



**Friends of Essington Meeting**  
**8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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

**Apologies:** All present

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

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

**Miners Monument**

AN explained that full planning application is in process. PWo has collected the broken bits from Betty Mason. PWo has trialled the adhesive and it works very well. A discussion took place regarding an outline budget that PWo had prepared.

**Laptop**

Ongoing.

**Fred's Bed Bus Stop**

AN will write a final time to the relevant council department but it seems a lost cause.

**New Pedestrian Gate at St Johns School**

The whole committee would like to register their ongoing concern over safety issues and the lack of interest shown by the parties that are involved in this!! AN and TT will continue to push the issue- Ongoing.

**Calendar**

Finished calendars collected from printers by NW. The invoice has also been paid in full. Calendars were inspected and distributed to committee members based on their requirements. PW will coordinate delivering quantities to local shops and resupplying as required. Thanks to PW for coordinating this. Only two sponsors have not paid but AN will send out samples and a note of thanks to each sponsor so this will act as a reminder.

**Bovis Site Improvements**

No further action appears to have taken place on site so AN suggested NW writes on behalf of both FoE and EPC to request an update.

**Local walks**

PWo will investigate- Ongoing.

**Damaged/Missing Trees**

Ongoing.

**Jubilee Planter**

Jamie from Alvaston will be invited to attend next meeting to discuss plans for new planter and the logistics of material and plant storage etc.

**Method Statements for Project Work**

Laminated documents given to NW to attach to equipment for reference by users. Thanks to Wilson for all his work on this topic.

**Pools Monument Stone**

PW mentioned that the graffiti still needs removing from the stone over the pools. PW will investigate potential costs with suppliers- Ongoing.

**Remembrance Wreath**

Wreath has been delivered by RBL and invoice paid in full. CW & AW will present on behalf of FoE. Thanks to both for continued support in this annual activity.

**St Johns Academy Projects for Children**

PWo has started to investigate the best wildflower plugs for this project. He also suggested purchasing a small soil Auger drill bit to make the planting easier. The best time will be around March next year. TT will liaise with the staff at the Academy.

**Andy Morris Publicity Photograph**

Andy attended the last 'Wombles' event and took some photographs for inclusion on his website.

**Blackhalve Lane Gateway**

PWo & NW will trim the area to make it look more presentable. Discussions took place about how it could be improved. Ongoing

**Pools Birdboxes**

A team of volunteers cleaned the majority of the boxes. The remainder will be done on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**2. Environmental Activities**

None currently active

### **3. Social Events**

#### **Quiz Nights**

Next quiz night: 15<sup>th</sup> November at Working Men's Club.

JH is also doing a charity event at Essington Rugby club on 17<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome

### **4. Correspondence**

None received

### **5. Finance**

#### **Bank Balance**

Balance and recent transactions shared with the committee.

#### **Expenditure**

- Nothing presented for approval

### **6. Any other business**

- NW & CW demonstrated the housekeeping they had carried out on the Google drive.
- PWO proposed disposing of some items from the lockup. Committee agreed with this proposed task and PWO will undertake it in the near future.

**Date of next meeting- 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm Council Chambers**