

thinning out. A bench had been purchased from HDC with a brass plaque for the Jubilee and would be put in place soon alongside the zip wire at the southern edge of the Park.

- Over the past month the Committee had been laying tons of woodchip to improve the muddy path from Rowley Road to the children's play area. More woodchip is needed to complete the remaining 150 metres. Thanks to all who had helped and to Sooh Boocock for obtaining the woodchip free from Gallagher's at Love's Farm. This was the first stage in a planned "Nature Trail" for that area.
- Ron Jones was the new Web Master and he has been very busy adding content including lots of pictures – look at PPFGSTNEOTS.ORG. Paul thanked Julie Evans-Doran for initially setting up the website.
- Paul thanked Sooh Boocock who was now leaving HDC for all her commitment and help to the group over the past two years.
- Regarding planning matters, Paul reported that to date there had been no application for planning permission to build on the Swimming Pool or Technical College sites received by Steve Ingram, Planning Officer at HDC who had agreed to let the Committee know as soon as any such application was received. However, as there was a possibility that Technical College might close, and the value of that land for building would be high, the Committee would continue to remain vigilant.
- A "Spring Clean" of the Park was planned for this Saturday 5th May at 10.00 a.m. at the Football Pavilion and it was hoped members would support this.
- Under the leadership of Ian Toye, it was hoped to create a Nature Trail in the Park to be used by local schools. The first stage was to get the footpath upgraded and so help with the wood-chipping would be appreciated.
- In conclusion, the Chairman thanked HDC, the Park Manager Peter Haynes, Sooh Boocock of the Operations Division for all their help and thanked the very hard-working Committee which has been so active on the members' behalf in protecting the lovely Park.

5. Treasurer's Report

Francisca Shaw reported the accounts were on the table for everyone to see. They had been examined and audited by the Accountant Colin Anderson. At 31st March there was £509. 42p in the Bank and 191 members.

A move to receive the accounts was proposed by Chris Low and seconded by Alison Davies, and all were in favour.

6. Election of the Committee

There were five positions on the Committee and the following were unanimously re-elected according to the Constitution – Paul Davies (Chairman), Francisca Shaw (Treasurer), Anna van der Hart (Secretary), Ian Jackson and Ian Toye (general Committee members).

7. Any Other Business

- Nicki Charlton questioned whether the position of the new bench might make it susceptible to vandalism. Sooh Boocock replied that it would be maintained by HDC and had a warranty.
- Nicki Walsh asked whether yellow lines could be painted on Priory Hill Road intermittently to stop car parking and Cambs. County Council would be contacted about this.
- Jo Charlton asked whether the football team coaches could be reminded to pick up the litter left after matches and Sooh Boocock would report this to HDC.
- Members were reminded that if they needed to report bad behaviour by dogs/owners they could contact the Dog Warden at HDC.
- Ian Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to Ann Scott, who was retiring from the Committee.
- Barry Chapman, Mayor of St Neots, congratulated the Group on its efforts and had supported it by way of a Town Council grant. He commented that the Technical College land was landlocked and could not have access through the swimming pool site.

Meeting ended at 8.15 followed by "History of Priory Park" by Peter Ibbett.