

FRIENDS OF ESSINGTON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT St JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, ESSINGTON ON 11TH MAY 2017

Attendees: -

Peter Ward	(PWa)	(Outgoing Chair)
Colin Richards	(CR)	(Outgoing Treasurer)
Wayne Whitehouse	(WW)	(Committee)
Jon Hanson	(JH)	(Committee)
Dot Radford	(DR)	(Committee)
Freddie Homer	(FH)	(Committee)
Angie Whittle	(AW)	(Committee)
Clem Whittle	(CW)	(Committee)
Jan Macey	(JM)	(Committee)
Tracy Taylor	(TT)	(Committee)
Val Homer		
Annette Ward		
Anna Hanson		
Marian Wilson		
Mary White		
Audrey Cox		
Wilson Taylor		
Bryn Whitehouse (Parish Councillor)		
Kath Perry (County Councillor)		
Mr T Perry		
Dave Knowles (Hilton Green)		
Gareth (Hilton Green)		

Apologies: - Neil Wheeldon (Outgoing Secretary), Paul Woolley, Adrian Nicklin (all committee) Jan Macey (had to leave early), Ryan Taylor (SSDC), Becky (Hilton Green).

Last year's minutes proposed by CR and seconded by WW.

Outgoing Chairman's Overview:-

I would like to thank everyone who has helped us during the past 12 months:-

Sponsors for our calendar, sponsors for our projects (Alvaston Loft Conversions and Ashmore Glass and Mirrors Ltd) the support from district and county councils, local people supporting our events and all the committee.

Without all your support we would not be able to continue in the way we do.

Friends of Essington started more than 11 years ago as an environmental group and this sentiment still remains at its heart today. We enhance our local area, report and discourage fly tipping etc. and try to promote good environmental activities throughout the area.

Now on a sad note we would like to remember with fondness two of our members:

David Crudgington and Horace Knight.

Finally thank you all for coming and supporting us this evening. The annual committee report is attached to my overview and there are copies around for you to read.

Outgoing Treasurer's Report:-

The report for this financial year was given out to attendees and it was pointed out that:-

The account is in the black and has increased by a few hundred pounds since last year.

The Treasurer pointed out that it would be good to have a couple of substantial projects in the next year.

Approval of accounts: - PWa and WW – show of hands unanimous.

The Chair then asked for the Officers and committee to stand down.

Dot Radford's introductory speech leading to the election of the Chair:-

“Good evening everyone. Once again I am here to oversee the election of the Chair. Pete Ward is willing to stand again for the post of Chair so could I have a proposer please? (WW proposed) and a seconder (TT seconded) and a show of hands from the members for your approval. Unanimous approval.”

PWa asked for nomination of treasurer: Colin Richards is willing to stand again for the position. This was proposed by WW and seconded by CW. Unanimous approval.

Nomination of secretary was asked for: - Neil Wheeldon is stepping down as Secretary due to work commitments but will remain on the committee. PWa thanked him for his past work.

WW put his name forward for the position: Proposed by AW and seconded by FH. Unanimous approval.

WW explained that he would oversee the Secretary's position and communicate with outside agencies, with DR continuing to record and distribute the minutes of the meetings and CW and AW would continue to update our website, Twitter and the Church magazine.

Nomination of the committee: The following members of last year's committee would like to continue: Jan Macey, Adrian Nicklin, Paul Woolley, Jon Hanson, Clem Whittle, Angie Whittle, Fred Homer, Dot Radford, Tracy Taylor and Neil Wheeldon. Unanimous approval.

Nomination of auditors – CR thanked Malcolm Barnett of Barnett and Co. New Road, Willenhall for his continued support and proposed Barnett and Co. as auditors for the coming year- seconded by PWa. Unanimous approval.

Any other business:

Bryn Whitehouse asked about the work that is going to be carried out at Brownshore Pools. It was explained that this had come from a request from the community about path improvement, everyone will be kept updated.

CW asked about the dates booked at the community centre, this was discussed after the meeting.

PWa closed the official part of the meeting and handed over to JH who welcomed and introduced Dave and Gareth from Hilton Green.

A presentation was given by them about their development to date of the Hilton Green site.

The official opening will be held on Saturday 14th October 2017- everyone will be most welcome.

JH thanked them for their very informative and lively presentation and asked everyone to stay for a chat and refreshments.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 8th June 7.30pm start in Church Hall.