

FRIENDS OF THRINGSTONE

MINUTES OF MEETING 17 May 2007

In Attendance:

Ray Woodward, Cllr Pam Clayfield, Rowena Summers, Jan Cufflin, Bernard Lee, Margaret Smith, Ann Petty, Sandie and Tony Newton, Ray Neal, Colin Porcher, Jo Johnson, Colin Perritt, Clare MacRory. Alan Burgess, Tracy Foulds, Dave Everitt and Geoff Wilson.

Apologies recieved from:

Nita Pearson, Pam Porter, Lorraine Whitehurst, John and Karon Smith and Jane Wilson.

Minutes of last meeting:

Accepted as circulated. No Matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer on holiday. Report passed to Ray Woodward to circulate.

Secretary's Report

No correspondence sent or received.

Web Report

No report

Councillors' Report

Cllr Dave Everitt stated that as a newly elected member of the council he was on a steep learning curve but was receiving help and support from outgoing members and

was looking forward to picking up on the good work which Rod Evans and Ray Woodward had been pursuing

Updates

Work is progressing at 181 Main Street. Nora Newton has indicated her willingness to donate £72.00 to cover the cost of trees for this project suggesting Cherry and other flowering trees as suitable.

Sponsorship update – This is still on track as indicated at the last meeting.

Walks leaflets - The latest leaflet has been proof read and is now back with the printer.

Tee Shirts – On track for delivery end May.

Blue Plaques – The last blue plaque is now in place.

Parking at on grass verges – Still ongoing.

Picnic in the Parks and Summer Event – All now coming together. Jan Cufflin suggested that a rota should be drawn up for this event and it was agreed that volunteers would give their names to Sandie. Rowena, Jan and Margaret have already indicated their willingness to assist. Sandie said that help would also be needed to set up for the Gracedieu event on 23 June 2007.

Subscription 2007/8

Discussion took place on this issue as a result of suggestions that the current level was perhaps too low and did not therefore cover the costs of running the group that meant that the funds raised for project work might need to be used to make up any shortfall. Various sums and arguments were proposed and discussed and finally the figure of £2.50 per member was agreed effective from the next AGM which is 28th June.

The Church Wall

This was argued upon for some time, the suggestions ranging from no involvement to continuing with the current proposal to seek funding to cover half of the estimated cost obtained by Alan Burgess.

The major concern was to avoid any long-term commitment to the upkeep of the wall and to avoid any legal obligations if the wall at some stage in the future caused injury to any third party.

Alan Burgess indicated to the meeting that by adding a specific form of words to the donation it could be made clear that this was a one-off payment without prejudice to any future event.

It was eventually agreed that we should proceed cautiously towards raising the necessary funds for this project by funding bids.

Promotional Packs

It was agreed that we should put together a pack of Walk Leaflets, Thringstone Born and Bred booklets and any other publications that we have had a hand in the production of to be given to The Squire de Lisle at the Summer Event. A promotional pack containing details of all that has been achieved by the group, a letter explaining our group and the constitution is being prepared by Nita to give to people at any of the events who show an interest in becoming members.

Plants for Picnic in the Parks

It was noted once again of the importance of members being aware of the need to produce plants to stock the stall at this event.

We were reminded of the offer of stock of this type at trade prices made by Simon Smith but hopefully we shall not have to resort to purchase.

AOB

TV Exposure

Nita spoke to Colin Green Of Central Tonight about the environmental work done in the preservation of the Meadowland at Bobs Closs and was pleased to notice that this was flagged on the rolling banner at the foot of the screen during transmission that night.

Summer Event Publicity

We missed the deadline for inclusion in NWLDC Vision however Sue Shannon has undertaken to contact individuals via the internal notices. Cllr Pam Clayfield will try to get this information published in the Inner Vision, the in house NWLDC magazine. Other publicity channels are continuing to be pursued. Posters are being prepared, and leaflets being done.

GD Cricket Club

It seems that the drive to enroll new members is paying off which is very good news.

Christian Aid Week

Jan Cufflin announced that there would be an event to raise funds for this at 101 Talbot Street on June 2nd. Cream Teas will be served and there will be stalls and a raffle.

Newsletters

These should be delivered during early June for maximum impact on the publicity for the Summer Event.

Community Action Day

Clare MacRory told the meeting that having made a tour of the Melrose Estate and finding that there was little that the planned action day was going to bring she had decided to put her effort into the Hensons Lane Estate where the problems which she proposed to tackle in this way were more acute. This was to be arranged for some future date and we would be informed of progress. It was agreed that we should continue with the planned Litter-pick.

Clare further announced a Fund Raising Concert at The Charnwood Arms on Friday 25 May 2007.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is the AGM and will take place at 6.45pm at The Community Centre on Thursday 28 June 2007.