## The Stokesley **Pride-in-our-Town Association**



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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013

<u>Attending</u> – Linda Purnell (chair) Jill Lee, David Scott, Eric Lee. Derek Whiting, George Carter, Trish and Fred Lee.

Apologies – Michael Scott, Mike and Lovaine Irving

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been taken as read, the Matters Arising were:-

## The Ziggurat

1. Regarding the proposed blue sign- as permission has not been granted for this to be erected on the wall, it was decided to ask Frazer Johnston to design a steel sign instead which would be fixed to the ziggurat itself. This would incorporate the Stokesley motif and would match up with the sign in memory of Mr Wilf Turnbull and also the sign for Rainbow Nurseries. It is hoped the weather will allow for the boards of the ziggurat to be oiled before any of the signs are fixed. An underframe has been designed by Mr Ridgeway to ease the problem of moving the structure for show week. It is hoped that this will be constructed by Seamer Blacksmiths and ready for installing in September. It is understood that the lighting will also be functional by September.

<u>The website</u> Our thanks to Mr Steven Brown who has kindly agreed to take over this responsibility.

2. <u>Summer Planting</u> – Small cordilines will be used for the centre of the tubs – Begonias for mass planting of the Manor House Wall, Roundabouts and the cenotaph – trailing plants for the edges of the tubs, begonia semper florens and blue heliotropes. The timetable for he preparation and planting is as follows:-23<sup>RD</sup> MAY EMPTYING OF TUBS – 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY TOPPING UP OF TUBS WITH COMPOST AND FERTILISER – **1ST JUNE PLANTING.** 

<u>Rainbow Nurseries</u> will be asked to remove and store the winter troughs from the ziggurat and replace with new ones ready planted by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 3. Watering Rota It was decided that this should be carried out three days a week by a team of four (Sunday, Tuesday and Friday) Eric Lee agreed to draw up a list of willing volunteers. In dry weather Thursday mornings are an extra option. If you can help please ring Eric on 01642 711112. Mrs Purnell hoped to recruit some younger people.
- 4. <u>Comments on the winter planting</u> Some of the central shrubs need trimming but this will be delayed until the risk of frost is less.

5. <u>The Mill Wheel Site</u> – Eric Lee will see Mrs June Skip at The Mill to ascertain whether she still wishes to sponsor this area. Various members of the committee have shrubs and perennials available to plant here.

<u>Thursday work - Tidying</u> of the Mill Wheel site and the library bed. Remove the wreaths from the cenotaph later when the flowers are more in bloom.

Any Other Business – Follow upon the repair of the town signs.

N.B. THE APRIL MEETING HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE  $15^{\mathrm{TH}}$ .