

FRIENDS OF THRINGSTONE
MINUTES OF MEETING 1ST DECEMBER 2005

Present: Chris Mellor, Pam Porter, Nita Pearson, Rowena Summers, Tony and Sandie Newton, Ray Neal, Jan Cufflin, Lorraine Whitehurst, Jo Johnson, Colin Porcher, Janet and David Stevenson, Sarah Morgan.

Apologies: John and Karon Smith, Pam Clayfield, Ray Woodward.
This was just a very short meeting before our 'Christmas Party'.

Update

Nita updated us that the Residents Association is not now going to happen. She has spare copies of the notes that she took at the meeting of last Thursday if anyone wants a copy. She also has spare copies of The Friends of Grace Dieu Priory Trust minutes. They are still planning an opening in April 2006.

Andy Vaughan is the new director of the environment for NWLDC. We are going to ask if he will come to our next meeting. Keith Fairbrother is now Street Scene.

Ray Neal mentioned that dog mess is a particular problem in the area.

Alan Gill has said that the problem with having a large bin is that people will put household rubbish into it, but that they will keep it in mind.

The House on the Green

The owner may be prosecuted as he has reneged on his agreement to do up the house with the money that he was given. If this were to happen then the council may do up the front of the house and send him the bill.

Litter Pick

8th January 2006 at 10.00 am on The Green regardless of weather. Phil Ellis who is responsible for the 'Vision' is going to come along and take a photo. Ray W is going to get all the sticks, bags etc together and hopefully arrange to get the collected litter taken away on the same day.

Funding

We have been pledged £700 from East Midlands Airport to improve our environment. Staunton Harold and Cuckoo Gap have agreed they will supply us and will then invoice the airport. Before planting can be done down Drury Lane we must get the agreement of Andy Perry. Nita has done interviews about the successful funding bid, with The Mercury and Echo Extra. These publications have said they will come and take some photos in the spring. She has also done an interview with Radio Leicester and sent some material to the Village Voice which is a quarterly magazine.

Date of next meeting

Next Friends of Grace Dieu meeting is 19\1\06

Next Friends of Thringstone meeting is on Thursday 2nd February 2006 at The Community Centre at 6.45.

Nita would like it recorded that Geoff Swan has printed 2000 newsletters free of charge.