



Friends of Essington Meeting
10th October 2019

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

Apologies: Paul Woolley, Tracey Taylor, Neil Wheeldon.

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

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

Projects

Orchard

Graphics being printed. Contact to be made for access - PWA.

Calendar 2020

Sponsors contacted only one new sponsor was required, now going to print should be ready for distribution within a week.

Top of Old Hampton Lane

CR organised rubble and soil which are now in place. Date for planting Saturday 19th October 9am.

Windmill Hill Bench

CR and DR cut the grass, litter picked, edged and weeded. Overhanging hedge needs cutting back maybe same time as top of Old Hampton Lane.

Bottom of Old Hampton Lane

CR and DR cut the grass, litter picked, edged and weeded.

Continuous maintenance was discussed.

Jubilee Planter

4 silver birch trees ordered to be planted at the rear of the Jubilee Planter and tubs removed.

Daffodil Bulbs

Daffodil bulbs to be ordered via Forest of Mercia - CR to contact.

Brownshore Crossing

Some sleepers need replacing and the post to the gate is loose and needs some repair.

Our sponsored projects

We have a draft document highlighting some recommendations that we think will benefit the companies and the FOE.

PWA to contact other sponsor to arrange a meeting.

JH is continuing to compile our project list.

Lock up needs sorting out and equipment assessed.

Future projects

Website and Event Calendar

CW and AW continue to update our web site including more up to date photos etc.

Data protection update

WW will purchase a portable hard drive and a high capacity flash drive when he can obtain a competitive price.

Tree Planting

Many of the committee have chosen their trees and areas to be planted. A few more areas were suggested for planting. WW to produce a map so that we can identify suitable locations for the trees to be planted to enable us to obtain permission.

Annual Spring Clean

Saturday 28th March 2020. AN commented that we are now self-sufficient in all equipment but maybe look at the issue regarding gloves.

2. Environmental Activities

Fly-tipping

Everyone please keep reporting.

High Viz Jackets

AW reported on her investigation, 12 jackets to be ordered with FOE logo.

Grassland Restoration and Management

Grass verges on Blackhalve Lane could be cut back and wild flowers planted - PWA. Other areas could be investigated. CR has contacted Bovis homes and they would be happy for some involvement - meeting to be arranged. They did offer to sponsor a page in our calendar but we have enough sponsors for next year.

Inappropriate Signage

One photo of inappropriate signage to be sent as a test case. Reporting inappropriate signage is a way forward to get them removed and also removing smaller signs ourselves and taking them to the council.

Volunteer Hours

Volunteer hours recorded. Could everyone who does not attend a meeting send in their volunteer hours to DR.

Wood chippings

Available from South Staffs Council as and when required.

3. Social Events and Walks

Apple Day at Hilton Green

Sunday 20th October 11am to 3pm. Volunteers required on rota basis for our golf game.

Quiz Nights

Dates for the next quizzes are Thursday October 24th and Thursday November 28th.

Friend's Walks

We were asked to consider hosting the next friend's group walk. Date to be arranged.

4. Correspondence

- Email from Whittington and Fisherwick - WW to distribute.

5. Any other business

- AN informed us that the date for the Essington Show is Saturday 2nd May 2020 and asked if we wanted a stall.
- FH asked if we wanted a wreath - all agreed, Clem kindly offered to represent us on the day - Sunday 10th November.

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