



The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2016 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Bernard Lee, Pat Darby, Pat Hubbard, Maureen Simm, Tracy Foulds, Nigel and Mary Roberts

Apologies: Ann Petty, Ron Hill, Bill Enser, Geoff Walker, Geoff and Jane Wilson, Tam Bream, Mike Statham, Pam Porter, Dave and Julie Everitt, John Jackson

Discussions/Decisions.

Charles Booth Exhibition 26 November 11am-6pm– Following on from the last minutes, Ibstock Historical Group is also now taking part in our event and Newbold has shown an interest. It is possible that a member of the Booth family will come to open the event. We have now organized for David White to do one of his 'famous' slide shows at 5pm until 6pm to finish off the event.

The following groups are involved:

- **FoT** with Charles Booth
- **Whitwick HSG** with Thomas Elsdon Ashford VC who was briefly a Thringstone postman and married a Thringstone girl at St Andrew's. His only son is also buried there.
- **Measham Museum** with Joseph Wilkes
- **Ibstock History Group** with families affected by WW1
- **Coalville Heritage Group** with George Smith and the munitions factory girls
- **Ravenstone Almshouses** with their founder Rebecca Wilkins
- **Newbold History Group** with Frank Hodges and the industrial trail

The centre has someone updating a 1930s radio to put in MP3 player, and it may be possible to play some things from the past at this event. Rev Liz Angell has agreed to have St Andrew's open from 10am -12 noon on the day of our event and the Sunday holy communion service will concentrate on the anniversary of the death of Charles Booth.

Future of Hermitage Leisure Centre – NWLC is considering demolishing the Hermitage Leisure Centre and building a new one in Coalville where the Co-op is situated. The



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Whitwick site would become a site for development, but money would still need to be borrowed to finalise the new building. Our local councilor is opposed to this mainly because the Whitwick site is a good one and the Coalville one is a poor one. He believes any new development should take place at the present site and would be interested to hear our views

Nita said this was something that had been mentioned a few years ago as a possibility, and that she wasn't surprised at the current proposals coming out.

The meeting wondered if there are any problems with the existing centre which would mean money being spent and whether this was behind the proposal to demolish it. They also wondered what were the economic markings of moving and whilst it was appreciated that the council wish to promote Coalville as a thriving town, not everything should be centralized. The meeting also said that people without cars in Whitwick and Thringstone might find it difficult to get to Coalville to a new centre, given the bus service only running once an hour through both villages, and also felt that the council should consider, if they wanted to build something on the Co-op site, putting in a cinema with restaurant facilities, much like Loughborough or Swadlincote, and leave the Leisure Centre in Whitwick, as it was part of the community and valued as such by local people. Nobody was in favour of the existing Hermitage Leisure Centre being demolished and moved to Coalville.

Community Centre's Quiz Night - This is to take place on Saturday 29th October at 7.30pm. We need 6 people and the team will comprise of Nita, Pat Darby, Ann Petty, Geoff Wilson and Des and Gillian Bates. There is a form to fill in which will be completed, but we would also need the entry fee of £5 per person. This fee includes the supper.

Number 16 bus service – There were complaints on social media and to the county councillor for Whitwick and Thringstone regarding the 16 bus from Coalville being full in a morning meaning sometimes it didn't stop to pick up people. This saw many students travelling to Loughborough unable to get to school/college on time. This was then taken up with Arriva, who agreed to duplicate the service leaving Coalville at 7.35am for a trial period from 12 September. The situation is to be monitored and reviewed. We know that on one day last week, people were still left standing at bus stops because the double decker bus was full and the second single decker bus didn't turn up.

Bus stops – Nita, on behalf of the group, complained to Highways Department at County Hall some months ago about the amount of disused bus stops in the village, which she felt were confusing to newer residents who didn't know that the bus service had changed, and now misses out Melrose Road, Henson's Lane, Main Street and Glebe Road. She heard nothing, so filled in a formal complaint form. On 21 September, she received the following reply from County Hall:

'I apologise that you have not received an acknowledgement or reply to your previous letter regarding the out of use bus stops located in various locations in Thringstone. I can confirm that I have arranged for these stops to be removed and this will be completed by Friday 30th September 2016.

