

Friends of Essington Meeting

9th March 2023

Present: Paul Woolley (PWo), Neil Wheeldon, Adrian Nicklin, Freddie Homer, Pete Ward (PW), Angie Whittle, Jon Hanson, Wilson Taylor Tracey Taylor.

Apologies: Clem Whittle

Record of last meeting: Corrected to show apologies only received from Tracey Taylor. Approved by PWo, Seconded by WT

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

Strimmer

Collected and used to trim overgrowth by pools fence to aid Wombles litter pick.

Miners Monument

Bricks were all dry assembled and are complete (and impressive). PWo coordinating structural engineer to advise and design supporting brickwork required ready for construction.

Triangle

AN advised that the planters will need a coat of wood treatment once the weather improves. He will coordinate this and ask for volunteers as appropriate. Ongoing.

AN suggested a metal sign be purchased in the future to replace the rotting wooden one. This will give better durability and allow improved signage. He will investigate and feedback in the future. Ongoing

PIA are sponsoring this area and have had the signs made. They will arrange collection from Colin so they can be installed. PWo will weed area to improve appearance.

Orchard

AN now has dimensions and is on track to complete it imminently.

Lock-up

Due to PW workload, PWo will look at the lock. Ongoing.

Brownshore Crossing

FH & PWo will do some fresh planting W/C 20th.

Volunteer Hours

Please keep records of hours. They will be collected at next meeting by NW and sheet updated accordingly

Laptop

WW still has Laptop (and Hard Drive?). These are required by CW & JH for use on quizzes and website activities. Ongoing

Fred's Bed Bus Stop

AN spoke to County Council who will follow up. PWO has contacted bus company due to his concerns regarding H&S.

Spring Clean

Essington Wombles are assisting AN and have had an initial coordination meeting. AN has had promise of support from Essington Rugby Club who will litter pick their area including the nicket. Further meeting with Wombles and AN to be scheduled by AN.

Constitution

Much discussion concerning what constitutes a member and how we should communicate. JH will liaise with Essington Live Site Manager to discuss FoE putting their communications on to it, to reach a wider audience. WT to make proposal on updates to the Constitution for review at next meeting.

Brownshore/Kitchen Lane Fingerpost

NW mentioned that the signpost on the Brownshore/Kitchen Lane junction is also in bad condition. If replacement is investigated for Triangle, then maybe this can also be considered.

New Pedestrian Gate at St Johns School

PW raised the dangerous crossing conditions by the recently created school gate. Instead of using the Lollipop person, people are crossing between parked cars. TT to raise with Facilities Manger at school to do a risk assessment. AN is also in communication with the council. Ongoing.

2. Environmental Activities

Grass cutting

AN has completed his exercise to document which grass is maintained by which party. He will present this to the Parish Council and then update the FoE at a future meeting. Ongoing

3. Social Events

Quiz Nights

Next quiz nights tba.

NOTE: All committee members would like to put on record their gratitude to Jon for the work he does and the funds he generates single handed.

4. Correspondence

- None

5. Any other business

- Calendar contacts to be documented by AN in preparation for next calendar production.
- Ryan Taylor to be contacted by NW to be updated on changes to committee roles.
- Meeting arranged with Bovis to discuss poor state of public footpath areas and hedgerow on their site.
- Discussion on Bryn's flag and an agreement by all that FoE should maintain this
- ongoing.
- Adrian's Wall. Work group arranged for 30th March at 9.30 to weed and tidy. AN to send out reminder via WhatsApp nearer the date.

Date of next meeting- TBC