

**FRIENDS OF PRIORY FIELDS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

27 OCTOBER 2011

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	It was noted that no apologies had been received.
2.	APPROVAL OF 2010 AGM MINUTES
	The minutes for the 2010 AGM were not presented and it was agreed that they would be approved at the 2012 AGM.
3.	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
	<p>The Chairman gave his report to the meeting (copy appended to these minutes).</p> <p>The Chairman gave a brief summary of the concerns the Committee have in relation to technical issues surrounding the nature of the ownership of the Fields by the Parish Council and the difficulties the Committee had faced in raising these with the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all those who had given their time to the Committee and, on behalf of the Committee, all those who help on the working parties.</p>
4.	VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
	<p>The Vice Chairman gave his report to the meeting (copy appended to these minutes).</p> <p>The Vice Chairman summarised the work undertaken on the Fields during the year noting that no major projects had been undertaken due to the issues as to ownership of the Fields mentioned by the Chairman in his report.</p> <p>The Vice Chairman reiterated the Chairman's thanks to all those who volunteer their time to the working parties.</p>
5.	TREASURER'S REPORT
	<p>Copies of the audited accounts for the year were presented to the meeting. The Treasurer highlighted that, at present, the accounts show a healthy balance but that the Committee would need to consider fund-raising to replenish their funds in the coming year.</p> <p>The Treasurer noted that she would be reviewing accounts held to ensure the Committee obtained competitive interest rates on funds held.</p> <p>The Treasurer also noted that the "Administration" costs noted in the report refer mainly to work undertaken on the website for the Friends of Priory Fields.</p> <p>The Treasurer gave her thanks to Mr Brian Underwood, as Independent Examiner, for his</p>

	<p>assistance in auditing the annual accounts.</p> <p>The accounts, as presented, were approved by the meeting.</p>
6.	NOMINATIONS
	<p>In accordance with the constitution of the Friends of Priory Fields, the Chairman asked the meeting to approve the nominations for the officers of the Committee:</p> <p>Chairman – Mr John Bishop (as present) Vice Chairman – Mr Ian Read (as present) Treasurer – Mrs Linden Rosam (as present) Secretary – Mrs Kate Hardingham (as present)</p> <p>The nominations were approved by the meeting.</p>
	<p>The Chairman confirmed the current Committee members (other than the Officers) to be:</p> <p>Mr Bob Norman Mrs Julie Norman Mr Peter Athey Mr Peter Nightingale Mr Geoffrey Woricker Mr Derek Wybrow Mr Den Harvey</p> <p>who all confirmed their willingness to stand again for the following year.</p> <p>No objections were raised to these Committee members continuing and no new members proposed themselves.</p>
	<p>The Chairman noted that Chris Saltmarsh was the current Parish Council Representative on the Committee and this was likely to remain so.</p>
	<p>Mr Brian Underwood agreed to remain the Committee's Independent Examiner.</p>
	<p>The meeting offered their thanks to the Committee and in particular to the Chairman and the Vice Chairman for all their hard work on behalf of the Friends of Priory Fields.</p>
7.	QUESTIONS
	<p>No questions were asked of the Committee.</p>
8.	GUEST SPEAKER
	<p>The Chairman introduce Mr Richard Wallace of the National Trust who gave a presentation on the geology of the area and the history of Danbury Common and common land in general.</p>
9.	PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
	<p>The Vice Chairman announced the winners of the various categories and prizes were presented.</p>

	The Vice Chairman thanked those that took part; the judges - Mr Mike Kellett and Mr Rod Brown; and those who had provided the prizes.
	Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

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