

## FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 14 JUNE 2012

Present: Ian Read (Vice Chairman)  
Linden Rosam (Treasurer)  
Chris Saltmarsh (PC Representative)  
Kate Hardingham (Secretary)  
Geoffrey Woricker

1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	Apologies were received from John Bishop, Peter Athey, Peter Nightingale, Julie & Bob Norman and Jo Britter. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.
2.	<b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b>
	The minutes for the Committee meeting held on 10 May 2012 were approved and then signed by the Vice Chairman.
3.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES</b>
3.1	<b>Next Joint Committee Meeting</b>
	It was noted that the Parish Council (PC) wish to set the date for the first joint committee meeting to be after John Bishop's return from annual leave so that John Bishop may attend. It was further noted that the Committee are awaiting a response from the PC to their letter of 25 April 2012. The PC Representative commented that the PC's letter in response would be issued shortly and in time for the Committee to review in their meeting on 12 July 2012 prior to the first meeting of the joint committee meeting. <b>AWAIT RESPONSE FROM PC</b>
3.2	<b>Olympic event</b>
	The PC Representative noted that the City Council were involved in the planning of the event as part of a wider programme of events they are coordinating. He confirmed the event would be held on 21 July between 11am and 3pm. The Vice Chairman stressed that the PC needed to confirm arrangements with the City Council and inform the Committee as to what assistance it needs from them in order to give the Committee time to plan and arrange resources. <b>PC REPRESENTATIVE TO LIAISE WITH PC/CITY COUNCIL</b>
3.3	<b>Haycrop</b>
	It was noted that the Committee's preferred contractor had not yet submitted his paperwork to the PC but that there were no issues arising that would prevent him from being able to do so within the next few days. The PC Representative confirmed that the PC would no longer be requiring a disclaimer from the Committee's contractor. It was noted that the contractor may have to use an appropriate banksman when undertaking the work.

<b>4.</b>	<b>TREASURERS' REPORT/BUDGET ITEMS</b>
	<p>The Treasurer presented the May report to the meeting (including the figures from the previous months). There was a discussion about possible projects which may arise in the coming months which would require expenditure (either from the funds held by the Committee or through funding). The following possible projects were mooted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bee keeping</li> <li>• Planting a traditional orchard</li> <li>• Obtaining a brown sign for the Fields and the Arch</li> <li>• Inspection of the Priory Arch</li> <li>• Update the publicity information leaflet</li> <li>• Mark out the outline of the Priory and put up a new information board with artist's impression</li> <li>• Re-address the planting of the hedge round the perimeter of the Monument Field</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to raise these issues at the next Committee meeting to identify which, if any, of these projects met with the approval of the other members of the Committee not present at this meeting.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>WORKING PARTIES</b>
	<p>At the last working party it was noticed that a large tree had fallen down near the badgers' set and that it would be left in its present condition rather than being cleared as it posed no danger to users of the Fields. It was also noticed that the occupants of one of the Augustine Way properties is aggressively trimming the hedges on the boundary of the Monument Field.</p> <p>It was noted that the following works would be undertaken at the next working party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass cutting;</li> <li>• Repainting the jogging posts</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>PUBLICITY</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Publicity</b>
	It was noted that due to the absence of Julie Norman and John Bishop, there are likely to be no articles submitted this month.
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Green Flag</b>
	The Vice Chairman confirmed that the inspection had been carried out and the inspector had seemed impressed. He noted that it was not clear when the Committee would be told whether it had been awarded the Green Flag for this year.
<b>9.3</b>	<b>Brown Sign</b>
	The PC Representative noted that at the Annual Parish Assembly the new County Councillor had been approached on the subject of a brown sign for the Fields and he had been interested in supporting an application. The PC Representative commented that it could be very advantageous to have a sympathetic ear within the County Council who could advise as to the best way to approach the application. In particular it was noted that he may be able to advise whether there were any fee reductions or exemptions the Committee/PC could take the benefit of as a non-commercial organisation. There was a discussion about whether the sign should be for the Fields or the Arch or both, how the sign should be titled and what, if any, symbols would be appropriate. It was noted that the Councillor could assist on such

	matters.
10.	<b>NEWS ITEMS</b>
	<p>The PC Representative mentioned that it was possible that the contractor used by the PC to inspect its premises and grounds for health and safety may be inspecting playgrounds in the area soon and so might possibly wish to inspect the Fields.</p> <p><b>PC REPRESENTATIVE TO CONFIRM WHEN KNOWN</b></p> <p>Linden Rosam reported to the Committee on the presentation she and Peter Athey gave to the St Andrew's Social Club. She commented that it went very well and was very well received and that the Group had asked for a tour of the Fields. Linden Rosam was asked to circulate the presentation she used to the Committee.</p> <p><b>LINDEN ROSAM TO CIRCULATE THE PRESENTATION</b></p>
12.	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>
	The next main Committee meeting will be held on 12 July 2012.
	Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....