I have also investigated the concerns you have raised regarding the temporary bus stop located on Henson's Lane, Thringstone. I apologise that this has not been collected sooner. The temporary bus stop was provided for the Arriva 16 and 126 services whilst they diverted from the normal route due to Loughborough Road, Thringstone being closed for four days starting on 11th June 2016. Leicestershire County Council has a process in place to supply temporary bus stops using an internal system for arranging delivery and collection. Unfortunately on this occasion it appears that



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there has been a system error which had caused the collection date to be erased. Due to this error the job appeared on the system as completed and it was not brought to our attention that the temporary bus stop was to be collected. I have now reviewed the internal process which was used to place this order and have amended it to reduce the risk of this happening in future by putting further measures in place.

I have arranged for the temporary bus stop to be collected by Friday 23rd September 2016. I again would like to apologise that these issues have not been resolved sooner and I would also like to thank you for bringing them to our attention.'

The bus stop signage was removed on 28 September by a man with a ladder taking the signage away, but leaving the poles.

Bulb Planting – We have been told we can have 1000 yellow daffodil bulbs, 500 crocus, 500 bluebell and 500 red tulip bulbs for planting in the village for £125 which is matched funded by NWLDC. We have agreed with the Methodist Chapel to give them 200 mixed daffodil and tulip bulbs to brighten up the pathways to the hall, where there are already some daffodil bulbs. We are expecting our delivery of bulbs from NWLDC on 13th October, so are doing the community planting on Saturday 22nd October from 10am, weather permitting. **Can you help?** If so, please give Nita your name, so we can work out who is planting what and where. Most people at the meeting agreed to try to come and help on the day, but we do need many more in order to do this. Nita has already agreed with a couple of people who are nothing to do with Friends of Thringstone to help as well.

Road signage by Thringstone Co-op – sometime during September, a lorry or other larger vehicle hit the signage pointing to the Community Centre and St Andrew's, and knocked this sideways. This has been reported to the county council, but we have been unable to give details as to the vehicle involved.

Monthly litter pick total – 170 against 149 for the same month last year. On 26 September, a couple of builders who travel through the village daily stopped Nita and congratulated her on her litter picking efforts and gave her a bar of chocolate, which was nice. They did the same again a week later!

Chairs Report

Letters received:

- From the **centre** asking us to complete the regular users registration form and hire agreement etc. Completed.
- From **Central England Co-op** saying that the funding application put in had been unsuccessful.

Emails received:

- Various from people with whom we regularly share information.
- Several from **Hartlepool History Society** asking for information, including photos of the blue plaque outside the Old School House, which were supplied. They are currently trying to trace the half sister of Theophilus Jones who disappears after the 1911 census. We are trying to help them with this.
- From NWLDC about **free tree scheme**. We have ordered holly, dogwood, field maple and elder, and are waiting to find out if we are successful this time. Holly and dogwood would be particularly useful in places like Drury Lane and Brook Lane.
- From the **police commissioner** asking us to fill in a survey on our thoughts on policing issues. Filled in and sent details to all our members on email. Closing date for completing the survey was 30 Sept.
- A copy of the report from **Century of Stories**, commissioned from various surveys undertaken by participants and organizations such as ours. We are specifically mentioned in the report, as parents



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reported that the work we did helped give confidence and reduce the risk of bullying. This information was shared with the centre.

Emails sent:

- Reported various fly tipping to the council, and sent emails to others regarding on-going issues.

Promotion:

- We have **414 twitter followers**, an increase of 10 this month and **323 facebook followers**, an increase of 2 this month. We regularly post information on both these sites.

Other:

- We had a half an hour call with the organizers of **Century of Stories** to discuss our feedback on how our projects went for another report they are putting together.
- Delivered a talk to **Coalville Rotary** about the work of FoT, our plans and hopes and the work being done at the community centre. We may get some funding from them in the future, but this is not certain. She was surprised that nobody at the Rotary Club knew who Charles Booth was, or what went on at the centre, outside of the disabled group's activities.
- Met with Leisure Services Manager to discuss the **Miners Social Centre** and ways that FoT can help promote them going forward.

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£2,177.86		
Income		Expenditure	
		Broadband etc.	£12.92
Publications	£24.50	Book on Theo. Jones	£25
Raffle	£9.00	Changing slides to pictures	£18
Donations	£4.00		
total income to general fund	£37.50	Total expenditure	£55.92
		Total general fund at month end	£2,159.44

Publications Report

Nita sold 2 x Thringstone and Its People, One Graveyard Trail, 3 x 1939 registers, 4 x banns copies plus 3 copies of part of the 1911 census, making a total of £24.50

Web Report

The webmaster has put on the September minutes and updated the project photos page. There are still some things to go on there.

