

Friends of Priory Fields

<i>Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2019</i>	<i>Action</i>
Present: Ian Read, Sandy Sinclair, John Bishop, Dave Oxley-Goody, Julie Norman, Den Harvey, Malcolm Whipp, Linden Rosam, Nick Rosam and Jo Britter Guest: Derick Ruse	
1. Apologies: None	
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:	
a. Proposed by MW and Seconded by JB b. IR reported that he has begun sorting the huge pile of documents received from JB. JoB will hold onto the audited, signed final accounts pages. SS will make a request to the Parish Council for storage for the important documents. JoB mentioned having a fire proof box. No decision at this time, it may depend on the PC storage.	SS
3. Chairman's Report:	
a. IR reminded everyone that from Jan-Apr 2020 we will meet on Wednesdays at 7.30. b. Risk assessment documents need to be forwarded to NR c. SS was asked to take the issue of the gate key(s) to PC because currently everyone is calling DOG out to open the gate, including the chap who cuts the hay in the horse field. d. DOG also said that a list of numbers to call in case of emergency is put on the gate. SS will take this request to PC.	LR SS SS
4. Finance Report:	
a. c/a 332.81 d/a 10314.32 cash 70.35 b. JoB has adjusted the spreadsheet as mentioned last meeting re transfers between our accounts. Balance of c/a will be maintained around £300 – excess moved to deposit account and money can be moved back to current as required. c. Lottery licence is done	
5. Working Party Report:	
a. Last WP: watered apples, put up new signs, cleared overhanging brambles etc., tree by the road was cleared. b. Next WP: IR can't be there. Jobs will be watering trees incl walnut tree, path clearing at front, flailing water meadow and bonfire area, dig up a "wild service tree" near Moorhall Lane entrance and plant near benches if can find a suitable one (maybe later in year?). Also path mowing to be done by football hedge, bottom of West Meadow and strim apple tress. c. Our new trees will be delivered 1 st -21 st November (Woodland Trust) and will most likely be in several boxes. DOG is happy for them to be delivered to his house.	IR/DOG
6. Fund Raising:	
a. 2 nd December Carol Service: Raffle tickets need organizing and Hampers – 1 x SS; 1 x DH, 1 x JN all. Sandy will make up hampers of fruit and toiletries, JN will make up the other 2. b. Local magazines/In-Touch etc. 7 th October is deadline for the November edition covering December.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. JN asked if she could have £40 to make up a beautiful hamper as it's a good draw for selling raffle tickets. Agreed by all. d. Turkey voucher from Kelly (Dave) e. Paul Bailey for MOT (Dave) f. Garden Centre for a Pointsettia g. Greengrocer at White Elm for hamper goodies h. Polish me Pretty and Pet Shop (Linden) i. Brewers: meal for 2 voucher – JN/JoB/SS said they would go to the opening then ask at a later date – also re our xmas dinner j. JoB recommended we consider children's prizes this year as they are the ones who will pester parents to buy tickets ie Xmas Teddy, Lego. Agreed by all 	<p>DOG</p> <p>LR</p>
<p>7. Field Projects:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. IR is wanting to buy a long reach hedge trimmer. MW suggested can get a reasonably good one for around £500. No grants are available at this time. Agreed that IR could go ahead to a max of £700. b. JoB left the meeting at 8.50pm c. The apples disappeared from the trees this year far to early to be ripe and ready to eat. It is thought that squirrels may be the cause (Update: a quick internet search informs me that squirrels do indeed like apples small enough for them to hold/carry. Sounds like they are our culprits and there is nothing we can do, as I understand it) d. DOG will speak with Sarah about pruning the fruit trees and whether she has any ideas re protecting them from birds/insects/squirrels. 	<p>DOG</p>
<p>8. PC Issues:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Boot Sale: our interest has been fed back to the PC b. Concerns have been raised re the future of FoPF if we cannot find younger volunteers/committee members in the future. PC will consider a campaign. c. Anti-Social behavior issues – considerations in progress. NB: wild thyme smells just like cannabis d. Overflow parking is for additional parking for football/hall/school. Someone just has to ask for the keys from someone! 	
<p>9. Publicity:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Not done an In-Touch article this month. 7th October deadline for xmas raffle advert. 	
<p>10. AOB:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. JN will investigate cost of printing some xmas cards b. SS re the link up with school – will discuss at 8 October meeting c. IR bought 10 tubes of mastic to make good an area in the garage d. MW can only do Saturday. Has replaced switch for generator. 	
<p>11. As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.</p>	
<p>12. Next meeting is Thursday 10/10/19 (apologies from JB).</p>	
<p>13. Signed: Ian Read, Chairman.....</p>	