

FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14th March 2013

Present:	John Bishop (Chairman)	Geoffrey Woricker
	Ian Read (Vice Chairman)	Julie Norman
	Linden Rosam (Secretary)	Bob Norman
	Ruth Collen	
	Peter Nightingale	
	Den Harvey	

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Peter Athey; Jo Britter; Chris Saltmarsh
2.	MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING
	The minutes of the meeting held on 7 th February 2013 were proposed by PN, seconded by IR and accepted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New Church and Community Centre meeting on 23rd April 2013 is now going to be a public meeting.
3.	PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES
	RX1: Has been completed, and Register states that the Parish Council cannot dispose of the fields without agreement of FoPF. Changes to constitution are under discussion.
	Deed of Covenant: No further progress.
	APA is to be held on 10 th May.
	Metal detecting: Discussion over the use of metal detectors in the fields without permission. Concerns will be raised at the PFMC Meeting.
	Village of the year: Parish Council have asked FoPF to show the judges around the fields. FoPF have drafted a section on the environment for the competition form.
4.	TREASURERS REPORT/BUDGET ITEMS
	Discussion over report for previous year. It was highlighted that only £14 was spent on landscaping as a grant was received. Discussion over draft budget for 2013/2014. JB to circulate draft budget for comment and suggestions. It was noted that we now need to seriously seek grants and funding for projects wherever possible. Action JB
	PN will enquire in Travis Perkins re the cost of pipes for the new bridge. Action PN
	I.R reported that the I.T company Bytewire have disbanded but that he is still in contact with Elliott who he is meeting with to discuss the website.
5.	WORKING PARTIES
	IR reported that the work parties have cleared ditches, cleared fallen trees and burnt the remaining rubbish. Work to be done includes removing the hawthorne and the fallen tree near the old bridge and repairing broken fences.
	On Saturday 15 th March 421 shrubs donated by the woodland trust are going to be planted, there has been some interest shown for volunteering.
6.	PUBLICITY
	Asda Tokens: FoPF to reapply.
7.	FIELD PROJECTS
	Orchard: PN reported that he is considering 6/7 dessert & 4 culinary varieties for the orchard. We are hoping that Chris Saltmarsh our parish Council rep might donate the tree bearing his name.
	Bird Boxes: No further news.
	Trees from woodland Trust: As above.
	New information board: Rod Brown is currently drawing up a new design after the meeting

	held. Discussion over the board's location. JB will draft a letter to English Heritage regarding the new board and will circulate for comments. Action JB.
	Summer Event: Discussion regarding suitable date for the event. Parish Council favours 7 th September but FoPF favour 8 th September. JB will talk to Danbury Juniors FC about the event and the possibility of involving them. Action JB
7.	AGM
	Planned for May 16 th . Discussion over promoting the meeting, maybe having a guest speaker; suggestion of Derek Kelly or local wild flower meadows representative. Leaflet drop also suggested. JB will talk to Derek Kelly. Action JB.
8.	NEWS ITEMS
	Easter Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th April (10am-12pm) Easter eggs will be hidden around the fields and then when they are found the children will receive a sticker with an animal on which they can then stick on IR's poster. Prizes will be given out (provided by the P.C). • 10th April (1:30pm-3.30pm) Children can make their own nests and then put easter eggs inside.
10.	NEXT MEETING
	The next main Committee meeting will be held on 11 April 2013.
	Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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