

## FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 12 JULY 2012

Present: John Bishop (Chairman)  
Ian Read (Vice Chairman)  
Kate Hardingham (Secretary)  
Julie Norman  
Bob Norman  
Den Harvey  
Jo Britter  
Geoffrey Woricker

1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	Apologies were received from Chris Saltmarsh, Peter Athey, Peter Nightingale, Linden Rosam.
2.	<b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b>
	The minutes for the Committee meeting held on 14 June 2012 were approved and then signed by the Chairman.
	Item 10 – it was noted that no confirmation had been received from the Parish Council (PC) regarding the possible health and safety inspection of the Fields.
3.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES</b>
3.1	<b>Joint Committee Meeting - July</b>
	<p>The Vice Chairman reported that the first meeting of the joint sub-committee took place on 10 July. He confirmed that the main item of business had been to review the written mandate for the sub-committee and that the following had been agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chris Saltmarsh will act as Chair</li><li>• The Chair will have no casting vote</li><li>• John Bishop will act as Vice Chairman</li><li>• Albert Mair and Bob Webster will be the other PC sub-committee members</li><li>• Linden Rosam will take the minutes of sub-committee meetings</li><li>• There will be no treasurer appointed as no funds will be managed by the sub-committee</li><li>• Meetings will be held bi-monthly, the next to be held on 11 September</li></ul> <p>The Vice Chairman also reported that the following items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bridge at the west water meadow – the sub-committee will apply to the PC for a payment covering the full cost of the bridge</li><li>• RX1 – the sub-committee agreed that the Friends proceed with registering their interest in the Fields on the title to the land held at the Land Registry</li><li>• Deed of Covenant – the sub-committee agreed to proceed with a Deed of Covenant but discussion of the terms were deferred until a later sub-committee meeting</li></ul> <p>It was agreed that the Friends consider seeking legal advice at the time the terms of the Deed</p>

	are discussed and agreed with the PC. It was noted that the Friends would not be able to rely on any legal advice to the sub-committee unless it was specified as a joint client (which was considered unlikely given the potential divergence of interests of the Friends and the PC).
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Olympic event</b>
	The Chair updated the Committee regarding the PC's plans for the Olympic event in particular that the jogging track around the Fields be used for adult racing. The Committee discussed what could be offered and when in the context of the overall event but noted that the PC had provided limited information and very little notice so there was not much in the way of advance publicity or organisation which the Committee could undertake to ensure the races will be a success. It was agreed that simple posters should be distributed around the parish to request that competitors register with the Friends at the start of the day. The timing of races, distance to be run and prizes were all discussed and agreed upon. <b>CHAIRMAN TO PREPARE POSTERS FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Haycrop</b>
	It was noted that the Committee's preferred contractor, Mr M Woricker, had submitted his paperwork to the PC and that the papers had been accepted without the requirement for the contractor to provide a disclaimer as had initially be requested by the PC. However, it was noted that due to the poor weather conditions, the haycut may be delayed to the end of summer and the contractor may not be able to cut enough hay to make it financially viable. It was noted that the contractor's tractor would need to cross PC land, the playing fields, in order to access the hay meadows and that with the ground so soft from the heavy rains, this could churn up a path from the car park to the Fields entrance. It was agreed that the Chairman would update the PC in relation to Committee's plans regarding the haycrop and also to alert them to the Committee's concerns regarding the soft ground <b>CHAIRMAN TO CONTACT THE PC</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>TREASURERS' REPORT/BUDGET ITEMS</b>
	The June report was reviewed and accepted and it was agreed that a discussion on budgetary items would be deferred to a later meeting when the Treasurer is present.
<b>5.</b>	<b>WORKING PARTIES</b>
	It was suggested that some thought could be given to the Race planning during the weekend. It was agreed that a request from the PC Representative to borrow the Friends' generator for some work to the flower tubs on the Village Green should be granted.
<b>6.</b>	<b>PUBLICITY</b>
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Publicity</b>
	It was noted that an article had been submitted for the August 'In Touch'.
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Green Flag</b>
	It was recorded that the Fields had again been awarded the Green Flag Community for the 2012/13 year, although this information is to be kept confidential until 17 July 2012 press release by the Green Flag organisation.

6.3	<b>Brown Sign</b>
	It was agreed that the Chairman should review previous documentation and update if necessary and forward these to the PC Representative as a first step towards achieving this. <b>CHAIRMAN TO LIAISE WITH PC REPRESENTATIVE</b>
7.	<b>FIELDS PROJECTS</b>
7.1	<b>Bee-keeping</b>
	It was suggested the Committee approach a known expert to discuss the practicalities of this idea. Geoffrey Woricker to investigate a suitable person for this. <b>GEOFFREY WORICKER TO INVESTIGATE</b>
7.2	<b>Orchard/Hedging around Arch</b>
	It was noted that Peter Nightingale would be able to provide advice on the selection and purchase of suitable species in each case.—
7.3	<b>Additional colour</b>
	It was agreed that, as a trial, a small purchase of bluebells would be made, although some concern was expressed about whether too much colour would change the Fields.
7.4	<b>Priory Outline</b>
	It was noted that it is the intention to mow the outline of the old Priory building into the grass with appropriate cornerstones bedded into the ground, at the September working party.
10.	<b>NEWS ITEMS</b>
	There is a 'Play in the Park' session on July 23, for which the Committee is to provide an activity. <b>JO BRITTER, IAN READ AND JOHN BISHOP TO MEET ON TUESDAY 17 JULY TO DISCUSS</b>
	It was noted that Kate Hardingham had informed the Chairman of her inability to continue in the post and her intention not to stand as Secretary at the AGM.
12.	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>
	The next main Committee meeting will be held on 9 August 2012.
	Meeting closed at 9.49pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....