



Friends of Essington Meeting
10th January 2019

Present: Colin Richards, Dot Radford, Freddie Homer, Pete Ward, Neil Wheeldon, Angie Whittle, Clem Whittle, Jon Hanson, Wayne Whitehouse, Adrian Nicklin, Tracy Taylor.

Apologies: Paul Woolley, Jan Macey,

Record of last meeting: Approved by FH, Seconded by PWA.

1. Matters arising from the record of the last meeting.

Projects

Orchard

The wooden information board is in progress.

Calendar 2019

All calendars sold and many complimentary comments made. Thanks to everyone.

Windmill Hill unofficial layby

DR, CR planted more bulbs. PWA suggested photographs to be taken when plants become established with a view to showing what the area was like before and after.

Top of Old Hampton Lane

Highways Department will keep the site under review. Another site meeting by FOE is needed - date to be arranged. WW and PWA are in discussion with complimentary ideas in this area!

Future projects

FOE oak tree and time capsule to be discussed further.

Cannock Road Island

Jamie Harper of Alvaston Loft Conversions is making progress CR to keep in touch.

Bottom of Old Hampton Lane/Cannock Road

Suggested project now being discussed with Highways Department - now awaiting a reply.

Corner-Brownshore Lane area

Landowner welcomes our input and Highways Department suggested barrier be one metre from the highway. Tyre barriers to be delivered to site along with top soil, it was suggested putting tape to indicate to people that work is being carried out.

Pools Pathway

More timbers to be laid by the Open Spaces team (volunteers required) then the rest of the path material can be laid. Date to be arranged.

Spring Clean 2019

The date for this is Saturday 30th March 2019. DR to send AN copy of Westcroft flyer. AN said that he would visit the Parish Council meeting to encourage councillors to get involved in their local wards. It was agreed that the satellite areas need leading by members of the FOE - AN to arrange. AN to count litter pickers and high viz jackets. CR has contacted South Staffs Council regarding replacement of our stolen high viz and litter pickers.

Website and Event Calendar

CW and AW continue to update our web site etc.

Data protection update

WW has investigated and reported back certain actions that we need to take and although frustrating to many of us we do need to take certain things on board. WW will email all the committee to seek their permission to use their contact details.

List of our projects

JH will email the list again to everyone for their input and comments.

2. Environmental Activities

Fly-tipping

Quarry entrance still remains problematic, AN to contact Tarmac to see if they could put their concrete road blocks to the front side of the gates to stop vehicles pulling in. Fly tipping still problematic in all areas PWA reported a lorry load of rubbish fly tipped in land between school boundary and farm!

Inappropriate Signage

It was agreed by all that we contacted the District Council for guidance and clarification on signage that appears everywhere and is an eyesore. We now have some contact details-WW to draft letter.

3. Social Events and Walks

Quiz Nights

The next quiz nights are Thursday 17th January and Thursday 21st February at the WMC 7.30pm £2 per person max.6 per team.

Annual meal

PWA to investigate The Star and The Barns.

4. Correspondence

- Email from Keith Elder inviting us to join them in their monthly walk. 5 of us attended and had a very enjoyable and informative walk ending up for a tippie in their local.

5. Any other business

- Our Twixmas walk was attended by 16 people who had an enjoyable morning and we ended up in the newly refurbished local. Thanks to all.
- AN asked if FOE were going to have a stall at the Essington Show.
- CR commented that all of our projects need some attention. Date to be arranged.
- PWA commented on the condition of the barrels at the Gateway in Blackhalve Lane and would speak to Ashmore Glass.

Date of next meeting: Thursday February 14th 7.30pm start in Church Hall.