We had a very nice compliment on our website from the Hartlepool History Society who were very impressed with everything on there and the work that we do, especially to include young people in the work we did with Century of Stories.

Police Report – PCSO Mark Ball



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- 1 September – fire to one of the containers on the cricket pitch off Springfield. Believed to have been set alight by youngsters who made a hole in the container and then dropped in things already alight. Fortunately, they did not target the container with the lawnmowers and petrol in it. 3 young men were reported to the police earlier to this event trying to set fire to the hedging near to the Bull's Head
- 5 September saw someone's van on Main Street broken into and all his Makita power tools stolen. He posted about this on facebook. Someone on Hall Lane then said they had had their van broken into the same time, and the same brand of cordless stuff stolen plus a nail gun, worth over £2k
- A car was damaged on the service road opposite Thringstone Stores at lunchtime on 26 September. It was hit by something big, as it was pushed forward. No witnesses.
- A cable drum was taken from the Bellway Homes site and rolled into the field by the Bull's Head, over night on 5 September. This was reported to the people who recycle these cable drums, whose number was on the drum, and they agreed to work with Bellway to get it removed. This was removed around 25 September.
- Something or someone broke a window at Nita's house. This was reported, but as there were no sightings of anybody doing this, nothing could be done.
- Honda motorbike CBR in blue registration F27 CUX stolen from Booth Road between 10pm on 5th October and 3am this morning. No suspects.

Community Report and What's On

- **Lesley Mansfield**, manager of The Old School House on Main Street, has been nominated for a national care award by her company and is one of only 5 people going to the finals in London later this month for the next stage of the award process. We wish her well.
- **There is a new website called www.choosecoalville.co.uk** on which there is a page dedicated to events happening in the town. There is also a local history page. There is a big drive to help Coalville as a town going forward. Please have a look at the web page. There are also handouts. Nita showed these to the meeting.
- **St Andrew's Church harvest festival** – the church will be decorated on 15 October from 10am until 12 noon. Packets, tins and fresh flowers would be welcome, if people have any to donate.
- **Thringstone Community Centre PreSchool** - has places available for 2-4 year olds. £8 per session. There are some free funded sessions also available. Open Monday-Friday term time only from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact Alison Birkin on 224046.
- **The MacMillan Coffee Morning** at Whitwick's Park Hall raised £119. Homestead Road Play Group raised £82. Thringstone Primary did a baking competition and cake sale and raised £198. Tithe Close residents held a cake sale, raffle and quiz and raised £182. We are not sure how much was raised at Thringstone Miners Social Centre, at their pamper day and MacMillan coffee Morning, but it was packed to the rafters with people.
- **Would you be interested in being considered as a trustee for the Thringstone Miners Social Centre?** If you have an interest in working with the existing trustees to help take the social centre forward, please contact Jason Knight of NWLDC's Leisure Services. He can be contacted on 454602 or by email at Jason.Knight@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk



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- **Thringstone post office** is now selling Whitwick Historical Group's calendar, and has recently been promoted to a local plus venue. They are waiting for all the necessary paperwork to come through. This means they can provide more services. They can do transcash, paying in personal banking, bill payment by cheque and global parcels via parcel force. The shop is open weekdays and weekends, often until late.
- **The 40s event at Silver Oaks Care Home** on 3 September raised £492 for the home, with tins still to be collected for donations to Help For Heroes. Thank you to all who came along and helped on a very wet day. They are holding a children's colouring competition with a Bonfire Night theme on 5 November. Entries should be on A4 paper and with Silver Oaks, 11 Silver Street, Whitwick, by November 3rd. Entries will be judged by a small group of residents and prizes given to the best three entries. They will also have a representative from Phoenix Cards, who will have a selection of cards of all occasions, and Christmas. For further information telephone 815665 or email silveroaksvolunteers@gmail.com
- The final profit figure made by **Thringstone Live Music Festival** this year was £3,481.81 after the bouncy castle people contributed some money recently.
- **The Friends of Grace Dieu Priory** now has a facebook site in the community groups section. If you are interested in keeping up to date with what they are doing, have a look at their facebook site. Likewise, **Thringstone Panto and Drama Society** has a new facebook page. They can be found under performance art theatre or go to <https://www.facebook.com/ThringstonePantomime/>. From the TPADS site, we have been able to acquire, for our archives, over 20 photos of productions going back over the years, for which we are grateful.
- **Thringstone Sure Start Centre** has a new Stay & Play Group on Mondays 10-11.30am for 6 months to school age. The new group started Monday 26th September and is free.
- **Over £10,000 was raised** at the Coalville Colour Run on Sunday 18th September for Living Without Abuse. Well done to everybody who took part.
- **A new community monthly magazine** is shortly to be launched covering Whitwick and Thringstone with deliveries from 1st October. Your Community Voice will be hand delivered and they are looking for people to deliver these. They pay £25 per 1000 delivered. If you are interested, please contact them on info@yourcommunityvoice.net or ring Hannah on 267344 and take it from there.
- 7 Oct – **Abba Tribute Night** - 9pm at The Conny Club, Silver Street, Whitwick.
- 8 Oct - **Coalville Library** book sale all day.
- 8 Oct – **Moira Male Voice Choir** at St Andrew's church. 7pm start. Tickets £5. Funds go to Old School House sensory room project.
- 9 Oct – **Hermitage Leisure Centre** – Antiques and Collectors Fayre. 9.30am til 3.30pm. Admission £2.
- 10 Oct – **World Mental Health Day** exhibition and tasters at Thringstone House Community Centre. All day.
- 11 Oct – Hermitage Leisure Centre – **Save a life, give blood** – 1pm-3.30pm and 5pm-7.45pm.
- 14 Oct – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – 80s night with Jayne Lesley
- 14 Oct – Century Theatre – Folk rock legend **Ashley Hutchings**. Founder member of Fairport Convention and Steeleye Span, tickets are £10 from www.centurytheatre.co.uk or by ringing 278444



