



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2016 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Kath Ingall, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Bernard Lee, Pam Porter, Pat Darby, Dave Everitt, Roy Hill, Geoff Walker, Mike Statham, Nigel Roberts, Ray Woodward, PCSO Luke Broughton

Apologies: Bill Enser, Gillian Bates, Marlene Pearson, Geoff and Jane Wilson, David Stevenson, Julie Everitt, Ron Hill

Discussions/Decisions

Help with Thringstone Music Festival – This is currently planned for Saturday 16 July at the centre, which will have a different name by then! In order for this event to be a success, the centre is asking now for people to contact them to put themselves forward to help as volunteers on the day and in the run up to the event. There will be a need for people to help behind the bar, with catering, with general work on site, with general marshalling, and lots of other things. Please contact Lorraine or Janet at the centre if you feel able to help in any way at all, for however long or short a time on the day. They will also need people the morning afterwards to help clear the site of litter and general debris, and put things away like tables and chairs which have been taken out of storage. Again, if you can help, please contact Lorraine or Janet at the centre.

The centre also needs people to help to distribute leaflets, and there was general discussion at this point about the lack of volunteers generally for the centre going forward.

Pam Porter said people might be willing to help if they knew they were only required for specific times. It was agreed that people would be given time slots, and to accord with the law on such matters, people agreeing to work longer hours would be given adequate breaks.

Weight limit on Lilybank - We contacted the county council and understand that the weight limit on this road is 7.5 tonnes. There is signage to this effect on the corner of Lilybank angled towards traffic coming from Ashby. Leon Spence investigated what lorry routes were agreed as part of the Co-op's planning approvals but it appears they suggested sticking to Loughborough Road.



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The County Council has told us that where weight restrictions are in force, HGV's are allowed to access these areas for the purposes of loading/unloading deliveries and getting to their appropriate destinations. However, if we suspect that vehicles are travelling along roads within a restricted area in contravention of this restriction, we should contact the Police who are the only authority with the necessary powers to take action against such contraventions. The police need dates, times, registration details etc., which will be difficult to obtain. We were further told that weight restrictions are within zones and signing is only required at the start and exit of zones. Therefore, in light of the above, we asked where the exit sign was, and for a map showing the weight restricted area. The reply received states that the weight restricted zone is bounded by the A512, A111 and M1. All roads, with the exception of Leicester Road Whitwick within this zone are weight restricted, which makes no sense to us at all. Having spoken to the police about this matter, they feel there is little they can do without dates, times and registration numbers. Some people have suggested that Lilybank should be made one way and we have suggested this to Leon Spence, but this is unlikely to happen unless there are some serious accidents to cite in evidence of a one way scheme. *The meeting felt that the county council were merely fobbing off the issue and this was possibly because they hadn't the necessary staff or infrastructure to do anything further. Dave said he had seen large vehicles using this route.*

Fencing and footpaths at old Clover Place play area – We were contacted by two separate people who live on Main Street and who had received letters from NWLDC stating that there had been an application to put 2.4 metre wire fencing around the perimeter of the old play area as part of the redevelopment of this ground into part of the football facilities. The issues were concern over the height of the fencing onto which their gardens back, and also the access to public footpaths, which we understood were to remain, other than the access people presently have diagonally across the play area from Henson's Lane to Clover Place. We also copied the letter and sent these to district and county councillors involved in the issue.

We have also received a letter telling us of a public consultation into the rerouting of one of the footpaths that presently crosses the site from Henson's Lane to Clover Place. We have emailed all our email members on this and sent a copy of the map. The idea is that the large walkway access from Henson's Lane to that area will still remain open, and the footpath then divert them to another footpath around the outside of the site. The public consultation remains open until 12 April. If anybody needs/wants to see the map to make comments, please let us know. Comments should be made to Jason Knight on 454602.

