



Priory Fields Management Committee



Minutes of the Priory Fields Management Committee meeting on

Tuesday 21 January 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 15 October 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters arising
 - The Friends have made a preliminary request to the landowner regarding purchase of a parcel of additional land near the Arch, but there has been no response to their latest correspondence.
 - It was agreed that progress on the deed of Covenant on the various parcels of land would be held over while the above discussions regarding the additional land are ongoing. When that matter is resolved one way or the other, the PC will then initiate the necessary actions for the Deed as agreed previously. If the discussions are successful, the PC will also initiate the arrangements for the conveyance of the land.
 - Following the completion of the tree count the PC will be requested to add this to a future PC agenda in order to make the necessary enquiries to initiate the tree inspection.

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- The Friends requested that the PC make enquiries with its insurers whether the use of chain saws (by suitably experienced and trained operators) was permitted on the fields when it was necessary to clear fallen trees/branches.
- In view of forthcoming involvement of the Friends at various Games/Play days CS suggested that the PC check as to whether DBS checks (ex CRB) were required.
- Play day and Games day
 - The Friends have agreed to lend their support and assistance to these events. Details will be coordinated directly with the PC organiser.
- Nature Reserve
 - A suggestion was made that we may consider classifying some significant parts of Priory Fields as a Local Nature Reserve as well as a recreational area. It was agreed to investigate further before making a decision.
- Wildlife Licensing
 - In view of the diversity of wildlife, some of which is protected, PN to investigate status and possible renewal of his licences required to manage various species.
- Plans for the next quarter
 - The list of the tasks accomplished in the last quarter was presented and the plans for the next quarter were discussed and agreed.
 - Work continues on the design and erection of an additional information board near the Arch.
- Date of next meeting
 - The next meeting was set for Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Pitman Room at BMVH.

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