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- 14 Oct – **Thringstone House Soul Club**. Starts at 8pm. £3 members, £4 on the door. Goes on til midnight.
- 16 Oct – **The harvest festival service** at St Andrew's will take place from 10am.
- 21 Oct – Katy Perry V Taylor Swift tribute at **The Conny Club**, Silver Street, Whitwick. Starts at 9pm
- 28 Oct – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Elton John Tribute evening
- 29 Oct – **Halloween party** at Hare and Hounds, Whitwick. Kids party is 6.30-8pm with adults party from 9pm onwards. Prizes for the best dressed.
- 4 Nov – **Conny Club, Whitwick** – Bonfire night starting at 7pm with group Ska Amanga.
- 5 Nov – **George and Dragon** – Bonfire night with live music from Union Avenue 7.15pm. Fireworks start at 7.30pm. Burgers, hot dogs, mushy peas and mint sauce.
- 5 Nov – **Hare and Hounds** Bonfire Night starting at 7pm with BBQ and free entry.
- 10 Nov – **Hermitage FM Quiz Night**. More details from the station direct.
- 12 Nov – Centre Stage Production at Thringstone House of **Amandou Diagne and Group Yakar UK** – Senegalese instrumentalist and group performing a variety of music from jazz to funk, Afrobeat to blues and Mbalax. Ticket sales and cost to be announced.
- 13 Nov – **Remembrance Sunday** parade etc. at Memorial Square, Coalville.
- 18 Nov – **Elizabeth 1st** at Thringstone House. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £5 on sale by contacting Gillian on 224491.
- 18 Nov – **Charity Quiz Fund Raiser** for LRI Children's Cancer Unit at North Street Club, Whitwick. Teams of 4 ideally, £5 per person. Starts at 6pm. All welcome.
- 19 November – **Warriors Fighting Championship UK** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. An evening of mixed martial arts with live entertainment and performances. Tickets £30. Doors open 5pm. For more details contact the centre on 811215.
- 26 Nov – **Charles Booth and other notable people - Exhibition** at Thringstone House. 11am-5pm.
- 2 Dec – **Whitwick Winter Wonderland** at The Conny Club, Whitwick. Come and visit Santa in his Grotto, say hello to his Magical Reindeer, take part in our Christmas Jumper Competition and enjoy a glass of Mulled Wine whilst listening the festive sounds of the [Leicestershire Co-op \(Snibston\) Band!](#) The evening will end with a trip back to the 1980's with [Analogue Haze](#) who promise to play lots of party tunes and of course a few of our favourite Christmas hits!
- 3 Dec – **Christmas in Coalville** in the town centre. Food and drink, stalls, family entertainment, activities and Christmas Light Switch On.
- 9 Dec – **Carols On The Green**. Procession from St Andrew's at 6.30pm, to sing on The Green and then go into the Methodist Chapel Hall for refreshments. All welcome.
- 11 Dec – Centre Stage Production at Thringstone House of **Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party**, a funny musical double act and their pianist. Tickets can be bought through www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone or via the centre for £9.
- 20-28 Jan – Thringstone Panto and Drama Society production of **Beauty and the Beast**. More details on ticket prices nearer the time.
- 17 March 2017 – Centre Stage Production at Thringstone House of **Tim Kliphuis Trio Goes Grappelli** – a classical violinist and his group perform the music of Stephane Grappelli. Ticket sales and cost to be announced.