Century of Stories – This is an 8 week project which started with the group on 22 February which will be to design a banner of **Thringstone now and then**. A poster advertising this was put on facebook by Century of Stories, which we copied and put on our own facebook and twitter links but only 3 children have been attracted to come along, which is a very low number. We have already started working on a banner of Thringstone 100 years ago, and intend to go through the village, looking especially at businesses and pubs, in order to do another poster showing Thringstone now. It is unclear, however, what will happen to the artwork produced. *There was general discussion at this point about how to promote the project at schools and elsewhere and the help being given by the Century of Stories team.*

Donation of £100 – We were made aware of a book called The Adventures of Ben being produced, with illustrations, by Geoff Walker as a bedtime reading book for children. Proceeds from this book are being given to The Old School House, Main Street. For those that are not aware, this is a residential home for people with severe learning and physical disabilities,



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and the home is presently fundraising to equip a sensory room. The cabin to house this room has already been constructed. We were told that a print cost for 50 books would be around £100. The committee discussed this and felt we should give a donation of this amount towards the project. We hope all members support this action. There are going to be fundraisers at the home shortly, including a fete and a fun run. The Old School House needs £3,000 to equip the sensory room. The production of Cocacabana in May is supporting this fund raising. *Geoff told the meeting that he has already obtained some donations from Thringstone Panto and Drama Society as well as the local speakers club and various individuals. He is going to take part in a 24 hour race as well as another race at Bradgate, and said there is currently a Just Giving site which will take donations.*

The meeting commended Geoff to taking on the role as Liaison for this fundraising venture, and also for the efforts he himself was putting in to raising funds.

Whitwick Community Enterprises - This organization ran for several years from North Street in Whitwick, and was responsible for producing and delivering the Close Knit magazine around Whitwick and for organizing the Party in the Parks. A press release was received on 7 February which read: 'Whitwick Community Enterprises is disappointed to announce that it will cease trading with immediate effect. This has been caused by the unexpected withdrawal of funding for its largest source of income, the Talent Match Programme during. Talent Match is a programme for disengaged 18 to 24 year olds who are not in employment, education or training, the funding for which is administered by The Princes Trust. Whitwick Community Enterprises also support people in Apprenticeships, provides Alternative Provision for 14 to 18 year olds and has supported community activities in Whitwick such as the annual Party in the Park, Close Knit and Whitwick Community Coffee Shop which closed in 2014. We are working with other groups to provide continuity for these activities. Whitwick Community Enterprises has supported over 500 disengaged young people in recent years. The vast majority of these have gone onto further education or employment. We are proud of the difference we have made to people's lives. Whitwick Community Enterprises wishes to thank its suppliers and its committed employees without which the successes of the company would not have been achieved.'

We understand that Lisa Collins from The Constitutional Club wants to put a committee together to **take on Whitwick Party in the Parks**. A meeting is being held at the club on 9 March at 7.30pm and all interested parties should try to attend.

Mike said that WCE had approached the centre to work with them on various things, but this had not been forthcoming.

Recycling bins on The Green – We have received confirmation from NWLDC that these recycling bins **do not accept glass** or things in carrier bags. In recent weeks, several people have put glass items, such as cooking sauce jars, in these bins. This causes problems at the depot. New signage is being created to remind people that these bins do not accept glass. If people wish to recycle glass, there are two bins on the community centre's car park that take glass.

Monthly litter pick total – 139 against 149 for February 2015.

This month, Dave and Sharon, who litter pick 3 times a week for us, picked up a load of dumped Troop Aid donation bags near Thringstone Members Club. We phoned the charity to tell them that they had been dumped so they could talk to the person doing local deliveries. Nita also found a load of dumped Cancer Research charity bags (375 in total) down Drury Lane. Again, this was reported to the charity concerned.



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It is quite noticeable lately that the amount of littering down the lane to the George and Dragon is increasing, leading to us trying to clear this weekly where possible. There was also more litter in the woods after an Orienteering Event held on 27 February to which 300 people were invited.

Clean for the Queen - Our event takes place at **10am on Saturday 5**

March. This has been advertised by posters we have put up around the village, and a small advert was placed in Thringstone Primary's February newsletter. We have also informed the council about collecting the bags we collect, and the housing officer dealing with council properties in the village has been advised, so she can help to get people joining in. We have also posted this information on the council's website, and put up a poster in Morrison's. NWLDC's streetscene manager went on to BBC Radio Leicester on 25 February to talk about all the litter picks happening locally, including ours, but it is interesting that on the dedicated Clean for the Queen website, only our event and one at St David's church in Coalville are listed locally despite us knowing that something is happening in Whitwick and in Coalville town centre. All the local litter picks were, however, included in an article in the RCC newsletter of 29 February.

