



**Friends of Essington Meeting**  
**12<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

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

**Apologies:** Angie Whittle, Paul Woolley,

**Record of last meeting:** Approved by NW, Seconded by JM.

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

**Projects**

Suggested an email to be sent to Ashmore Glass inviting them to one of our meetings - action WW.

**Fred's Bed**

FH was asked about the engagement of PWO to cut the grass on a regular basis he said that it would be a good idea. PWO also to cut grass in areas of Brownshore Crossing and the bench (which he already does).

PWO emailed the committee with prices for the suggested bench, some members thought it was too expensive. CR contacted highways and they suggested local resident's opinions should be obtained.

**Orchard**

Information board - ongoing.

**Adrian's Wall**

PWO to plant some bulbs obtained from South Staffs Council.

**Brownshore Triangle**

John (local resident) put winter bedding in the planters, looking very good.

**Website and Event Calendar**

CW and AW are continuing to update our event calendar and website.

**Calendar 2018**

DR received the sponsor's logos from WW. CR and DR visited the printers to sort out the layout for the calendar. A draft of the first few pages was shown - all agreed to go ahead. New sponsors had to be obtained due to SSCVA being dissolved into Support Staffordshire.

**2. Environmental Activities**

**FOE Oak tree**

Oak tree and time capsule to be discussed further.

### **Litter around HA properties**

Someone to contact AN from the housing association.

### **Future Project**

PWa suggested land at the end of Hobnock Road opposite the Methodist Chapel. Road improvements to be checked out first and permission obtained.

### **Rail/Transport hub - Gailey**

WW did not receive any comments from committee so it was suggested that WW draft a letter of support to Gavin Williamson MP in his opposition to the scheme. NW to email WW with letter sent about DX Hub.

### **Proposed motorway junction**

PWa commented that this would have another serious environmental impact on the area. Everyone encouraged to view the proposed plans at the community centre.

### **Hilton Green**

Official opening - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 11-3pm. All committee asked to support this event.

### **Pools**

AN received request from residents asking for more stone to complete the circuit. CR requested a drawing and will then contact Open Spaces.

### **Fly-tipping**

Unofficial layby top of windmill hill, Old Hampton Lane still problematic, various ideas to be considered. Meeting of a few of the committee to assess the situation Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> 11am.

The letter concerning Bognop Road has been circulated to a number of people who may have an influence. Other letters to go out to the residents of Bognop Road with covering letter read out by DR and approved, PWa to organise.

We have received a letter from Gavin in support of improving Bognop Road which he is taking up with the county council.

### **JLR (corporate social responsibility)**

Volunteers from the above could be used in future projects. Litter picks suggested.

### **Bulbs**

PWo collected bulbs from the council, if anyone requires bulbs for planting around the village then please contact him.

### **Spring Clean 2018**

AN advised that the spring clean will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018.

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

#### **Xmas Do**

Ceilidh band booked for Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
TT and AW to organise tickets.

An environmental fayre similar to Perton's Spring Fayre maybe in conjunction with Hilton Green, could be a future event.

#### **Quiz Night**

Very successful evening, £86 was raised. The club asked JH if he wanted to do this on a regular basis, he will keep us informed. WW suggested money goes to a specific project, AN suggested litter picking equipment.

#### **Essington Show (organised by Willenhall Rugby Club)**

PWa attended a meeting about Essington Show which is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to be held at Willenhall Rugby Club. The only suggestion for involvement was from WW to include our village walk.

### **4. Correspondence**

#### **5. Any other business**

- FH commented that the overflow to the culvert needs a clean out, could be done by us or contact the Open Spaces Team about it.
- We have been requested by Bryn Whitehouse via FH to replace his flag when needed. All agreed.
- CR and DR attended the extraordinary general meeting of the SSCVA where it was dissolved and transferred to Support Staffordshire. We learned at the meeting that David Leese and Ros Burton were retiring, emails were sent to them thanking them for all their support for FOE over the years. CR commented that we need to establish ourselves with Support Staffordshire.
- Calendar 2019 - Please keep take photos throughout the seasons.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November: 7.30pm start in Church Hall.

