

FRIENDS OF THRINGSTONE

MINUTES OF MEETING 7 December 2006

In Attendance:

Nita Pearson, Pam Porter, Bernard Lee, Lorraine Whitehurst, Ray Neal, Geoff Walker, Jan Cufflin, Margaret Smith, Jo Johnson, Janet Stevenson, Ann Petty, Rowena Summers, John Dickinson, Sandie & Tony Newton, Ray and Pat Woodward, Cllr Pam Clayfield and Mrs Clayfield, Colin Perrett, Brenda Simpson, Geoff and Jane Wilson.

Apologies recieved from:

John & Karen Smith, Chris Mellor, Jim and Annette Wilkinson and David Stevenson

Minutes of last meeting:

Accepted as circulated

Treasurers Report

Balance b/wd	£774.33	This figure was reported as £744.33 in error in the last minutes
Receipts	£500.00 £150.00 £ 30.00	Loan EMA Plants Grant Capelli Hair advert
Expenditure	£41.13 £150.00 £ 65.46	Wheelwright House Sign Plants NWLDC Leaflet Printing
Balance c/wd	£1197.74	

It was further reported that the above mentioned sign was now in place.

Secretarys Report

No correspondence sent or received but the chairman passed on letters which she had received from the following

- **Nottingham East Midlands Airport** covering the £150.00 cheque, this being the latest tranche of the grant awarded to us for environmental work and reminding us that we have £75.00 of the grant still to claim.
- **Leicestershire CC** giving conditional consent to our planting proposals for the Springfield/Loughborough road and Millhouse/Lilly Bank areas and detailing the conditions
- The chair also reported agreement with the authorities concerned over improvements to the footpath down Bob's Closs to Talbot Lane including the provision of 2 Kissing gates and discussions regarding a board walk
- It was further noted that Nottingham is to be dropped from the title of the airport. The name will revert to East Midlands Airport.
- Publicity and Cuttings were handed to the secretary.

Web Report

The Chair reported that the website is now up to date and correct.

Councilors Report

Cllr Pam Clayfield reported as follows:

A litter cleaning operation will be arranged by the County Council along Lilly Bank with traffic control due to the dangerous nature of the location.

Community Centre Management

The chairman asked for volunteers to assist with representation of the group at these meetings, Cllr Pam Clayfield, Pam Porter and Geoff Wilson put their names forward however there was confusion as to the precise requirement in that some felt that there was a stipulation that it must be the same person each time but not necessarily the chair. This will be clarified in due course and a decision taken at a later date.

Summer Event

It was agreed that this should be coordinated by a sub-committee which would meet for the first time on Thursday 1 February 2007. The constitution of this committee remains to be finalized but will include the Chairman and Events secretary.

In order to expedite the meeting the Chairman reported on a number of items and updates, which needed little discussion as follows

- Miners Welfare – Trustees have met with Community centre to discuss way forward. Still waiting to find out if a committee member from FOT can be on the Miners Welfare committee/group
- O₂ funding for further blue plaques was refused. No reason given.

- National Forest signage - National Forest have said they will sponsor at 71.6% of cost. Further bid gone in to RCC, thanks to help from Wendy Jones of NWLDC, for the remaining part of the signage costs, plus extra monies for the heritage trail walks leaflet, for plaques and for the history display for the summer event. School are interested in helping and being involved. Pam C liaising on this. NWLDC considering blue plaques under Heritage funding. Provisional discussions on this indicate maybe £200 funding.
- County Council agreement letter received. Will have to alter what was proposed to be planted given further communication from County on what can and can't go where, which was not indicated originally. Bernard put in 4 bushes on the front of Springfield estate last weekend, and is in discussions with Ray about planting further bushes and shrubs on Millbank. NP went to Staunton Harold to purchase everything last weekend. Still got £75 to claim from airport. Will be putting in for spring bulbs.
- History project – 2nd blue plaque purchased and given to owner of relevant house. Looking still at heritage trail walks leaflets – waiting for council to look at grant application, but they lost original application sent to them in August, and a replacement application has had to be submitted. Taping has gone well. Pam Spence has been taped with groups and is to be taped again shortly. Anne Petty typed up last mass taping at Community Centre and is also typing up the last one from Pam Spence's group. Anne Petty liaising with Ray Neal on taping Mrs. Newton and others, plus getting historical stuff from Mrs. Newton to copy and return. Thringstone County Primary School put details of our history project into their November newsletter, specifically suggesting children might like to tape their grandparents and great-grandparents. School is behind our project in total, including the hopeful summer event. NP should have met with school on 4th Dec, but meeting was postponed. No new date arranged as yet.
- Other grants – put in for various trees and shrubs to Ken Chamberlain awards in December and waiting to hear on that. Thought of plants down by the church wall and maybe more on Millbank. Put in Stage 1 Better Communities grant application to LCC for monies for mentoring, training and sourcing volunteers to work on conservation and tidying work. Had to be in by 1st Dec. Stage 2 people will be notified and then have to go on a training bid day in January.
- Pam Clayfield's sponsored walk in January – forms available. Council are advertising walk in their staff newsletter and also to those involved in the Exercise Referral Scheme in the district.
- Bulb planting and clearance down Millbank went very well on 2/3 weekends. Thanks to all volunteers and also to people from the area who joined in, especially Ian and Chris who took away all the clearance items to burn for us. Thanks also to Chris Mellor and her husband for spending hours doing a litter pick following the clearance work done and to Ray for the inordinate amount of work he's done down there.

- **AOB**
- Asked BTCV for help with conservation work. They wanted to charge us £230 plus VAT for the day. Declined this and asked if they could just send volunteers.
- Piece in Coalville Times about our group has been delayed, but will be printed eventually.
- Put an item on Connect Coalville website asking for volunteers to help with conservation work, which also links in with the LCC bid already discussed. Also asked them to help us get sponsorship through businesses for our summer event. May contact local businesses shortly on this.
- Found a website on linking churches with tourism and passed this on to Alan Burgess for action if felt relevant. Could potentially bring more people to the church if linked with Booth grave etc.
- All newsletters given to people to deliver. Thanks for doing the delivery, group!
- NP attended Management Committee meeting of Thringstone House on Monday. Need rota of people willing to attend these meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please give your names, as NP cannot attend all the meetings. (refer to note above in CC Management item)
- Sub-group meeting needed to work towards the summer event, especially looking at sponsorship, publicity, who puts together displays, whether we have food, any entertainment for children and adults etc. (refer to note above)
- Sandie thanked Lorraine for the provision of the decorations and lights in the room
- Happy to report Geoff Walker now out of hospital. Welcome back Geoff!
- Cllr Pam Clayfield and Lorraine reported that there is project to develop the Community Centre as a Film Centre. When such events were organized in the past the venue was always well supported and if successful this bid would result in a 'Hard Wired' permanent installation which would add to the facilities which already exist and enhance revenue generation at the centre.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 6.45pm at Thringstone Members Club on Thursday 18 January 2007

Rev Alan Burgess joined the meeting just after it finished.