

Notes of Meeting 10th February, 2010

Present: Barry Arnold (BA)
Lucy Brett (LB)
John Bishop (JB)
Karen Kuderovitch (KK)
Richard Poulter (RP)
Ian Read (IR)

1. It was unanimously agreed that we all wanted to move together
2. The Parish Council view is that they have a moral and legal obligation to keep the land in the ownership of the Council. This is not the view of FOPF.
3. The PC says there is uncertainty over the view of Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) as to the terms of the original application as to whether the land can be transferred to a trust.
4. There is an issue to be resolved over the long term ownership and management of Priory Fields. The solicitors (Hedleys) had suggested that either a trust company be created or carry on as present with effectively FOPF operating as a sub-committee. There were advantages and disadvantages of both courses of action. It was agreed that Hedleys were very helpful and knowledgeable but forming a trust company was expensive in legal fees.
5. There is no agreement over the current status of FOPF as to whether it is a sub-committee of the PC
6. At LB's suggestion it was agreed that FOPF and PC would draw up a list of pros and cons as to whether to create a charitable trust or for FOPF to become a sub-committee of PC. This would be discussed at the next meeting.
7. The long term insurance position remains unresolved. In the short term FOPF are insured only where at least two Parish Councillors are in attendance. This will allow for the delivery and planting of trees on Saturday 13th February. FOPF are to get further quotes and then confirmation from PC insurers that insurance cover to be arranged by FOPF would be acceptable to PC insurers. This to be done and put in place prior to any further work being carried out by FOPF. Insurance is to cover third party, public liability and personal injury to its own members. The current quote obtained by FOPF is for £1200 which was thought to be too high.
8. It was agreed that further information was needed from Hedleys prior to the next meeting and that KK would ask them two questions to be answered in writing namely:
What can the current PC do to prevent a future PC selling the land or any part without the agreement of, say, 60% of parishioners?
Can we change the objects of the trust in future if a majority of the residents agree?
The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 25th February at 10.00 a.m. KK said the PC had to reach a view at its meeting on 2nd March although this was being checked with minute taker at the last meeting.