

Friends of Thringstone

Minutes of meeting 17/3/05

Cllr Ray Woodward, Cllr Rod Evans, PC Holland, Steve Leeland NWLDC, Nita Pearson, Lorraine Whitehurst, John Smith, Karen Smith, Debra Wood, Ian Wood, John Spencer, Jo Johnson, Colin Porcher, Jan Cufflin, Brenda Simpson, Janet Stevenson, Pam Porter.

Apologies from Cllr Pam Clayfield, Aileen Smith

Councillor Rod Evans began the meeting with an update on two points from the last meeting.

1. The owner of the Georgian house on The Green has had an order put on him to paint the outside of the house. If it is not done, then NWLDC will carry it out and bill the owner accordingly.
2. The flowerbox

Cllr. Evans asked if Friends of Thringstone would be willing to get involved with Friends of Grace Dieu regarding voluntary work involving the site of Grace Dieu Priory. Minutes from their last meeting were made available. It was generally thought that the enhancement of Thringstone should include the Priory, but meetings should be combined.

Cllr R Woodward thanked everyone who took part in the Sustrans Trail litter pick for his or her hard work. Almost a ton of rubbish was collected.

Pam Porter said she has collected some more and has piled it next to an abandoned car. Cllr RW said he would arrange for it to be picked up.

Cllr Woodward asked if anyone could identify another area that needs litter picking. The footpath from Booth Road by the church was suggested. It was thought it wouldn't take long to pick this area, and therefore we should continue along Loughborough Road, and make our way to the playing fields. The idea that a morning and an afternoon litter pick was suggested and agreed upon.

Cllr Woodward introduced Steve Leeland from NWLDC and PC Holland. Mr Leeland explained that he deals with noise resonance and for the last 12 months has been involved with operation Panther, which is an initiative which is working in partnership with the police, the environmental department of the Council and the partnerships for safe communities, which is chaired by Cllr. Derek Howe, who represents Whitwick ward.

He said Thringstone is not an isolated case regarding motorcyclists. There are 30 sites throughout the area with the problem. He has the power to prosecute offenders, which could result in a fine of up to £5,000. However the problem is identifying the offenders and for this he needs the local people to inform him. Steve produced some maps for the public to identify the problem areas with dates and times of offences. The outcome of this exercise could build up a picture of regular meetings and hot

spots. Maps were made available for everyone and one was to be put up on the Centre notice board along with Steve Leeland's works phone number.

Mr Leeland then picked up on some suggestions made at the last meeting. Putting up signs has made no difference in the past and most have disappeared within a day. He then gave some examples.

The wearing of yellow jackets give the impression that the area is being patrolled is an effective short term deterrent.

Coalville Motor Cross club meet at The Kings Head, Coleorton. To join the club is expensive, and the nuisance bikers are unlikely to be allowed to join, as they do not conform.

PC Holland was mostly in agreement with what Mr Leeland said, and reiterated the importance of reporting instances, so that he can prioritise his time.

Any Questions

The Queen's Head on The Green are playing recorded music loud and late. What can we do about it?

Call Steve Leeland on Monday. He can deal with such problems.

Concerns were that the council don't respond early enough.

Steve Leeland said to persevere. It is impossible to give instant assistance.

Cllr Woodward said if there are any problems, there is a department within the Council that can deal with it. You can phone Rod or Pam and they will be able to tell you who to get in touch with.

Litter Picks

Sunday April 10th

Morning Session Meet on The Green 10am – 12pm

Afternoon Session Meet at The Ranger's Club 2pm-4pm

Cllr Woodward will bring appropriate resources.

Next meeting Thursday 14th April 6.30pm-7.30pm

Bar Lounge, Thringstone Community Centre