We understand Thringstone rainbows will be joining us on this pick, and have also contacted the Coalville 1188 squadron, so that we can blitz the woodland area. Michael from Ruby's chip shop has said he will give free chips to any children that come along to the clean up, for which we thank him. Nita agreed not to do any litter picking before the litter pick.

NWLDC's dog watch scheme – This scheme is aimed to reduce the amount of dog fouling in the district, and there are several posters and stencils, especially on Gracedieu Road, reminding people of their responsibilities. At the recent Keep Britain Tidy Awards this scheme won an award, so well done to Jacquie and her team. We sent them a congratulatory email. Since there is a problem with dog fouling down the jitty to the church, we have asked that the council consider putting some posters there for us. These are, apparently, on order and will be placed there in due course.

Chairs Report

Letters received:

- Invitation for Nita and Ann to attend a celebration of volunteering at Radisson Blu, East Midlands Airport, on 20 March. Accepted, plus letter from NWLDC referred to earlier.

Emails received:

- Various from people with whom we regularly share information.
- From **Voluntary Action Leics.** asking if we still wished to advertise every month for general helpers. Said no, since we had no local response in the last year anyway.
- NWLDC is producing a directory of **voluntary groups in NWL** and asked for our details on a proforma. This was completed and returned as requested.

Emails sent:

- Various to local agencies, and to council regarding flytipping and other issues like lights out and a new top being required for the dog fouling bin at the back of the bowling club.
- To **de Lisle estate** regarding several fallen trees in the woodland which are blocking acknowledged walkways. Work to remove these trees started on 14 February, but is only taking place at weekends.

Promotion:

- We have 354 **twitter followers**, an increase of 9 this month, and 237 **facebook followers**, an increase of 19 this month.



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Other:

- Some kind person put a post on **Spotted Whitwick** on facebook about the work done by Nita daily litter picking in the village. Over 200 people visited that posting and either liked it or put messages. Many very nice comments were made, and a lot of appreciation shown for all the work the group as a whole does in the village. Thanks to everybody for their support, and like someone put, if less litter were dropped, there would be less to pick up.
- We were given 4 football trophies from the **George and Dragon** relating to the 1986-7 season. Having asked around locally, a facebook posting we made, which had over 1800 views, brought a link to Daz Tarry, who we contacted. He wanted the trophies for his nephew. Daz's brother, Keith, now deceased, had played for the team and he thought Keith's son would like them to remember his dad by. Thanks to Josh at the George and Dragon and Bill Enser for getting these trophies to us so we could find someone who really wanted them.
- Phone call received from **Thringstone Bowls Club** saying they wanted to give us a ship made by the late Bobby Emmerson for our archives. This is being given to the Community Centre to display. The club also wanted to give us £56 being half of a raffle they did. Gladly accepted. The club has written to Bobby's widow about this, and will contact us after they have spoken with her.

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)			
			£2,676.29
Income		Expenditure	
		Broadband etc.	£12.86
Publications	£6	Ink for Ann Petty	£18.00
Raffle	£7	Carparking	0.50
		Donation	£100
			£13
total income to general fund		Total expenditure	£131.36
		Total general fund at month end	£2,557.93

Publications Report

Nita sold a Thringstone and Its People for £6. Nita gave a free copy of the businesses book to the tutor dealing with the current Century of Stories project.

Web Report

The webmaster is still dealing with updates.

Police Report – PCSO Luke Broughton

There was a serious incident on 3 March with several marked cars at Fortnam Close. This incident was dealt with.



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There was a further theft of meat from Thringstone Co-op, and there is a suspect for this. There were 3 attempted thefts which resulted in an arrest. These thefts were linked to the thefts of large quantities of meat from several local Co-ops. Tyres to a car had been slashed on Melrose Road and this was being investigated

The meeting discussed the problems with people driving at other drivers coming through the traffic calming just past Whitwick Moor going out of the village. Other people have seen drivers actually drive round the traffic calming. Luke said that, in order for this to be dealt with, people needed to give dates, times and registration numbers to the police. Without this, although they knew there was a problem, nothing could be done. People must report incidents to the police either by dialing 101 or sending an email to the appropriate police team.

