

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
12th September 2024

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

Apologies for absence. Angelina Robinson, Trevor May, Val Dawes and Jo Britter.

Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising. Read and agreed.

Finance. Ian presented our accounts from Jo. Current account - £99.19, deposit account- £10,705.65 and cash in hand - £110.50. The total funds are £10,915.34, Expenses were £144.00 for H & S course for Dave and Den and £143.88 for parts to repair flagpole. Income of £39.89 interest. Figures still being discussed regarding the 'Mule'.

Field projects. Cost for seeds for new wildflower area £160.00 for 300 sq.metres. Possibly contact Hyde Hall, Writtle College and Wildlife Trust for advice on planting.

Working party. Last working party watered trees, repaired flag pole, stained benches and mowed the paths.

Next working party - fallen branch in brook may need moving, pick up left over hay and repair planks on bridge. This will mean new longer coach screws so may be done later in month. General tidying of paths.

Events. The Christmas raffle to go ahead as in previous years. Exact date and time to be agreed.

Sandy has invited us to put up our boards and sell raffle tickets at the lunch club Christmas Market on December 1st. We did this last year and sold a large number of tickets.

P.C. matters. The purchase of land near the arch is near completion and the Parish Council to provide the funds.

Publicity and news items. A news article to go in Parish magazine, hopefully before Christmas to publicise the raffle.

Any other business. We have been approached regarding keeping bees on the fields. It is something we would like to do but our concern is with vandalism. Possibly site them inside the arch enclosure. It has been decided to invite the beekeeper to come to one of our meetings to discuss.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 10th October 2024, 7.30.