Minutes of Friends of Priory Fields committee meeting
10th April 2025

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

Apologies for absence. Val Dawes, Trevor May, Sandy Sinclair, Jo and Angelina.

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

Finance. Ian presented the accounts on behalf of Jo. Current account - £673.43, deposit account - £10,580.16 and cash in hand - £166.50. The total funds are £11,420.09. There were no expenses or income from last report. These are the final figures for the tax year 2024/25.

Field projects. There are four estimates from the surveyor for replacing the bridge, depending on the type of wood and life expectancy. The next step is to raise the money for it. The PC may be able to help but in case that is not an option we really need to consider a grant possibly from the Lottery 'Awards for All' fund or maybe the Co-op who have a community funding scheme.
On the last leg of clearing and levelling the new field. Alan Sheldrake to remove the scrap metal. The PC's insurance company is happy for us to build a pond as long as necessary safety measures in place.

Working party. Last working party was still clearing the new field. The next working party will be general clearance in new field which is hopefully mainly done.

Events. The PC's APM is on 17th April at the Woodham Ferrers village hall where we will take the display boards. For our AGM we will need to be quick putting out the chairs in hall as the hall has an earlier booking. *

P.C. matters. There were no PC matters but Mary has informed us that she will be stepping down from the Parish Council at their AGM. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for being so helpful to us.

Publicity and news items. News article has already gone in parish magazine and will also go into the Contact magazine.

Any other business. None

Date of next meeting. Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.30.

* The AGM has now been changed to 3rd July.