



Friends of Essington Meeting
12th January 2017

Present: Paul Woolley, Adrian Nicklin, Clem Whittle, Angie Whittle, Jan Macey, Tracy Taylor, Colin Richards, Dot Radford, Pete Ward.

Apologies: Neil Wheeldon, Freddie Homer, Wayne Whitehouse

Record of last meeting: Approved by Paul, Seconded by Ade.

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

Projects

- **Adrian's Wall** - Paul will keep us informed.

- **Jubilee planter** - The FOE sign behind the planter needs sanding, AN will look at it when the weather improves.

The projects to be discussed in AOB as and when required.

Event Calendar - Clem has updated.

Calendar 2017

Sales now completed, most unsold calendars returned, sponsor money all banked CR & DR to finalise and collate and report at next meeting.

All committee agreed that photographs will be taken by the members for production of the 2018 calendar.

It was also discussed a new way of funding/sponsorships outlined by CR, committee to go away and to come back with thoughts at next meeting.

2. Environmental Activities

Hilton Green

We have been invited to an event in spring 2017 an update will be given nearer the time. DR emailed spring events calendar from Forest of Mercia.

Great British Spring Clean 2017

This will take place on Saturday 4th March 2017. This event has now been adopted and under the umbrella of the FOE, Ade advised that everything was in place but obviously full support of the community is required and he will keep us informed of the progress.

Fracking Presentation

To be further explored as issue very topical at present. WW suggested maybe speaker for the AGM.

Fly-tipping

Paul commented that he had better response from Love Clean Streets than Fix my Street. It was agreed that the rubbish was being removed but being replaced very quickly by more fly tipping. Unofficial layby top of windmill hill seems to be the more problematic, various solutions suggested. More discussion needed.

3. Social Events and Walks

Twixmas walk

An enjoyable morning, 9 people attended the event. Thanks to Paul for organising.

Xmas meal

DR updated, 26 people will be attending.

2017 Panto

Other options were discussed. Ade to explore avenues for choir with maybe festive songs and possibly our annual dance to be moved to another time of the year.

PWo suggested maybe a Xmas party with entertainers i.e. a magician etc. which would be something different.

Essington Show

AN advised Essington Show will be on Sunday August 20th and it was suggested that we may have some ideas regarding invitations to groups with an environmental bias (i.e. Forest of Mercia etc.).

FOE AGM

Date is Thursday May 11th. Speakers were suggested to be investigated further. Gavin Williamson MP was asked to be kept informed of details of our AGM - DR to action.

SSCVA AGM

AN, CR & DR attended and a report was given.

4. Correspondence - none

5. Any other business

- PWo had observed local delivery vans damaging grass verges, he asked if he could record them on our twitter page trying to shame them into not doing it. All agreed.
- Clem and Angie informed us about our website being available again with a new service provider. Thanks to Emma for her continued hard work for us.
- Angie asked whether we continue maintaining our projects with the rota system, the answer was yes, apart from the Jubilee Planter which is now being maintained by the sponsor.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th February 2017, **7.30pm** START in Church Hall