



# Priory Fields Management Committee



**Minutes of the Priory Fields Management Committee meeting on**

**Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 7.30 pm in the**

**Pitman Room at Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall**

- Present
  - Parish Council – C Saltmarsh (Chair), A Mair, S Sinclair
  - Friends – J Bishop (Vice Chair), I Read, P Nightingale
- Apologies
  - None
- Minutes of previous meeting
  - The minutes of the previous meeting, held 21 January 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising
  - The first offer for the purchase of additional land has been rejected by the landowner. Further discussions to take place at FoPF meetings to decide how to proceed. In particular whether to attempt to purchase the whole plot or just a part thereof. It was agreed that The Friends continue their negotiations directly with the landowner and that the PC would only become involved if these negotiations were successful
  - Following the completion of the tree count the PC is in discussion with Chelmsford City Council to establish if this is a service that they could provide. Still awaiting a meaningful response.
  - It was advised that Disclosure and Barring Service checks (ex CRB) were not required for members of The Friends and their volunteer helpers.

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- The possibility of classifying the Priory Fields as a Wildlife reserve has been investigated, but it was felt that this would put too many restrictions on the land, so it was agreed not to progress this further..
- AGM
  - The AGM of the Friends of Priory Fields will take place at BMVH on Thursday 15 May. Mr Russell Savoury from Stow Maries Aerodrome has been invited as the guest speaker to talk about the wildlife present on the site..
- FoPF Constitution
  - It had been suggested that it may be appropriate to review the FoPF constitution. However following discussions at FoPF committee meetings it has been agreed that there will be no further action for the time being and this matter is closed.
- Plans for the next quarter
  - The list of the tasks accomplished in the last quarter was presented and the plans for the next period were discussed and agreed.
  - Work continues on the design and erection of an additional information board near the Arch. It was requested that the PC be asked if it was able to make a contribution towards the cost. It was agreed that CS would have this added to the agenda of a forthcoming PC meeting.
- Date of next meeting
  - As there was unlikely to be anything significant to discuss during the summer months it was decided that the next meeting would be deferred until October
  - It was also agreed that it was only necessary to hold meetings three times a year, probably February, June and October.
  - It was agreed therefore that the next PFMC meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Pitman Room at BMVH.

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