

FRIENDS OF ESSINGTON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT St JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, ESSINGTON ON 13th June 2019

Attendees: -

Peter Ward	(PWa)	(Outgoing Chair)
Colin Richards	(CR)	(Outgoing Treasurer)
Wayne Whitehouse	(WW)	(Outgoing Secretary)
Dot Radford	(DR)	(Committee)
Angie Whittle	(AW)	(Committee)
Clem Whittle	(CW)	(Committee)
Tracy Taylor	(TT)	(Committee)
Adrian Nicklin	(AN)	(Committee)
Neil Wheeldon	(NW)	(Committee)
Jan Macey	(JM)	(Committee)
Freddie Homer	(FH)	(Committee)
Mary White		
Chris Shaw		
Mark Keeling		
James Parker		
Bob Firmstone		
Helen Whitehouse		
Lexie Whitehouse		
Marion McCarthy		
Andy Aston		
Malcolm Price		

Apologies: - Jon Hanson, Paul Woolley (all committee)
Anna Hanson, Mark Jenkinson, Marcus Cooper, Annette Lloyd, Andy Cousins, Jamie Harper, Gavin Williamson, Ryan Taylor, Bernard Williams.

Last year's minutes were proposed by AW and seconded by WW.

Outgoing Chairman's Overview:-

First of all I would like to thank all the people who have helped and supported us throughout the year as without them it would be impossible to continue in the way we do. Many thanks to local companies, Alvaston Loft Conversions, Ashmore Glass and Mirrors, South Staffs District Council and County Council, Alan Degg from Hilton Main and many others who help us in different ways.

We have now been in existence for 14 years and over that period of time we have carried out various major projects which ran for many years. The Pantomimes were produced working closely with the local school and were very popular. The Village calendar which is in its 10th year is still really popular and appreciated by local people.

Over recent years we have been organising the village spring clean which attracts over 100 parishioners to help clear our village of litter and fly tipped waste. This year we have managed to extend this to Westcroft and Newtown.

Finally may I thank you all for attending tonight and supporting us this evening. Our annual committee report has been distributed around which gives a deeper insight into our activities and our projects around the village.

Outgoing Treasurer's Report:-

The report for this financial year was available to attendees and was self-explanatory.

Approval of accounts: - PWA and CW – 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? (NW 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 AW and seconded by DR. Unanimous approval.

Nomination of secretary: Wayne Whitehouse is willing to stand again for the position. This was proposed by CR and seconded by NW. Unanimous approval.

DR is willing to continue to record and distribute the minutes of the meetings and CW and AW are willing to 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: Adrian Nicklin, Paul Woolley, Jon Hanson, Clem Whittle, Angie Whittle, Fred Homer, Dot Radford, Tracy Taylor and Neil Wheeldon. Unanimous approval.

Pete thanked Jan Macey for all her years of supporting the group.

Nomination of auditors – CR thanked Malcolm Barnett of Barnett and Co. New Road, Willenhall for his continued support but had not approached him about next year but will do so before the next monthly meeting.

Any other business: -

PWA reminded everyone that the next quiz night is Thursday 4th July at the WMC 7.30pm - £2 per person - max.6 per team.

PWA closed the official part of the meeting and handed over to CW who welcomed and introduced Chris Shaw of South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Association.

Chris gave a very entertaining insight into beekeeping with her light hearted and humorous approach which everyone found extremely interesting. A donation was given to Chris on behalf of the Friends of Essington.

CW thanked her for her very informative and lively presentation and he asked everyone to stay for a chat and refreshments.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 11th July 7.30pm start in Church Hall.