



Friends of Essington Meeting
13th September 2018

Present: Colin Richards, Dot Radford, Pete Ward, Adrian Nicklin, Wayne Whitehouse, Angie Whittle, Neil Wheeldon.

Apologies: Freddie Homer, Tracy Taylor, Paul Woolley, Clem Whittle, Jon Hanson, Jan Macey.

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

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

Projects

Orchard

The wooden information board is in progress.

Tribute to Bryn

Public footpath posts completed, thanks to PWO for all your work.

Hobnock Road/Methodist Chapel area

Maybe a litter pick FOE led, a future date to be arranged.

Calendar 2019

Photos were collated and viewed and 12 photographs were chosen, captions will be added.

Future projects

FOE oak tree and time capsule to be discussed further.

Cannock Road Island

CR suggested installing a black and white finger post in the middle of our Cannock Road Island with local signage and the old finger post at the bottom of Old Hampton Lane taken away and replaced with some simple planting.

All agreed. CR to investigate- PWO to cost.

PWA commented on the poor condition of some of the plants in one section of the Cannock Road Island. PWO obviously aware of this and will replace plants when appropriate.

Website and Event Calendar

CW and AW continue to update our web site etc.

Data protection update

WW has investigated and we do need action in certain areas. WW to advise.

Windmill Hill unofficial layby

Top soil now tipped, needs levelling - date arranged Saturday 22nd September 8.30am start, rakes, spades, high viz and gloves required please.

Top of Old Hampton Lane

Clarification now being sought from the highways department - meeting to be arranged, CR to advise.

Corner-Brownshore Lane area

Landowner contacted by CR and he has given his permission and welcomes our input

to reduce the fly tipping in this area, this also to be discussed with the highways department.

Pools Pathway

Tarmac to be contacted in the New Year. CR now awaiting reply from Cemex. CR contacted South Staffs County Open Spaces and they have given us the go ahead having again looked at our insurance documentation and reminded us that a risk assessment should be done and only competent operators should be using any machinery. Open spaces team will supply the timber edging and may even install it or assist us.

2. Environmental Activities

Fly-tipping

Please continue to report fly tipping and litter. The gated entrance in Hobnock Road still has a pile of asbestos sheets with a pipe on top of it and this in recent times seems to have become a new dumping ground. CW still awaiting a reply from South Staffs Council re. evidence of addresses found in fly tipped bag.

Millennium Monument

Letter now in draft form to be sent to the Parish Council re. the condition of the monument.

DR read email from South Staffs Council who stated that we could not provide a new litter bin as this could lead to issues but they would look into replacing it and they appreciated what we were trying to do.

3. Social Events and Walks

AGM

Date for next AGM is Thursday 13th June 2019. Committee agreed for DR to contact South Staffs Beekeepers Association to give a talk at our AGM.

Windmill exhibition

Very interesting evening, well attended and funds raised for Cherry Tree Court. Some photos from the evening will be put on our web site and thanks to Adrian Simpkin for the donation of £10 for FOE funds.

Quiz Night

The next quiz night is Thursday 20th September at the WMC 7.30pm £2 per person max.6 per team. £58 was raised at the July quiz.

Hilton Green

CR and DR made a "hole in one" golf game which was manned on a rota basis at the food and drink festival by CW, AW, JH, AH, PWa, CR and DR. This was well received and £58 was raised on a donation basis, thanks to everyone.

This game can be used for any future events.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

5. Any other business

- AN asked for suggested date for next year's Spring Clean and forward planning.

Date of next meeting: Thursday October 11th 7.30pm start in Church Hall.

