



**Friends of Essington Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Present:** Colin Richards, Dot Radford, Paul Woolley, Clem Whittle, Angie Whittle, Neil Wheeldon, Tracy Taylor, Pete Ward, Jan Macey.

**Apologies:** Jon Hanson, Freddie Homer, Adrian Nicklin, Wayne Whitehouse.

**Record of last meeting:** Approved by PWo, Seconded by CW.

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

**Projects**

**Orchard**

The wooden information board is in progress. A Core Blimey apple tree has been planted as a replacement thank you Paul and Howard.

**Bryn's flagpole**

PWo contacted county council regarding 2 public footpath signs for footpath number 8, this has now been approved. The posts having an inscription down the length stating "In memory of Bryn Whitehouse". PWo looking into costs.

Having revisited the site it was agreed the old stile should remain as it is in good condition and of it's history.

**Hobnock Road/Methodist Chapel area**

Some planting has appeared and it's looking good, some local residents have shown interest in the area and are looking after it. It was agreed that this local community could be contacted at a later date to encourage more responsibility for their area, at this point they seem enthusiastic.

**Calendar 2019**

Reminder to keep taking photos. It was agreed that at the September meeting the photos should be viewed - WW to collate.

**Future projects**

FOE oak tree and time capsule to be discussed further.

**Website and Event Calendar**

CW and AW are in the process of updating our projects folder and presented this at the meeting - looking very good. Thank you both.

**Data protection update**

All agreed we did not hold personal information - WW to clarify.

**RBL**

PWo applied for permission on behalf of RBL for a silent soldier (life size silhouette) to be positioned on the triangle - permission refused.

**2. Environmental Activities**

**Corner-Brownshore Lane area**

Drawing now in hand awaiting contact with land owner. PWo to source paint. CR and PWa to investigate further.

## **Culvert**

Discussed at length about the effectiveness of our work seeing that the culvert is becoming deeper in silt and the overflow area has grown back with vigour. WW reported damage to slabs. CR to investigate further.

## **Pools Pathway**

CR received email from Cemex Ltd they are investigating a material that may be suitable for our use. CR also contacted South Staffs County Open Spaces and Tarmac to see if they also have any material-awaiting replies.

## **Windmill Hill unofficial layby**

Almost enough soil now, then needs levelling out and planting in September.

## **Top of Old Hampton Lane**

Discussed whether similar work to the unofficial lay-by could be carried out here. Idea of tyres - not well received, PWO suggested used road kerbs, back filled with rubble, then top soil and suitably planted. Permission to be obtained then a plan of action to be organised.

## **Fly-tipping**

DR and CR reported 6 fly tipping incidents in the last few days- all please keep reporting.

## **Litter picking/Essington in Bloom**

Upper Sneyd Road is the starting point for a litter pick on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 9am meeting by the traffic lights to assist with Essington in Bloom. This will include Upper Sneyd Road, Kitchen Lane corner and our projects - the bridge - the crossing and the triangle and includes all of Brownshore Lane. AW will print flyers and TT will distribute to the residents - thanks both.

Also to assist with Essington in Bloom a clean-up of the Millennium monument (suggested by AN in his email) has been organised for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am. PWO will kindly trim the hedge on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> thanks Paul. Other members on Saturday to clean the stone and litter pick the area - depending on numbers. Area by Methodist Chapel/Hobnock Road has been litter picked by DR and CR. All our projects are looking very good as always - thanks Paul.

## **3. Social Events and Walks**

### **AGM**

Disappointing attendance, however thank you to Michelle from First Responders who made it a very informative and entertaining evening. Thank you to Adam Stanley for his kind donation and thank you to all who kindly provided refreshments. CR informed everyone that a copy of the accounts were available to anyone who required one and also asked for a move of the AGM to June to accommodate our accountants - all agreed.

### **Windmill exhibition**

PWa arranging venue and date.

### **Quiz Night**

The next quiz night will be on Thursday 21st of June at the WMC 7.30pm £2 per person max.6 per team.

## **4. Correspondence**

## **5. Any other business**

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm start in Church Hall

