Need to check with City Council in case any trees were under TPO's. The species list has been updated and further along the stream a water vole has been seen. We need to replace 9 jubilee trees that have died and 12 more are looking unhealthy which will need extra attention. Hope to replace the dead trees in November with beech and bird cherries.

Working party. At the last working party the information board in arch enclosure was refurbished. The piles of wood chip at field entrances were spread. Trees were watered and the grass was mowed. The next working party will need to trim the hedges at field entrances, more wood chip to spread and a bonfire.

Events. The Christmas raffle is being held on 6th December at the PC's Christmas light switch on. Derek Kelly has kindly agreed to donate a turkey voucher for the Christmas raffle and the friendship club will be donating a hamper.

P.C. matters. The PC will be holding a dog show next September with food and craft stalls.

Publicity and news items. There will be an item going in PC newsletter in November publicising the Christmas raffle and explaining the tree felling. The friendship club is holding a Christmas craft fair on 26th November and they have invited us to have a stall there.

Any other business. None.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.30pm