



**Friends of Essington Meeting**  
**12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

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

**Apologies:** Jon Hanson

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

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

**Miners Monument**

It was discussed that Alan Degg has built things similar to this in the past, so maybe he has ideas and experience we could use. Also discussed about a brick-built structure with the miner's feature inserted into a recess to give extra strength.

Ongoing

**Fred's Bed Bus Stop**

The lamp post outside the church has now been reinstated. It is planned to move the physical bus stop sign very shortly.

**Local walks**

PWo proposed a walk from Wombourne Railway Station Car Park to Compton on SS Railway Walk and return on canal towpath. Dates to be discussed at next meeting.

**Jubilee Planter**

Jamie needs assistance to get wood out of storage to determine quantities. It was agreed to go to his workshop on 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.

**Pools Monument Stone**

Ongoing.

**Blackhalve Lane Gateway**

As per Jubilee Planter.

**Missing Wulfrun Way Signage**

New sign installed recently.

## **Fence Damage**

Two sessions have taken place with a good part of the fence now reinstalled. Final session to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.

## **Tree Planting Areas (behind the allotments)**

Awaiting project plan from Forest of Mercia.

## **Staffordshire Lottery**

NW has joined the lottery and explained it was very simple to do. Wider communication of the lottery is now required as opportunities arise.

## **AGM**

Completed before today's meeting

## **2. Environmental Activities**

None currently active

## **3. Social Events**

### **Quiz Nights**

Next quizzes 24<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> September at Essington WMC as usual.

## **4. Correspondence**

- Letter from Gavin giving his thanks for our work on the Spring clean and other litter picks
- Email from Support Staffs offering a volunteer brokerage scheme. It was not seen as relevant to our type of ad hoc projects.

## **5. Finance**

### **Bank Balance**

Latest Bank Statement shared with the committee by NW.

### **Expenditure**

It was discussed that we should purchase road signs to use when working around the village.

### **Year End Accounts**

Prepared and presented at AGM

## **6. Any other business**

- WT asked if we could cut back the overgrowth on the path connecting Willow Grove to Gorsemoor way as it is becoming a hazard.
- NW highlighted that the Key Factory path is also overgrown again. It was agreed to carry out work on both areas on 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.
- Next Wombles event is planned to be 27<sup>th</sup> June.
- Adrians Wall is in need of weeding. Agreed to carry out work on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am.

**Date of next meeting- 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm Council Chambers**