

Friends of Essington Meeting

19th April 2023

Present: Paul Woolley (PWo), Neil Wheeldon, Freddie Homer, Pete Ward (PW), Angie Whittle, Jon Hanson, Wilson Taylor Tracey Taylor, Clem Whittle, James Parker (Councillor EPC)

Apologies: Adrian Nicklin

Record of last meeting: Approved by CW, Seconded by FH

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

Miners Monument

AN has circulated a proposed location for the monument and also sent a pre application to SSDC. A quote is required for a bricklayer. PWo to organise a quote from a contractor he knows.

Triangle

PW will collect the wood treatment from AN and apply Fri 28th April. Prior to this NW and PWo will strim back all the grass to allow unhindered access to the planters.

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. PWo will obtain an indicative quote from a contractor he deals with. Ongoing

PIA/Broadlands Golf have communicated that they no longer wish to sponsor the maintenance. They are to make a donation of £250 for which we are very grateful.

In the short term the grass can be maintained utilising the strimmer.

Orchard

Sign is now in place. Thanks to AN for making. Some costs where incurred which AN will submit for payment approval. St Johns Academy have 'tweeted' their thanks for the new sign.

Lock-up

Lock is now repaired. Thanks PW. PW also cut some new keys which will be circulated. It was agreed key holders should be AN, NW, PWO, PW. Cost was incurred which will be submitted for payment approval at next meeting.

PW & PWO are going to obtain an estimate of repairs for the lawnmower from Ian Lucas. PWO will then organise repair/disposal.

Brownshore Crossing

Fresh planting complete. Thanks FH and PWO.

Volunteer Hours

Please keep records of hours. Ryan Taylor to be asked for method of communication and confirmation they are still required.

Laptop

WW still has Laptop (and Hard Drive?). These are required by CW & JH for use on quizzes and website activities. Further requests have been made for their return.
Ongoing

Fred's Bed Bus Stop

No response from various communications. Ongoing.

Spring Clean

Successful event. Many thanks to AN for continued organisation. CW has circulated details to various litter picking groups online.

Constitution

WT has circulated a new draft copy. Some feedback and this was discussed at meeting and resolved. He will produce a final copy for all committee to sign at next meeting.

CW will utilise 'Essington Live' as a communication vehicle. NW will create a volunteer 'WhatsApp' group as an additional way of publishing FoE events. Any interested people can be added to this group (with their approval) by any committee member.

CW will post the new copy of constitution to the website once signed.

New Pedestrian Gate at St Johns School

TT explained that an initial review has taken place by the school. She will follow up on the continued concerns of this committee.

Calendar

Calendar contacts to be documented by AN in preparation for next calendar production. Ongoing

Ryan Taylor Communication

Ryan was communicated to about recent changes on the committee. As a result, he asked if he could have a tour around the village to see our projects. This has been arranged for 16th May and PWO and NW will conduct the tour.

Bovis Site Improvements

Meeting took place on site on 15th March. Daniel (Technical Co-ordinator Vistry) agreed to many actions including removing the new fence (to free the no man's land area) and removing the fence posts and barbed wire from the hedgerow. Unfortunately, no major activity has occurred yet. AN to chase.

Bryn's Flag

JP will show FH and PWO how to fit new flag. Arranged for Fri 28th at 10am. It was also suggested that the exact detail of the replacement flag be documented so that we can ensure same quality flags are reordered. AN to provide details.

Adrian's Wall

A tidying up exercise took place 30th March and it looks a lot better. Many thanks to all who took part.

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: 21st June, 26th July.

4. Correspondence

- None

5. Any other business

- CW produced invoice for the ongoing 'co.uk' website. This was approved for payment (CW already paid so needs reimbursing). 'com' website will be discussed when that falls due for payment later in the year.
- CW liaised with both the 'Essington Wombles' and the 'pools occasionals' to enhance the material supplied to the magazine.
- AW suggested that local walks should be reintroduced as a FoE event. Discussion took place. Ongoing.

- It was suggested that we should have an Asset Register, detailing the items purchased and owned by FoE. NW to produce a template for next meeting.
- NW presented a picture of damage to the fencing caused by fallen trees on Brownshore Road/Larchmere Drive. It was agreed that a small team would attend on Fri 28th April and address the issues.

Date of next meeting- 10th May 7.00pm Council Chambers