Community Report and What's On

- **Rev Liz Angell** has been appointed vicar to St Andrew's, St George's and St John's. We believe she starts in July.
- **Volunteers needed** between Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 March to help run small group activities with 7 & 8 year olds at St John the Baptist Church. All guidance given. Please contact church for further details.
- **Grace Dieu Manor School** has recently installed a willow cross, close to the chapel playground. Funded by the parents association, this installation was constructed by pupils and Wayside Willow.
- **The George and Dragon** have a curry night every Tuesday, with a variety of curries on offer for £10 to include a drink.
- The charity dog walk on 7 February in aid of **Woodstock in Whitwick** raised £110. Many thanks to all who supported this and to the Three Crowns in Whitwick for putting on refreshments.
- The recent Chocolate Bingo Evening at **Thringstone Primary** raised £100 for school funds.
- Every Sunday at **Thringstone Members Club**, from 7.45pm til 10.30pm, John is hosting music for dancing. Admission cost £2.50. All welcome.
- 4 March – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – unplugged. Starts at 9pm. All welcome.
- 4 March – Plug and play at **Lady Jane, Whitwick**.
- 4 March – **Whitwick Constitutional Club** - Gary Barlow and Robbie Williams tribute. Starts at 9pm. £5 for non-members and £3 for members.
- 6 March – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Phil Carr from 9pm.
- 8 March – **FREE Cuban salsa class** at Coalville Labour Club, Bridge Road. Come to the first free class and get the next two for half price. Starts 7pm and ends at 8pm. Teacher Ariel Rios Robert. For more details contact 07944 338979.
- 9 March – planning meeting to discuss **Whitwick Party in the Parks** at Constitutional Club, Whitwick. Starts at 7.30pm
- 11 March – Thringstone Primary's PTA **film club**. More info from school
- 11 March – Whitwick Parish Church – **Coalville Male Voice Choir** 7.30pm start. Tickets £7.50.
- 12 March – **Nicholas Martin** playing the magnificent Technics Organ at Holy Cross Primary School. 7.30pm start. Tickets £6. Contact 223529 for further information.



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- 15 March - Thringstone WI are looking at behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show. Meet at the Methodist Chapel Hall at 7.30pm. For further details about Thringstone WI, please contact thringstonewi@gmail.com All meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- 18 March – Thringstone Primary’s PTA **Fashion Show**. More info from school.
- 19 March – Village Hall, Belton – **Life Is A Cabaret**. Tickets £7. Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm start. Further details from 01509 674512.
- 27 and 28 March – **Bull’s Head** - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9am-11am. Tickets will be £5 and available from the pub. This weekend will also be a raffle for a hamper, with all proceeds going to Adapt – extra special babies, extra special support.
- 28 March – **Easter at Hough Mill** – Easter activity trail, crafty fun and lego games. 2pm-4pm. Donations welcome. More info from 838331.
- 2 April – Lady Jane, Whitwick – **Noisewater** Live in concert. Starts at 9pm
- 16 April – **Old School House Thringstone’s Open Day** – raffles, table top sales etc. in order to raise money for the sensory room. Open 12 noon until 4pm. All welcome.
- 23 April – **St George’s day celebration** at Hare and Hounds, Whitwick
- 7 May – **Plant Sale** at Coleorton Wood, Pitt Lane, off The Moor, Coleorton. Starts at 10.30am and finishes at 1pm. All sorts of plants and shrubs available plus planters and garden ornaments. Refreshments available.
- 13 May – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – 70s night with Jayne Lesley
- 15 May – **Grace Dieu Historical Walk** with members of Friends of Grace Dieu Priory. Meet at Bull’s Head at 3pm. Cost £3. Children free.
- 17-21 May – **Cocacabana** the musical at Thringstone House Community Centre. Tickets £8, children £7. Starts at 7.30pm each evening. Tickets from 834575
- 19 May – Walk through **Grace Dieu Woods** with the Ramblers as part of the National Forest Walk Festival. Meets at the Hare and Hounds in Whitwick at 7pm.
- 20 May – Mizz Pink at Whitwick Constitutional Club – Stacey Green’s Pink tribute act. Tickets on the door - £5 to non-members, £3 to members.
- 21 May - **Plant Sale** at New Lount Nature Reserve, Newbold Coleorton. Starts at 10.30am and finishes at 1pm. All sorts of plants and shrubs available plus planters and garden ornaments. Refreshments available.
- 25 May – **Whitwick Historical Group** is leading a historical walk round Whitwick meeting at their Old Station Close HQ at 1pm. Light refreshments afterwards.
- 26 May – Black Horse, Whitwick – bank holiday mini beer festival and family fun day with live music
- 30 May – **Take Teddy to the Mill** – event organised by Swannington Heritage Trust. 2pm-4pm at Hough Mill, Swannington. Teddy themed fun with crafts, games and refreshments. Donations welcome. More info from 838331
- 6 June – **Fund Raising Quiz for The Old School House**, Thringstone’s sensory room at Lady Jane, Whitwick starting at 8pm.
- 8 July – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Elvis and Neil Diamond tribute with Dave Dixon
- 14 Oct – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – 80s night with Jayne Lesley
- 28 Oct – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Elton John Tribute evening



