

## FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 January 2014

Present:	John Bishop (Chairman)	Geoffrey Woricker
	Ian Read (Vice Chairman)	Chris Saltmarsh
	Linden Rosam	Bob Norman
	Den Harvey	Dave Oxley-Goody
		Tony Bushell

1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	Julie Norman, Peter Athey, Peter Nightingale, Jo Britta
2.	<b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b>
	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2013 were proposed by JB and seconded by DH
3.	<b>FINANCE</b>
	There has been no significant expenditure since last meeting. JB will produce a listing of the total costs of building the new bridge for the next meeting.
4.	<b>WORKING PARTIES</b>
	The last working party generally tidied up and removed various fallen branches; cleared the ditch; finished the bridge and burned down some twigs and branches. IR reported that the ditch behind Brook House that we dug out and cleared is working really well. It was reported that a sign in the arch compound is down.
5.	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b>
	Nothing to report regarding the Deed of Covenant at this time due to the Christmas break.
	The fallen tree in the bridleway has been cleared.
	As a result of questions from new members about the history of the fields it was suggested by JB that we have some sort of record of information that can be added to and passed on. LR offered to co-ordinate and begin this project and will seek contributions from others. It was felt that there is much information already in existence that can be pulled together into a cohesive, readable text and this existing information would provide a good starting point. CS suggested that when the project is finished it might be possible to lodge it with the records office, ECC and CBC for posterity. No news of tree inspection as yet.
6.	<b>FIELD PROJECTS</b>
	<b>Orchard:</b> planting on 25 <sup>th</sup> January, anyone available please come along.
	<b>New Info Board:</b> IR reported that he has had a quote of £99 for printing. It would have a laminated film over the top, which should last 5-6 years. Alternatively it could be printed onto the back of an acetate sheet, which would have a much longer lifetime (? Years) and would cost approx £138. This is the method generally used for country park notice boards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to sort out some funding for the board and JB will ask around to see if anyone is willing to contribute.</li> </ul>

	<b>Window:</b> GW will investigate further on this and will ask Derrick and Lesley Ruse whether they are willing to do some research to find out more about the 6 coats of arms.
	<b>Other:</b> CS mentioned that the next PC meeting is on 14 January and Ian Grundy of ECC will be in attendance. It was felt that he might be a good person to approach re brown sign and info boards etc. JB to follow up.
	<b>Additional Land:</b> No response to our letter, therefore, JB will chase up asap.
	<b>New Bridge:</b> The new bridge is complete. There is just a bit of landscaping to be done and the surface will be monitored.
7	<b>PUBLICITY</b>
	IR suggested that we publish something in The Journal (Danbury magazine) periodically because this publication is distributed to all houses in the area whereas our local In Touch magazine only goes to those who pay for it.
8	<b>NEWS</b>
	CS: there may be some new plants for the village green tubs and would we be willing to plant them up. The response was yes.
	IR: a few updates are required for the website, nothing too significant so the charge should be in the region of £25. The green flag inspector asked for the sites' postcode to be on the website and the archaeology page needs updating.
	DG: Dave asked whether it might be an idea for someone to have chainsaw training and certification to meet health and safety standards because it would be useful to be able to use a chainsaw. CS will enquire of our insurers as to what is required. DG will investigate courses and costs.
	JB: our AGM is on 25 May and we need to start planning for it. He asked about a speaker and after much discussion it was agreed that he should contact Russel Savory at Stow Maries Airfield which is now a wildlife reserve. Alternatively, PN knows an expert on funghi who might be able to speak. It was suggested that we have some kind of raffle to raise some funds. Please think about this for the next meeting – what prizes, etc. We will discuss more about the AGM next meeting so please would all members have a think about ideas etc and share with the group next month.
12.	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>
	The next main Committee meeting will be held on 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm
	Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....

