



**Friends of Essington Meeting**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Present:** Paul Woolley (PWo), Freddie Homer, Adrian Nicklin, Wilson Taylor, Tracey Taylor, Clem Whittle, observing: James Parker (Councillor EPC)

**Apologies:** Neil Wheeldon, Pete Ward (PW), Angie Whittle, Jon Hanson

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

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

**Miners Monument**

AN has received a response from SSDC suggesting we check who is the landowner. AN is awaiting a response from DC Planning. Highways are OK with the proposal. Proposal to use glue instead of mortar to minimise the gap between the bricks is being investigated by PW and PWo.

Ibstock have offered to provide a base.

PWo will cost the whole job and present his findings.

**Triangle**

PW has applied the wood treatment.

All other remedial work is complete. Ongoing maintenance to continue.

Quote for a metal sign from Black Country Metal Works received, £1,070 total for fingers and post.

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

An invoice needs to be raised, using the new FoE Invoice template generated by NW, for the £250 donation from PIA/Broadlands Golf.

**Lock-up**

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

**Volunteer Hours**

Please continue to keep records of hours.

Confirmation that recording of hours is required will be sought during visit by Ryan Taylor.

### **Laptop**

WW still has Laptop (and Hard Drive?), these are the property of FoE group and are required by CW & JH for use on the group's activities.

CW is waiting for a reply to his latest message (which has been read).

Ongoing

### **Fred's Bed Bus Stop**

No response from various communications. Kath Perry is helping AN to get a meaningful response to these communications. Ongoing.

### **Fred's Bed**

A tidy up has been scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at 10:00AM. WT to send out a notification on the Volunteer WhatsApp.

Possibly contact the vicar to see if the community service people could help.

### **Constitution**

Following the changes proposed at the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April and subsequent feedback the final version will be available for signature by the committee at the next meeting.

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

### **New Pedestrian Gate at St Johns School**

TT reported that the school had asked for a barrier at the new entrance, no parking road markings, and speed humps, all of which had been refused. TT also reported that the turn around is now a staff car park. TT to follow-up with the H & S lead at the school. Ongoing

### **Calendar**

AN is aiming at getting 12+1 sponsors. Ongoing

CW reported that there are not many entries so far. He will also look back at previous year's entrants which address the theme of "village life in Essington".

### **Ryan Taylor Communication**

Tour with Ryan Taylor has been arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> May and PWo and NW will conduct the tour.

### **Bovis Site Improvements**

AN has received an email that various works will commence soon.

### **Bryn's Flag**

PWo were shown how to fit new flag by JP. AN to provide details of the flag specification.

The next replacement flag will be purchased by the EPC with the following one purchased by FoE.

## **2. Environmental Activities**

### **Grass cutting**

AN presented documents showing which parties should be maintaining which areas. PWo and NW will discuss this with Ryan Taylor during his village tour. Ongoing

## **3. Social Events**

### **Quiz Nights**

Next quiz nights: 21<sup>st</sup> June and 26<sup>th</sup> July.

## **4. Correspondence**

- See notes in minutes.

## **5. Finance**

### **Bank**

The change of mandate has been approved by the bank.

### **Bank Balance**

Not yet available.

### **Expenditure**

The following expenses were approved for payment:

* Adrian for materials to repair Orchard sign	£57.50
* Clem for GoDaddy website renewal	£29.38
* Neil for Strimmer	£396.68
* Neil for Posts to repair fence	£13.80
* St Johns Church for last year's rent	£90.00
* Pete for key cutting	TBC

### **Templates**

FoE Invoice template and FoE Asset Register template were approved for use.

## 6. Any other business

- Local walks reintroduction to be discussed at a later meeting. Ongoing.
- Fallen trees on Brownshore Road/Larchmere Drive have been removed and some fence repairs have begun. NW and WT to complete the work. Ongoing
- PW's Observations (copied from email dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023). To be followed up at next meeting:

Tree Planting:

	Total	Alive	Dead / Missing
Bovis Estate	108	79	29(Not Trees)
Hobnock Road	5	5	0
Jubilee Planter	4	4	0
Bognop Road	5	5	0
Cannock Road	29	20	9

Jubilee Planter

Timbers are rotting away with one side starting to collapse, Needs attention.

Cannock Road Island

70% of shrubs have now failed with large areas of weeds ect. Needs Attention.

- AN to assess what is needed at Broad Lane (Jubilee Planter)
- Windmill Bench to be trimmed PWO and NW

**Date of next meeting- 14<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm Council Chambers**