



Friends of Essington Meeting
8th March 2018

Present: Colin Richards, Dot Radford, Clem Whittle, Pete Ward, Jan Macey, Jon Hanson, Paul Woolley, Neil Wheeldon.

Apologies: Adrian Nicklin, Angie Whittle, Freddie Homer, Wayne Whitehouse, Tracy Taylor.

Record of last meeting: Approved by PWo, Seconded by JM.

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

Projects

Ashmore Glass are going to be invited to our AGM.

Orchard

CR approached Hilton Green, who have volunteers with various skills and they are kindly making the wooden framework to hold the information about the orchard. A Core Blimey apple tree will be planted to replace one of the original trees that did not survive.

Adrian's Wall

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

Blackhalve Lane Gateway

Awaiting new Highway's signage.

Bryn's flagpole

Path to be walked by the committee.

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, to be investigated further and permission gained. A tidy up for this area was arranged for Saturday March 10th 8.30am.

Website and Event Calendar

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

2. Environmental Activities

Corner-Brownshore Lane area

Fly-tipping in this area is continual, therefore CR approached owners of the entrance to see if the access was used and if not could we put some deterrent there. The owners agreed that we could put something there but it would have to be reasonably portable so that if access was needed urgently it could be gained.

NW to produce drawing and PWo to look into primer and paint.

Culvert

Extra work needed- date to be arranged.

Pools

CR has contacted Cemex Ltd with a view to them supplying some materials for the paths - ongoing. Paths have been tidied up by the Essington Occasionals.

Windmill Hill unofficial layby

CR has asked the council not to tip any more rubble, but top soil is still required. In the meantime a work party has been organised to re-arrange the rubble on Saturday March 31st at 8.30am. CR applied for grant for planting this area.

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

Fly-tipping

CR asked everyone to report driveway down the bottom end of Broad Lane that was continually full of rubbish.

JLR (corporate social responsibility)

WW has contacted Ryan Taylor and is awaiting a reply.

Spring Clean 2018

New date Saturday 17th March 2018- 9.30am start, other details remain the same. Litter equipment loaned from SS Council and Housing Association to be returned Monday 19th March. AN approached Topblock for support for the event -ongoing. CR approached Mann & Hummel also for support for the event and CR and DR collected a substantial box of litter picking equipment which all the committee thank them very much for.

3. Social Events and Walks

AGM Thursday 10th May 2018

Michelle of the First Responders is going to speak at our AGM. A suggestion of a donation of £100 was agreed by all. Do we need to send out invitation emails to selected people? JM and NW gave their apologies.

Quiz Night

The last quiz night raised £58 - many thanks to everyone involved. Next quiz night will be on 15th March 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

- DR informed everyone that an email had been sent to Mann & Hummel expressing our grateful thanks for the equipment.
- An email was received from Judy Russon inviting us to be involved in a Community Safety Day on Saturday March 24th 10am - 1pm at St John's church.

5. Any other business

- PWA was given a donation of £7.50p and CR was given a donation of £10-both calendar related.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 12th April: 7.30pm start in Church Hall.