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History report

- We have purchased a book from the Hartlepool Historical Society on **Theophilus Jones**, the former Thringstone school master. Most of the information confirms things we already had, but there are one or two new items in there, plus some information we shared with the Society some time back which has been included. They have mentioned us in their acknowledgements as Thringstone History Society.
- We had had further offers of **various information** from a member in Whitwick, which we will follow through.
- We have a scan of the **first ever rail ticket issued from Whitwick to Thringstone** on 2 April 1907 which we hadn't realised was issued to H. Bonser, of Forester's Arms, Leicester Road, Whitwick, which could be either Henry or Hannah Bonser, who were the tenants there from 1899. Henry, a former locomotive engine driver, originally of Green Lane, died on 29 December 1909, and his wife Hannah (nee Perry) took over the pub until early 1913 when she moved to live with their son, George Henry (or Harry) Bonser, who had moved to Burton on Trent, where he was a verger at a local church. Hannah died at her son's house on 4 November 1913. George continued as a verger in Burton and died there in 1949. Their other son, Oliver, continued to live on Leicester Road in Whitwick at no. 39, and was a colliery locomotive engine driver. He died in 1931.
- We have received some old Thringstone information and photos of **the drama group in the 1950s** from Pete Newton for which we thank him, as much of it was new information.
- We have received a copy of the **deeds** to a property in Main Street with a history going back to 1739. 4 different households on Loughborough Road have promised us access to their deeds. We are currently trying to arrange dates to do this.
- Ann has several slides from David White relating to people who were connected with the **Methodist Church**. She took these to Spielman's in Coalville to be converted to photographs but when she picked them up, they were all printed back to front, and so she is taking them back. Spielman's did the same once before with another set of slides, as they don't appear to know which side of the slide is uppermost. Maureen said that she has a machine to do slides into photos, and Nigel said that he can flip images if things are printed back to front.
- In our book, Thringstone and Its People, we told the story of the Vesty family at **Gracedieu Manor Farm**. We mentioned that Florence Jane Vesty, daughter of Richard who ran the farm from the 1890s until the early 1940s, had married James Henry Rennocks (who used to live in Lilybank) in Canada in 1913. What we did not know at that time is that they ran away together to Canada in September 1912 in order to get married away from their families. They went on to have a son called Frederick Neville Guy Rennocks, born in 1917 and who died in 1954 two decades before his parents. We now have a photo of James and Florence in their youth, and another of them in Montreal with their son, thanks to Jonathan Rennocks who let us have copies.
- In the confirmation register for St Andrew's in 1912 is a record of Cecil Morgan Burkitt **Boulter** and his sister Constance Minnie Boulter being confirmed. These were the children of headmaster Edgar Stanley Boulter. This information, plus photos of Mr Boulter and our information from Thringstone and Its People have been shared with a descendant of the family called Josephine Barnes, who Nita found through the Ancestry.co.uk public members trees. From this link, we have discovered that Mr Boulter remarried after his wife died to Isabella May Madden (born 9 November 1880 in London St Pancras, who we believe was a district nurse) in



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1913 which may have taken place locally as he was still at Thringstone School at that time. He went on to have a further 2 children.

