

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
7th November 2024

Present. Ian Read, Dave Oxley-Goody, Den Harvey, Nick Rosam, Mary Shay, Trevor May, Julie Norman and Stuart Gerrish (guest)

Apologies for absence. Angelina Robinson, Val Dawes, Malcolm Whipp and Sandy Sinclair.

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

Finance. Jo presented our accounts. Current account - £204.36, deposit account- £10,405.65 and cash in hand - £121.50. The total funds are £10,731.51. Expenses were £38.52 for fuel and £97.52 for tools and maintenance. Income - £11.00 for dog tag.

Field projects. Stuart Gerrish is kindly helping us with the legalities of the new land transfer. His report has been circulated. There is to be a meeting with the Parish Council including Richard Poulter when he has had time to consider the report. Charity status will be of benefit and naturally it has been agreed that the priority is to protect the land. One of the jubilee trees has been damaged and removed much to the distress of the donor. It has been agreed that it will be replaced and Jo will converse with the lady concerned.

Working party. Need to continue clearing the new field which has a number of hazards which could be dangerous to the general public, their dogs and wildlife. For this reason the field is cordoned off until it is deemed safe. A tree in the memorial field has fallen and needs to be pruned and possibly put upright as it appears to still be alive. Due to the huge amount of clearing work that needs to be done in the new field it has been decided to ask Alan Sheldrake to help as he has the necessary equipment and will be able to clear the brambles a lot faster. There needs to be a barrier left between the new field and the houses.

We would like to thank Malcolm for servicing the flail mower.

Events. The raffle is to be drawn on 5th December at 5pm. Will need to prepare from 4pm.

P.C. matters. Nothing to report.

Publicity and news items. A news article to go in parish magazine by 29th January.

Any other business. None.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 12th December 2024, 7.30. (Delayed until 19th due to hall being used as polling station.

