

FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 December 2014

Present:	John Bishop (Chairman)	Pam Dawson
	Ian Read (Vice Chairman)	Julie Norman
	Linden Rosam	Bob Norman
	Dave Oxley-Goodey	Chris Saltmarsh
	Peter Nightingale	Sandy
	Den Harvey	

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Tony, Ruth, Peter Athey
2.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
	Minutes of the last meeting were accepted by the Committee.
3.	MATTERS ARISING
	Nest boxes made by Brownies will be put up on 31 Jan or 7 Feb.
	Hay Cut: JB spoke to Simon and he is keen to go ahead. JB will check on terms and ask for a donation. As soon after 1 July as possible.
	Lease to Bicknacre and Danbury Junior FC: was agreed subject to appropriate definition of the piece of land to which it relates. JB will sign on behalf of FoPF.
	Memorial Trees: Re names required on certificate, no response as yet.
4.	CHAIRMANS' REPORT
	LAND PURCHASE: There has been no further progress. 2 home owners are wanting a small piece of the land and are happy to work with us in securing this.
5.	SECRETARY'S REPORT
	Nothing to report.
6.	TREASURERS' REPORT & FINANCE
	The treasurers' report was circulated and it was noted that our AGM will be in mid-May therefore the accounts will be audited by the end of April.
7.	WORKING PARTIES
	Plans are to clean out the ditch by the garage. Also, the Husquavarna tractor needs a service and he will get quotes to have it done early in January 2015 .
8.	FUND RAISING
	CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: raised approximately £900. The wood turner who was there is interested in some wood and will give a donation for any we supply. All comments received were very positive. The committee gave thanks to the Sub-Committee and to Sandy for their efforts.
	REFRESHMENTS: Julie reported that there were refreshment supplies left over suggested selling refreshments at the football meets on Sunday(s). Guy Weston is in favour and this could be started in the new year. Sandy will check that the hall/kitchen is free on a Sunday. Guy will let us know which Sundays they are playing here. Also there is a presentation session by the football club in June and perhaps we can sell refreshments then too.

9.	FIELD PROJECTS
	BOARDWALK: This is a project for next year for which we need to investigate suitable funding. PN suggested that an alternative may be to put crushed concrete at the other end, across the old bridge as soon as conditions are suitable. IR will cost the Boardwalk idea.
	DRAINING OF FOOTBALL FIELD: CS said that further information is being sought and in progress.
	NOTICE BOARD: IR unveiled the new notice board as designed by Rod Brown. PN to get an oak frame made and will find out when this can be done. (£350 + VAT). It would cost £120 to reprint the old notice board or £165 to have it on polycarbonate board plus £100 for the computer work approx. It was suggested that we may have enough in the budget raised by PA to get both boards.
	BROWN SIGN TO FIELDS: Sandi will investigate further.
	UNVEILING CEREMONY: it would be good to have such a ceremony and we could discuss this further at our next meeting. Who would do the unveiling – ideas were Grayson Perry (brought up in Bicknacre); Penelope Keith (from Woodham Mortimer); Jamie Oliver ??
10.	PC ISSUES
	TREES: Vote was 8 in favour of support for putting in an objection in the name of FoPF regarding the 4 Oak trees to be felled. 2 abstentions. JB will email a letter (on behalf of FoPF) to Lynn Cameron on Monday re this issue.
	THOUGHTLESS DOG OWNERS: Re the campaign for posters it was decided that although this is interesting it is expensive for us. PC will investigate further and we will discuss at a future meeting.
	TREE INSPECTION: PC are going for the complete option to inspect and document every tree as a cost of approx £1400 incl VAT and have asked if we would make a contribution. This issue is to be put on the agenda in the new year.
11.	PUBLICITY/NEWS ITEMS
	IR said that we need to print some more of our leaflets and now would be a good time to refresh and rethink the leaflet. JB and IR to review this.
12.	Any Other Business
	IR reported that we are looking to provide more picnic tables and that Tony is investigating grants.
13.	NEXT MEETING
	The next main Committee meeting will be held on 8 January 2015
	Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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