- We have spoken to the new owners **of Ivydene, 9 Loughborough Road**. They have an interest in the history of their property, and some information has already been given to them. From the confirmation register, we are able to establish that Mr and Mrs Walter Watts and their daughter Irene Lydia were living there in 1926, as Irene was confirmed at that address. By 1929, the property was in the ownership of the Hall family, as Rose Miriam Hall was confirmed from that address. It would seem that Rose was born in July 1911 and married Alan Edward Roberts in 1930 and moved to Ashby. We believe that her parents were Richard from Shropshire and Louise from Spring Cottage, Overseal.. The 1939 registers show a family called Stevenson there, and in 1940, their daughter Marjorie Kathleen was confirmed, and in 1941 their daughter Barbara June was confirmed with Ivydene being the address of residence. It is believed that the Stevenson family sold the property to Sheila King and her husband. Sheila lived there until her death in March 2016.
- We have known that the Kidger family lived for some time at **Lilybank Farm**. In our book Thringstone and Its People, we recorded that John Mee Kidger, known as Jack, died at Lilybank Farm in 1962 and had 7 children whose names were listed. We hadn't been able to establish which farm Mr Kidger kept in 1911, as the 1911 census, showing him farming in Thringstone gives no address, but we have discovered from the enumerators list, that the address was indeed Lilybank Farm. Others living in Lilybank in 1911 were the White's, Bradley's, King's, Rennocks', Stinson's and Howkins family. Sarah Jacquiss was farming at Stoneycroft Farm. In 1923, Jack Kidger's daughter Audrey Edith (born in Melbourne Road, Leicester) was confirmed with an address given as Lilybank Farm. 1927 his daughters Marjorie May Templeman Kidger and Kathleen Tamar Kidger were confirmed from the Lilybank Farm address, and in 1930 their daughter Eileen Joyce Kidger and in 1933 their son John Edward Price Kidger are recorded from the same address. Audrey Kidger married Maurice Brownsword Maloney in 1933 at which time her address was 10 Cademan Street, Whitwick. The couple ran a bakery on a site now called Old Bakery Close on Loughborough Road.
- Nita has helped members of the Rennocks family with details of their family history. Much of the information given to one lady was completely new to her.
- On 5 August, Ripper Street, the TV programme, made reference to the poverty maps of Whitechapel drawn up by researchers working for **Charles Booth**. Nita put details of this on facebook, and this post was then shared with our email members. The posting on facebook reached over 1,350 people many of whom shared this information elsewhere. It is apparent from other contacts made this month how little people in the general Coalville area know about Charles Booth.
- Nita was contacted by James White, the conservation officer for NWLDC, to help draw up a complete **list of pre-Victorian properties in Thringstone**. The final list submitted was for 200 and 202 Gracedieu Road, 1 The Green, Thringstone House, 25-31 The Green, 8-10 Main Street, 32 and 34 Main Street, 1 and 3 Loughborough Road, 2 and 8 Brook Lane and The Manor House, 78 and 80 Main Street, 190 and 111 Main Street, 115 and 117 Main Street, The Gables, Outbuildings at 168 Main Street, Lily Bank Farm.. We mentioned that the Queens Head, Bull's Head and George and Dragon are also believed to be pre-Victorian and were asked to submit details on a form listing the properties of having historical interest and therefore



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being a community asset. These additions are now being considered. We also told Mr White about the archeological dig which took place at 34 Main Street some years back, and he was able to obtain a copy of the report. He had not previously been aware of this report.

Councillors' report

- It has been widely reported that the **county council** will stop paying recycling credits to district councils in 2018. This could impact on recycling collections, and will also lead to a loss of revenue for NWLDC to the tune of around £650,000. In addition, improvements made to the recycling facilities in Coalville might become redundant, as it is proposed that all waste collection authorities will deliver their recycling to county hall's central plant. There was considerable discussion on this point, and everybody was aware of the fact that the county council needs to save money, but are concerned over collections and what will happen to the current recycling plant.
- The **football pitch** at the rear of the bowls club is now being regularly used for practice matches at weekends (usually Sunday). As a result, ground staff have asked that people be reminded that it is a fineable offence to let your dog go onto the pitch area. This is because of the possibility of dog fouling. People exercising their dogs are asked to keep to the area outside the pitch and away from the pitch lines. The same applies to the cricket pitch. The meeting felt it a good thing that a football club is now using this facility..

Gardening and environment

- Bernard continues to work on our planted areas.

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- Nigel said that he understood that the **panto society** now had some scenery painters who were Chinese people from Loughborough.
- Mary mentioned about overgrowing **hedges**, and conversations her family had had with council officials on this matter. The meeting discussed the situation of the overgrown hedge by the side of the Badgerscroft Estate. Nita said she had discussed this with the council, and the police, as the branches in one part overhang the pavement considerably causing problems for the disabled and people with pushchairs as well as those of us who walk down there regularly. The issue is that there appears to be nobody accepting responsibility for pruning these and some others in the village are also in need of pruning, but the council don't seem to want to get involved with those. The meeting said we would look to do something with the issue near Badgerscroft, probably when we are bulb planting as nobody else seemed to be bothered to sort the problem.

Next meeting is 3 November at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre.



The Friends of Thringstone
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy
Jubilee Awards 2015
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS
Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships
and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013

