



Friends of Essington Meeting
13th July 2017

Present: Adrian Nicklin, Colin Richards, Dot Radford, Pete Ward, Angie Whittle
Clem Whittle, Jon Hanson, Wayne Whitehouse, Paul Woolley.

Apologies: Freddie Homer, Neil Wheeldon, Tracy Taylor, Jan Macey.

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

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

Projects

The sponsor signs are now in place on the triangle and Adrian's wall.
Ashmore Glass will be invited to one of our meetings to introduce themselves.

Fred's Bed

Looking good.

Orchard

Paul has strimmed round and cut hedges. An information board regarding the trees and general information could be erected.

Brownshore Crossing

The wild flowers that had been planted have been vandalised, however more plants have been put in to replace them.

Bench

Extra planting and a top dressing of mulch applied.

Website and Event Calendar

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

Calendar 2018

The deadline for photographs is imminent and they need to be sent to WW who will collate.

Sponsorship progressing. Following sponsorship from Housing Plus a small article about us has been entered in their magazine.

WW collating sponsor's logos etc.

2. Environmental Activities

FOE Oak tree

Oak tree and time capsule to be discussed further. PWO to carry out work on the oak tree donated to us a few years ago.

Hilton Green

The official opening day is Saturday 14th October 2017 everyone welcome.
WW distributed information about activities in July.

Pools

After many months, a good section of the path was laid with help from Open Spaces team, volunteers from out of the area and on the day of laying the limestone path 17 local volunteers worked hard to complete the task. Continuing work on the paths is scheduled for Saturday 22nd July 8.30am. Volunteers required.

Fly-tipping

Unofficial layby top of windmill hill, Old Hampton Lane still problematic, various ideas to be considered.

A letter had been compiled by CR & DR regarding concerns about the whole length of Bognop Road. It was read out at the meeting and additional information from the committee will be added. It will be circulated and sent to various people who may have an influence to improve this blot on the landscape.

3. Social Events and Walks

2017 entertainment - alternative to Panto

Community centre has been booked for Saturday December 9th, various ideas discussed, no definite decision made.

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

South Staffs celebration event.

Unfortunately no one was available to attend.

British Legion Event.

Ricky Cool and the In Crowd on Saturday October 14th 2017.

Inn-trail

A good night was had by all.

Quiz Night

A quiz night - provisional date Thursday 28th September 2017. AN to make enquiries. Will be advertised in Church Magazine when finalised.

4. Correspondence

- WW spoke about newsletter from WFEG (Whittington and Fisherwick Environmental Group) highlighting their July activities.
- WW read out an email from Ryan Taylor regarding volunteering from JLR (corporate social responsibility). Could be useful to us, more discussion needed.
- Email from Ryan Taylor concerning the Office for Civil Society (contains 3 pages) available if anyone is interested.

5. Any other business

- AN commented on litter around Housing Association properties, Memorial garden in churchyard needs tidying up (cannot understand why community service do not include this area in their work) and Cherry Tree Court have no outside seating area.
- PWo suggested if sponsors were obtained for Fred's Bed a bench could be installed with their company name on. Also PWo suggested maybe JLR team could help with work on the Wyrley and Essington canal in Long Lane area.
- PWa suggested a future project could be the area of land at the end of Hobnock Road opposite the Methodist Chapel.
- DR now has a key to the Church Hall.
- WW asked committee to inform him of any items they want to discuss so they can be included on the agenda.
- CR commented on the rail/transport hub in Calf Heath area that would have disastrous environmental impact on the area.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 14th September: 7.30pm start in Church Hall.