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History report

- We received some **photos** taken in the early 1960s of Lavinia Bonser nee Charlton and other youngsters in Main Street for which we are grateful. We have also received two more photos of members of the **Morley family** and a picture of **John Willie Smith**, who married Miss Millie Watson (see below).
- Janet now has a copy of the minute book for the **Whitwick Bell Ringers** between 1891 -1910. It has some very interesting snippets pasted inside the front cover including a letter from Mary Booth thanking the ringers for some wedding ringing although it is not clear whose wedding this is, and we are not able, as yet to enlighten anybody on this. The letter is undated, but she sent them some wedding cake! There is another pasting entitled **How to hurt your town or village** written by Mr W Franks of Swannington which contains many things still relevant today.
- We have been asked by Bellway Homes to help them with information relating to **men of Thringstone who died in WW1** whose names could potentially be taken into account in the naming of roads on the new estate near the Bull's Head. Having gone through various suggestions, we are currently working on 5 names who have a connection with this end of the village (like Henson's Lane, near the George and Dragon and Gracedieu). The idea of the builders is for us to be able to prove that there are people still connected with any name chosen who still live locally and could potentially come to any opening of the development (as happened, eventually, with the Fox development in Main Street). We will continue to work on this and liaise with Bellway Homes and see where this leads. *Nita said that she had sent Bellway full details of soldiers from WW1, together with a list of village amenities, as these were not mentioned in the current website information on the development, and might be useful for Bellway to have. She had also mentioned to Bellway that they could advertise in The Bauble, and also consider sponsoring the music festival. Mike said that he had written to the director of Bellway along the lines of sponsorship but had received no reply. Nita said as she had the name of the man in the sales team dealing with the development, she was in a better position to follow through on this, especially given that FoT had helped with the supply of names for roads, which had taken some time to produce,*
- Sue Nicklinson gave us 20 family photos to scan for the archives relating to the **Knapp, Gee and Fortnam** families, plus a photo of some children from the Sunday School at the community centre, on which is **Miss Millie Watson**, about whom we have written in previous history reports, appears. This is the first time we have seen a photo with her on it. Other photos we have scanned include those of Irene and Marlene West, Emma and Herbert Wallbank, Ann Baxter's wedding and a photo taken in the old Fox in June 1950 which includes Kitty McGahan – the later Fox didn't open until August 1955 – and the Fox darts team from around 1950.
- We have found details of the **parish council elections in April 1913** in a newspaper archive, indicating that 12 men stood for election. The following people were elected and their votes recorded: James Gee 131, Benjamin Baxter 108, Thomas Watts 105, Thomas Fretter Siddons 97, John Mee Kidger (farmer) 76, John William Peters (Star Beer House) 71. The other 6 men who did not receive sufficient votes were George Henry James 70, Edward P Kidger 64, George Henry Hallam (Queen's Head) 57, Edward Hicken (Talbot Arms) 57, James Barton 55 and Stephen William Blythe 26.



