

FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2013

Present: John Bishop (Chairman & Treasurer) Geoffrey Woricker
 Ian Read (Vice Chairman) Julie Norman
 Linden Rosam (Secretary) Bob Norman
 Peter Athey

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Den Harvey; Peter Nightingale; Chris Saltmarsh
2.	MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING
	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2012 were proposed by IR and seconded by GW and accepted by the meeting.
	Issues and Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hay Crop: it was confirmed that the hay crop must not be before 1st July. GW to confirm this with the contractor• A shredder has been hired for next weekend's working party at a cost of £82 for the weekend.• Loppers and secateurs were bought as agreed.• IR did the new inspection rota and distributed• The village hall thanked us for clearing their hedge and offered us a donation. They also asked if we would do this every year. The meeting unanimously agreed to this request.• No further progress regarding the brown sign. JB had tried to contact English Heritage but had no luck as yet.• PN activities to be followed up when he is back.
3.	PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES
	RX1: letter was sent on Monday and we now await the response.
4.	TREASURERS REPORT/BUDGET ITEMS
	The bill from Doe for servicing the Husquavarna will be approx £500. Action: JB to check the budget regarding contingency and legal fees.
5.	WORKING PARTIES
	Ian reported that the next working party is the coming weekend. It is planned to continue clearing the hedge by the football field as this needs doing before the birds start nesting. We can then request payment from PC for this work. Loppers and secateurs were purchased as agreed.
6.	PUBLICITY
	Brown Sign: as reported earlier in these minutes there is no further news to report on this issue and it is still ongoing.
	Fundraising: PA reminded us that matched funding by Barclays is available if we have a project. We could also look to the Borough and City Councils.

	JB suggested that we might consider setting up a funding subcommittee. There was some discussion about general projects that might be planned for and it was generally agreed that the new bridge be planned properly on paper with costings and passed to PA for potentially funding through Barclays.
	Action: LR to pass charity newsletter to JB as these often have funding opportunities. JN will take a look at Vista Print calendars to see if they could be suitable for us to sell at Christmas to raise funds.
	PA left meeting at 8:45 pm
7.	FIELD PROJECTS
	Orchard: No news to report
	Priory Outline: Brian Riley has written something for our website together with a plan and picture of the presbytery. The information will be given to Rod Brown so that he can produce something suitable for the information board.
	Bird Boxes: IR reported that bird boxes will be put up soon.
	Ash Trees: No further news
	Free Trees: No further news
8.	NEWS ITEMS
	LR: apologies to all for any mess on the fields where mobility scooter got stuck and said she would not be able to do any inspections until the ground is much drier.
	JN: reported that evidence shows that someone has been metal detecting on the fields recently. A note has been included in the In-Touch magazine about this. It was agreed that we need to check the legal position regarding this and monitor the problem. Action: JB
12.	NEXT MEETING
	The next meeting will be held on 14 February 2013 at 7.30pm.
	The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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