BMCA AGM 15 May 2024

Chair's Report

The committee have met six times since the last AGM.

We marked the retirement of John Bocking with the award of a voucher for a local restaurant, value £50.

Grounds

Undergrowth clearance around the mill race was completed before the end of January.

We have had several repairs done to the wooden fences around the grounds, particularly the mill race, the fence will need replacing sooner or later.

A local councillor offered to have benches installed along the riverbank, we declined the offer and asked for a new fence instead. No response to date.

Crown lifting was done on the trees lining the riverbank in February. Some residents were concerned that a hazel tree had been severely pruned. We were subsequently assured that coppicing of hazel is necessary from time to time, new growth is now evident.

A small team of volunteers cut back sapling growth on the riverbank in March.

We purchased some nesting boxes and asked the gardeners to install them. Other volunteers have subsequently relocated the boxes to better positions.

We have arranged for an upgrade of the play equipment. Items are on order.

We have asked the gardeners to consider creation of two new planting areas on the greens.

Other

We held a successful quiz night in March.

We contacted the Planning Department of Braintree DC, regarding development on farmland across the river from Bakers Court. We have been assured that no permission has been given for building, the tracks are for agricultural purposes.

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