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- Now that we have free access to the **1939 registers**, we have run off over 30 of the schedules for what we believe to be the whole of the village, plus parts of Gracedieu Road, The Warren, Talbot Lane and Sandholes and the area from the top of the A512 to the Bull's Head. We also have the schedules for Gracedieu Lodge, the farms around there, and Grace Dieu School. This schedule was taken on 29 September 1939 and is the nearest thing any of us will be able to tell of our area and families between 1921 and 1951, as the 1931 census was lost in WW2 and the 1941 census not taken. If people are interested in who lived in their property, or in addresses for members of their family, please contact us and we will try to help where we can. We have already given copies of some of our research to interested parties in the village.
- We are now able to access newspaper archives relating to **Thringstone in 1950**, as a result of which the following information has been discovered:
 - A newspaper article in the Leicester Mercury of 27 January 1950 tells the story of Harry Hammond, formerly of **Booth Road** being taken to court for peeping through the curtains of a Mrs Griffiths in Booth Road regularly after her husband had gone to work around 6am in a morning. The curtains did not reach the bottom of the window, and there was therefore a gap through which Mr Hammond could look. Mr Hammond was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £10 and 8 shillings costs. We are told by people who remember this that Mrs Griffiths was a very good looking woman.
 - There was a fire in **Grace Dieu Woods** in August 1950 which took 6 hours to put out and during which 8 acres of the woodland was burnt. There had been previous smaller fires in May and June.
 - In August 1950, **every resident in Thringstone over the age of 65** received a holiday gift of 30 shillings from Thringstone Old People's Gift Fund Committee, according to Leicester Daily Mercury of 5 August 1950. An event held at The Fox in July 1950 had raised £80 for this fund.
 - The Leicester Daily Mercury of 3 October 1950 told of **Albert Wilkinson**, aged 4 of 12 Booth Road having fallen from a stationary van. Albert obtained head injuries and was taken to Leicester General Hospital.
 - On 29 December 1950, the Leicester Daily Mercury reported on a court case involving Richard and Florence Thompson of **Lilybank**. The court was told that there were 6 children, aged from 8 months to 8 years, who were subject to child neglect. They were all dirty, ill-clad and underweight. Mrs Thompson was instructed in how to care for her family, and Mr Thompson was sent to prison for 6 months. Several people who were around the village at this time remember this family of 4 boys and 2 girls and the problems they faced. Nobody seems to remember what happened to any of these children who we believe were Lawrence, Aubrey, Derrick, George, Margaret and Florrie.
 - In November 1950, Mr Thomas Hendrie, aged 37 of **15 Main Street** was taken to hospital following a pit accident at Bagworth Colliery. He had injuries to his neck following a fall of coal.

Councillors' report

- People wanting new red recycling boxes, lids, garden recycling bin, yellow or blue bags can order these on line through NWLDC.



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- Hedging has been removed to gain access to the new **85 unit building site, which will be called The Priory**, which developers Bellway Homes are building near The Bull's Head. This had to be done before 1 March which is the date birds start nesting. This access point is right next to the current traffic calming. Fencing has also been delivered to the site and is being erected on a daily basis, which causes problems for their vans which park partly on the pathway and partly on the road.

Several people have made comments regarding the inadequate drainage on Loughborough

Road, and that even with slight rain, the bottom drain on the Bull's Head side overflows. Leon Spence is going to investigate this, and also the expected date for the removal of the existing traffic calming. We have also asked him to verify or otherwise the rumour going round that the bottom end of the cricket pitch, which is owned by the de Lisle family, is to be removed to widen the road at that point and take away the bend. The cricket club has no knowledge of this, however. The website for Bellway Homes suggests all houses will be 3 and 4 bedroomed and both semi-detached and detached and apparently will be ready in the summer.

- Dave said that there had been a council budget meeting at which it was agreed that the budget remain the same. This would start to affect services as costs will continue to rise.
- There had been a request to consider giving free parking for the last 2 hours of the day during the week in Coalville to attract more people to town after they had finished work, but this had been turned down.
- Discussion had taken place about re-offering free swimming for certain categories, but this had not reached a positive conclusion.
- The planning application to build on the green wedge behind Hall Lane, Whitwick, had been unanimously turned down at council. *There was considerable talk at this point about builders continuing to put in to build on green wedge, and that this must be protected.*

Gardening and environment

- Bernard has pruned several bushes around the village.

Centre news – Mike Statham/Nigel Roberts

- There is a possibility of a village bake off taking place at the centre in the summer. *Geoff said that the Hare and Hounds are considering doing one of these, but limiting it to men only.* Mike is planning to run a treasure hunt in the summer. Nigel is hoping to get a professional stage show to come to the centre shortly and also hoping to organize Northern Soul nights in the upstairs hall, as those currently held locally are suffering from the lack of a good dance floor.
- Nigel said that the centre now has a new sound system.
- Mike said that Kevin Butcher from the RCC is busy drafting the new centre's constitution.
- *There was discussion about the film club and the difficulty advertising films in advance but people needed to know what they were turning up to see. Ann gave some suggested films she would like to see at the centre and asked that the volume be more appropriate.*



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