



Friends of Essington Meeting
8th February 2018

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

Apologies: Neil Wheeldon.

Record of last meeting: Approved by CW, Seconded by TT.

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

Projects

Ashmore Glass sent their apologies, WW to rearrange another meeting.

Orchard

CR to investigate signs- now making progress will keep all informed.

Adrian's Wall

AN complained to Rugby Club about litter blowing out of bins etc.- ongoing.

Blackhalve Lane Gateway

Gateway installed, still awaiting new Highway's signage.

Bryn's flagpole

Flag to be replaced as required.

Committee to walk the path when weather permits and come up with suggestions.

Calendar 2019

Reminder to keep taking photos throughout the seasons.

Future projects

FOE oak tree and time capsule to be discussed further.

Hobnock Road/Methodist Chapel area - a planter was suggested but are there any other suggestions? Permission to be obtained along with any information regarding road improvements that may affect the area - action CR. In the meantime it was suggested a tidy up of the hedgerow would improve the area.

Website and Event Calendar

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

They were asked to promote the Fairy Trail event during half term at Hilton Green.

2. Environmental Activities

Path/drain clearing.

The paths and drains in Brownshore Lane area were reported by several of the committee and the drains, potholes and paths were dealt with quickly after the reports went in. It was suggested that this success should be communicated to the residents via the church magazine.

Recycling

PWa reported that after his batteries had not been recycled properly he had left an iron out with grey bin, this was not collected. PWo said he had left 2 items out which also were not collected.

Culvert

Extra work needed- date to be arranged.

Rail/Transport hub - Gailey

WW read out Gavin's reply.

Proposed motorway junction

No further information to report.

Pools

CR to keep in contact and also another contact to supply stone to be pursued by CR.
- ongoing.

Fly-tipping

Unofficial layby top of windmill hill - work party of 6 cleared the woods and stacked the rubbish on Saturday January 13th and this was quickly collected by Staffs council. Now awaiting further soil delivery.

The letter regarding Bognop Road to be circulated action - PWA.

JLR (corporate social responsibility)

WW has contacted Ryan Taylor and is awaiting a reply.

Spring Clean 2018

Saturday 3rd March 2018- 9.30am start. AN reported the details of the day and the equipment that he had purchased. Help is needed Monday 5th March to return equipment.

3. Social Events and Walks

AGM Thursday 10th May 2018

First Responders suggested as speakers - CR & DR to contact.

Annual meal

Booked at Berry Brook Farm Saturday 10th February 7.30pm.

Quiz Night

Next quiz night will be on 15th February at the WMC 7.30pm £2 per person max.
6 per team.

Essington Show (Willenhall Rugby Club)

Saturday 5th May 2018 FOE's only suggested involvement was our village walk (WW)

4. Correspondence

The only correspondence was Gavin's reply read out by WW.

5. Any other business

- JM informed us that the restaurant at Cherry Tree court was now open to non-residents.
- JH conveyed to us that the Essington Occasionals would be clearing up the paths round the pools.
- CR asked everyone to report driveway down the bottom end of Broad Lane that was continually full of rubbish.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 8th March: 7.30pm start in Church Hall.