

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

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

Apologies for absence. Angelina Robinson.

Minutes of last meeting. Read and agreed.

Finance. Jo presented our latest accounts. Current account - £1,613.63, deposit account- £8497.60, and cash in hand - £100.00. There were expenses of £141.75 and interest of £29.49. There is approximately £1,335.00 from raffle which is to be transferred to deposit account.

Field projects. The replacement trees have been planted and the trees in the orchard have been pruned.

Working party. Last working party the wood chip was spread, the long grass in the memorial field and water meadow was flailed and trees planted.

Next working party there is more wood chip to spread and finish pruning in orchard. Saturday working party is to be cancelled due to heavy rain being forecast. It has been suggested that a pond could be created at the east end of the East Water Meadow. Discussions to follow.

Events. The craft fairs that were attended by us in order to sell raffle tickets proved to be very successful so hopefully will be able to continue next year. The raffle has raised approximately £1335.00 but the final total will be confirmed at next meeting. All the prizes have been delivered. Meeting the lady regarding the fun run on Sunday to confirm details. Christmas meal on 11th.

P.C. matters. The land next to Priory Arch is to be valued as agricultural land. Richard Poulter did make an offer of £10,000 but that was not accepted.

Publicity and news items. Article to go into In Touch and Contact magazine.

Any other business. None.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 11th January 2024 - 7.30.