

Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
9th January 2025

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

Apologies for absence. Jo Britter and Angelina Robinson

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

Finance. Julie presented our accounts on behalf of Jo. Current account - £573.43, deposit account- £10,544.33 and cash in hand - £166.50. The total funds are £11,284.26. Expenses were £38.00 for events. Income - none.

Field projects. Working with PC to put in place safety measures to protect the land from future political changes. Also working towards charity status. Details to be discussed at next PC meeting. Decision to be made regarding the safety issues of the covered pits on new land, possibly planting a hedge as a barrier. Discussion regarding re-establishing a pond where one once existed when the priory was in existence.

We would like to thank Stuart Gerrish for all his hard work and wealth of knowledge with the legal issues regarding the new land.

Working party. Last working party and the next concentrating on clearing the new field.

Events. Suggestions regarding fund raising, a possible barbecue or hog roast with a hoe down on the fields. Open to suggestions. Sandy to investigate prices.

P.C. matters. Several members of our committee had a meeting with members of the PC to answer their queries regarding the legal status of the new field and our charity status. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting and Mary will also ask their opinion on the idea of a new pond.

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

Any other business. It has been decided to have a structural survey done on the Priory bridge to ascertain how serious the decay is and have suggestions of when it will need repairing or replacing. Drone photos to be taken over the fields, possibly an opportunity to produce a suitable product for merchandising.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 6th February 2025 at 7.30.