

Minutes of meeting of Friends of Thringstone held at Thringstone Community Centre, 6th December 2007.
Minutes prepared in advance of meeting for handout, as this is Christmas party.

Present: Expected full membership with following exceptions

Apologies: Pam Clayfield, Bill Ensor, Rowena Summers, Tam Bream and possibly others not yet identified.

Treasurer's report

Balance carried forward	£851.35		
Receipts		Nil banked	
Expenditure		£250.00	Plants
Balance carried forward	£601.35		

The treasurer has cheques totalling £380 to present, and Nita has £15 in cash for calendar sales, including one to the USA and £17 in brochure donations. The un-presented cheques include £20 for an advert payment and £10 for brochure donation, the rest being sponsorship received. New sponsors since the last meeting are listed below under funding update. Some cash has been kept back for use as a float at the Christmas Fayre. A new member has been recruited from Henson's Lane.

Secretary's report

There was nothing to report. Copies of some of the reports in the press concerning the Christmas Fayre were passed on for the press cutting book.

Web report

We now have a web address more fitting – www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk and this will now be used on letterheads etc.

Barring some minor adjustments and additions, the site is up to date. We are, however, investigating putting sponsors' names on the home page in recognition of their donations.

History Sub-group update

Ann Petty and her group have met with Peter Liddle at the Millbank site. He is very impressed with what he has seen, which could include the remains of more than the one mill of which we were aware. He has agreed to contact a landscape archaeologist for him to come and look at what is there and take matters further. Ray Neal continues to visit the site regularly for finds.

Ann has been looking at a copy of The Domesday Book and discovered two mentions of Thringstone in the Derbyshire section, one of which includes the name of a hitherto unknown local landowner. She wishes to find out more on this. She has sent an email to a local man wishing to put together millennium village maps and is awaiting a response. He had an article in the Coalville Times along those lines. Photographs lent to us by Pam Spence have been scanned by John Dickinson for our archives. These are mostly photos of Pam's family taken outside The Bulls Head around the 1920s.

Nita has spoken with Mrs Haywood who also has photographs which she will allow us to copy, and agreed to contact her again after the New Year when Mrs Haywood may well have found other useful photographs.

John Dickinson has scanned into his archive copies of photographs taken by Janet Stevenson around the time of the millennium. Even relatively recent photographs like these are important to preserve.

Publications update and distribution returns

John Dickinson collected £17 from the George and Dragon for publication donations. On Nita's last visit to Snibston, our publications were still there on display.

John Dickinson is working hard to edit down the transcripts of the tapes of local residents recording their memories, which are to be published in 2008 following successful funding from Thringstone WI. He is also looking at photographs to insert, and says we probably have enough material for 3 books not just one.

Christmas Event Update

Minutes of the events meeting held on 22nd November have been circulated. Signage, posters, banners and promotion have been done for the Christmas Fayre. Programmes have been done, extra tables sourced, PA system acquired, evaluation forms printed, risk assessment done, stall holders contacted, rotas have been revised, volunteers sought to help with set up on the night before our Christmas Fayre and on the morning of the fayre, and we are ready and prepared for a good day. There are several items still being dealt with, such as collection of bird boxes to sell, collection of extra tables, provision of gazebos, collection of PA system etc., but these are all in hand.

Coalville Times printed the wrong time for our event in their paper of Friday 30th November, and have agreed to put the article in again the following week with the right timings.

Summer Event

Since the last meeting another 2 people have contacted the group with an interest in coming along to the Christmas Craft Fayre with their products. They saw details of our event on the internet. They have been contacted to say that we are fully subscribed, but will be contacted again last next year about the September event.

Planting updates

Bernard, Colin and Ray have completed planting the trees funded by NWLDC. We have other bushes to plant which replace others stolen and damaged at various sites within the village. Some more spring bulbs will shortly be planted around Millhouse Estate area, and maintenance work and weeding etc. continues as normal.

Ann Petty will go to talk to Norah Newton about her donation of monies towards further planting shortly.

Calendar update

Unsold calendars which had been given to Capelli's to sell have been taken back. A further 10 calendars were returned unsold from Tam Bream and given to Sandie, and Ray has a stock of 13. Sandie is liaising with the cricket club's groundsman about taking orders for calendars, and what is left from her stock will then go to the school for their fayre. Tony Newton is going to the George and Dragon to take back any

unsold from there, and there are also possibly unsold ones at the Community Centre, which will also be taken back if possible for sale at our event. A free calendar has been sent to our local MP, David Taylor, c/o the Hotel Street address and to our sponsors, who are also getting Christmas cards.

Funding update

We are still waiting to receive the cheque from the WI for our publication mentioned above, but this is due to delays with solicitors. Sponsorship has been received from Quiet Storm (£50), Terry Burchall (£10), Mason and Son (Chemists) Ltd (£50), P&R Building Supplies (£250). Ray W is continuing to seek areas of sponsorship. This money will be used for entertainment provision at the September event.

We received no monetary sponsorship at all for our Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre, but many people donated items for the raffle and the wine and water stand, for which they are thanked.

Newsletters

Newsletters have been delivered in the village to promote the Christmas Fayre. Some flyers (smaller versions of our Christmas poster) were given in November to Ann Petty for her nephew to deliver in the Carterdale area.

Purchase of a marquee

It was agreed that we have a look at the marquee at some time before we make a decision. We need to make sure that we have a use for it and that the condition is right. The weather is hardly the best to be opening up tents, so Ray W will make the arrangements later.

Balfour Beatty

Nita has received an email from the company to say they are looking into our complaint further, following contact from the Highways Department.

Village Appraisals and way forward

Having finally managed to get a full copy of the village appraisal done in 1999/2000, Nita has done a précis of the recommendations made with a view to seeing what has been done since that time, and what still remains outstanding. Nita has contacted various members for their views on this, sought partners' views, and will be taking a topic per month to put into the meeting format for discussion from February onwards. February's topic is likely to be crime and safety, and Dwight Barker will be invited along. If anybody wants a copy of the précis of the appraisal, please ask.

Bob's Closs Cable

A meeting of the Executive and Management Committees of the Community Centre is to be held to discuss the situation of the underground cable more fully.

Date of next meeting: 10th January 2008 at Thringstone Community Centre at 6.45pm. Guest speaker will be Victoria Bowers, Rural Enabler from NWLDC.

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