



Friends of Essington Meeting
12th July 2023

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

Apologies: Tracey Taylor

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

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

Miners Monument

AN explained that full planning application is about to be submitted.
PWo to fetch broken bits from Betty Mason. Homes Plus have given a donation towards the installation.
Committee would like to thank Homes Plus for donation.

Triangle

Watering on a Rota is ongoing. PWo to weed. Donation was received from PIA towards upkeep.
Committee would like to thank PIA for donation.

Lock-up

Mower has been sold and money deposited into bank account. Many thanks PWo.

Volunteer Hours

Hours collected and to be collated by NW and submitted to Ryan Taylor.

Laptop

Ongoing.

Fred's Bed Bus Stop

Ongoing

Fred's Bed

The 'Community Payback' team have started mowing the grass. Thanks to them.

Constitution

Signed by all committee. The new document (less signatures) will be loaded onto website by CW.

New Pedestrian Gate at St Johns School

All present are very concerned at the potential for a serious injury if nothing is put in place to improve the situation.

AN and TT will continue to push the issue. Ongoing

Calendar

AN has contacted majority of sponsors and confirmed them for next year. Photos to be reviewed at next meeting. NW to contact Phil McGlinn about obtaining some of his pictures.

Bovis Site Improvements

Fence laths have been removed on 'No man's land' but that's all. Looks a mess. NW to contact Bovis (Vistry) for update on completion dates.

Local walks

PWo will investigate.

Damaged/Missing Trees

Ongoing

Jubilee Planter

AN has contacted Jamie at Alvaston to discuss plans for new planter. He is happy to support and contribute to cost. AN to continue dialogue.

Cannock Road Island

Jamie asked for help weeding. Session arranged for Tuesday 18th July at 5pm.

Public Liability Insurance

AN to confirm EPC policy is adequate for FoE activities. Ongoing

Method Statements for Project Work

WT to develop format.

Hedge Trimmer

PWo presented costs for a couple of machines. Committee agreed on the larger sturdier machine and approved the expenditure.

Future Generation Orchard

The teacher responsible had asked the FoE to trim back the nettles etc so that classes could continue to walk through the orchard. This was completed by NW & WT. It was agreed that this should be done again just prior to the pupils returning from the summer break so that they can get easy access to all the fruits as they become ready.

2. Environmental Activities

Grass cutting

No update on the EPC areas getting included in SSDC budget. Ongoing

3. Social Events

Quiz Nights

Next quiz night: 26th July.

Many thanks again to JH for raising funds. (£72 from June quiz)

4. Correspondence

- McDonald's replied to a letter asking for litter picking equipment. Some equipment is ready to collect by PWO

5. Finance

Bank Balance

Balance and recent transactions shared with the committee.

Expenditure

The following expenses were approved for payment:

- GoDaddy SSL Certificate for website £74.99

6. Any other business

- FH raised the issue of the tree shoots which need removing from Brownshore crossing.
- PW mentioned that the graffiti still needs removing from the stone over the pools. AN will liaise with EPC to see if it needs professional attention.
- CW asked if we would again present a wreath at the remembrance service. It was agreed we should. NW to contact Bloxwich British Legion to confirm.

Date of next meeting- 16th August, 7.00pm Council Chambers