

FRIENDS OF THRINGSTONE

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22 June 2006

In Attendance:

Nita Pearson, Pam Porter, Margaret Smith, Rowena Summers, Sandie and Tony Newton, Marshall and Amanada Tattersall, Sarah Morgan, Geoff Wilson, Niels Nielsen, Pam Clayfield, Bernard Lee, John and Karon Smith, Chris Mellor, Ray Woodward, Lorraine Harrison, Rod Evans, Janet Stevenson, Ray Neal, Ray Woodward.

Apologies recieved from:

Jan Cufflin, Jo Johnson, Colin Porcher, Brenda Simpson, Rachel Forster, Ian Holland, Colin Perrett, Jane Wilson.

Minutes of last meeting:

Accepted as circulated without amendment.

Election of Officers and Committee Members for the Year 2006/7

It was announced that Sandie, John, Chris, Pam P, Ray N, and Nita (all existing committee members) were standing for re-election. Sarah and Rowena have resigned and therefore 2 more committee members are needed. Geoff Wilson volunteered to be one of these.

All of the above were elected unopposed and Geoff Wilson agreed to act as Minutes Secretary

The Committee structure for the year 2006/7 is therefore:

Nita Pearson Chairman
John Smith Vice-chair
Geoff Wilson Secretary
Pam Porter Treasurer/memberships
Ray Neal
Sandie Newton
Karon Smith
Chris Mellor

Constitution:

The wording of the constitution needed to be changed as the group's aims have now diversified to include the historic aspect of the village.. Nita produced a leaflet which details the objectives of the group, contact names and numbers, e-mail and web space addresses and will update this to include the new committee members.

Treasurers Report:

Some subscriptions were collected by the Treasurer for the new financial year. The treasurer reported that the Group has a total of £532.50 in the bank not including the subscriptions collected at the meeting.

Subscriptions

These are now due for the year 2006/7 . Thanks to all those who have already paid and a timely reminder to those who need to respond as soon as possible.

PROJECTS AND UPDATE REPORTS

Picnic in the Park

£241.14 was raised at this event. There is a picture on the BBC website of the event and a picture of Ray Neal as Community Guardian on the Council website.

Nita thanked everyone who was involved in the event and suggested that the group do Picnic in the Park again next year so suggested saving Bric-a-Brac and growing plants for this. The plants left over were given to the Community Centre.

Drury Lane

The council has said they will give £50 toward the sign for Drury Lane. Pam C is working towards trying to get more. Goff Lewis is trying to get match funding. Jackie Sykes has agreed to write to those in Bauble Yard. Ray W is in discussion with Derek Howe re getting National Forest signs for Thringstone. Ray N says we need a “ Gateway to The National Forest” sign for Thringstone and we could consider making a donation toward this if it was sited in the correct place.

Andy Vaughan

A letter has been received from Andy following his visit to our meeting with an update on the following items;

- Mr Bentley has received dustbin free of charge & Ms Appleyard has had her payment refunded.
- Annie Walker to review provision of litter bins.
- Contact details for collection and disposal of used tyres.
- Contact details to report fly-tipping.
- Keith Fairbrother reviewing the arrangement of litter bins doubling up as dog-foul bins.
- Asking for further details of the Fish and Chip van that operates in the area.

Calendars:

We voted at the last meeting to buy these from Geoff Walker. We need to think about how many we want.

Grace Dieu Priory:

Opening is being held on 1st\2nd July. Thanks to all who helped with strimming. There will be entertainment including a Ghost Watch, Paranormal Group and May Pole Dancing. Sarah Blizzard is doing the 6 o'clock weather on Friday 30th June from the ruins.

Parking: 30 at the school, 15 Bulls Head, 20 on cricket pitch.

Sunday service: Abbott Joseph from Mount St Bernards Abbey and The Rev Alison Prince from Belton. St Andrews choir from Thringstone.

Planting:

Nita has e-mailed Clark Robinson re 3 sites that we want planting using £350 we have left from EMA. The Green \ M97 at Glebe Road \ Lily Bank. We are waiting for his reply.

100 Day Campaign:

Nita has e-mailed Lynn Hughes re the £100 for litter pick – this has to be done within the 100 days to qualify. Members were asked to nominate grot spots.

17th to 21st July the wagon is coming to Thringstone for the launch to invite people to make pledges.

The rest of the week will be designated as clean up \ litter picks etc.

Pam C will enquire if a litter pick on the 16th would qualify for the money.

Ray suggested we contact newspapers to publicise the launch \ litter pick.

BBO Sunday 25th.

Community Centre open from 3.00pm. The England match will be shown and the bar will be open.

Date, Time and venue for the next Meeting

Thursday 3 August 2006 at Thringstone Community Centre.