

## FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 7:30PM

Present:                    John Bishop (Chairman)  
                                  David Oxley-Goody  
                                  Ruth Collen (Minute Taker)  
                                  Peter Nightingale  
                                  Linden Rosam  
                                  Julie and Bob Norman  
                                  Ian Read  
                                  Den Harvey  
                                  Geoffrey Woricker

1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	Peter Athey, Jo Britter, Tony Bushell and Chris Saltmarsh
2.	<b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b>
	Last month's minutes need to be amended: Sandy, Liz and Tony Bushell need to be listed as guests. <b>Action:</b> Linden will amend the minutes. The minutes of 5 <sup>th</sup> September were proposed by Ian and seconded by Peter.
3.	<b>FINANCE</b>
	Country Fayre income and expenditure hand-out given out. Total Income: £1,706.00 Total Exps: £1,1275.15 Profit: £578.85  Discussion around figures. Ian raised that £30 is still to be collected from the Owl Sponsorship <b>Action:</b> John will check this.  Discussion around entry fee and the position of the raffle stall, was suggested that raffle stalls should have been spread out across the fields.  Draft Budget 2013-2-14 hand-out given out. Discussion around figures. Currently still in budget.
4.	<b>WORKING PARTIES</b>
	The next working party is to be held this weekend (12 <sup>th</sup> October). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 broken branches from an oak tree near Jokers Lane are to be cut down.</li> <li>• Hedges to be trimmed.</li> <li>• Brambles to be cut back.</li> <li>• The 2 benches in John's garden are going to be brought up to the fields, Den has offered to use his trailer for this.</li> <li>• Work on the bridge is dependent on the weather.</li> </ul> Ian has put the mower in for a service at Grasshopper.
5	<b>PC RELATED ISSUES</b>
	Continuation of PFMC after trial period: The PFMC meets next Tuesday on 15 <sup>th</sup> October. FoPF

	<p>need to decide if they want to continue with these meetings, as the trial period is now over. It was agreed by a unanimous vote that these should be continued, proposed by Linden and seconded by Geoffrey.</p>
	<p>Deed of Covenant: Discussion whether a deed is necessary as there are already land restrictions in the Land Registry. It was raised that the deed would be required if FoPF cease to exist. It was agreed that FoPF should start the process of getting a Deed of Covenant and discuss it further at the PFMC next week.</p>
	<p>Tree Inspection: Peter recently did a count of all the mature trees : 212 minimum. He also counted 20 on the western meadow.</p>
6.	<b>FIELD PROJECTS</b>
	<p>Orchard: No further news.</p>
	<p>Wild Flowers: 2 new plant records.</p>
	<p>Woodland Trust Trees: The Trees from the woodland trust should be delivered between 4-8<sup>th</sup> November. Peter is going to try and get help with planting the trees from local groups. <b>Action:</b> Peter is going to talk to the scouts/guides/brownies about helping plant the trees.</p>
	<p>Purchase of additional land: The group would like to purchase a strip of the field next to the arch, if the present owner is willing to sell. Discussion of funding for this, possibility of applying for a grant. <b>Action:</b> Linden will into grants for this.</p>
	<p>Hay Cutting: The hay cutting arrangements for next year were discussed. It was decided that there will be an early cut next year around 1<sup>st</sup> July. <b>Action:</b> Geoffrey will check with Mark about this.</p>
	<p>Spray Drift on fields: Discussion around the recent spraying on the fields. <b>Action:</b> Linden and Julie are going to try and find out if it was a hand spray or from a tractor.</p>
	<p>New Information Board: A final decision needs to be made on the design and taken to Rod Brown. Discussion regarding the position of the cloisters in the drawing, it was agreed that the original drawing by Bernard Mutton should be left as it is. <b>Action:</b> John will contact Rod Brown to arrange a meeting.</p>
7	<b>PUBLICITY</b>
	<p>Discussion around the email received suggesting a 'field day' in October half term, not many people are available for this. This was decided against.</p>
	<p>Jo Britter has suggested an open gardens event.</p>
	<p>Suggestion of open air film with refreshments.</p>
	<p>Discussion about the open air theatre idea suggested by Brian Collen. The theatre would be around the arches and could be held in celebration of FoPF's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A sub group should be set up for this. <b>Action:</b> John will send round an email regarding setting up a sub group. <b>Action:</b> Brian will be invited to attend next month's meeting.</p>
8	<b>NEWS ITEMS</b>
	<p>Dave informed the group that he recently saw a man riding a quad bike on the fields. Dave tried to talk to the man but he wasn't co-operative.</p>
	<p>Julie has said that the Parish Council have said that car park attendance for the country fayre might have to be paid for.</p>
	<p>Den Harvey has been asked by Colin Turner if Michael Turner's bench, from outside the local shops, could be moved to the fields. The Parish Council would need to be asked about this. <b>Action:</b> This will be brought up at the next PFMC.</p>
	<p>John informed the group that the police have now closed the criminal damage case.</p>

	The annual Christmas meal was discussed and possible venues were suggested. The Brewers Arms pub was a popular suggestion. <b>Action:</b> Den will make enquiries regarding the Christmas meal at the Brewers Arms.
9.	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>
	The next main Committee meeting will be held on 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2013.
	Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....