

# The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

Attending – Linda Purnell (Chair), Jill Lee, David Scott, Derek Whiting, Ken Ridgeway, George Carter, Fred and Trish Lee, Alan Weighell.

Apologies – Mike and Lovaine Irving.

Chairman's Welcome – Mrs Purnell welcomed all present especially Mr Bryn Griffiths from the District Council.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read – Matters arising:-

1. In view of the attendance of Mr Griffiths the matter of the proposed Memorial Garden was first to be discussed. Two designs by Mr David Weighell were considered and the rectangular design chosen by majority vote. Money towards the three benches has been promised by Rotary, and already received from Save our Stokesley. It is hoped that the Stokesley Society will also feel able to contribute. The area is to be paved and in this respect a visit to the site on the riverbank will be made on Monday next at 9.30 a.m. to meet with Mr Weighell who will bring samples to choose from. Also Linda will contact Marshall's. A copy of the design together with a covering letter will be sent to the Parish Council. Discussion regarding lighting the area followed and a review of the street lights in the area will be made. Also the possibility of solar powered lighting was discussed but was thought perhaps not feasible in view of the large surrounding trees giving too much shade. Mr Griffiths informed the meeting that the Street lights were scheduled to be replaced within the next two years. It is calculated that after the inclusion of the £760.00 collected in Eric's name there will be a shortfall of approximately £1,000 which Mr Griffiths said would be covered by the District Council. The work must be completed within three months of the start date.
2. The weedkilling will be done 4 times a year. The cobbles in the market place are due to be replaced with setts by the Parish Council.
3. The New Year lunch will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Chapters Hotel – meet at 12.15 p.m.
4. Regarding the Mill Wheel site, Derek has sent a photo to the family in Australia and they are apparently well pleased with how it looks at the moment.
5. Summer planting – The large conifers will be removed from the tubs and replaced with green cordylines. These will be encircled by nine plants per tub. Geraniums will be used for the beds. Alyssum and lobelia will be used under the roses at the war memorial, and if possible the soil will be improved with more compost and fertiliser.
6. Regarding the Christmas lights, a letter will be sent to the Parish Council. It was also suggested that a Christmas tree be placed in the market place in future years, and a suggestion that the Town Hall be floodlit was also made.
7. Spiota will make sure that the floral displays in the town look as attractive as possible on May 1<sup>st</sup> for the cycle race.

AOB The Parish council will be approached regarding the state of the Pound and the grass verge on Springfield . THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016.