

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017

Chairman's welcome

Apologies: George Carter, Lovaine Irving, Ken Ridgeway.

Attending: Linda Purnell (Chair), Jill Lee, David Scott, Derek Whiting, Caroline and Adrian Rathmell, Mike Irving, Fred and Trish Lee.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been taken as read

Matters arising

1. Herb bed: The Parish Council have suggested the play area on Northfield Drive, but this was not thought suitable. Preston road, the Riverside, and the library were also suggested but discarded. It was decided to return to the PC regarding the original site and ask permission for a "Help yourself" sign.
2. The A172 roundabout: It was decided, after Linda had read out all the restrictions entailed in taking on this project, that Spiota is not able to do so.
3. Insurance: Our joint cover with the Stokesley Society appears adequate except possibly for personal injury cover. Caroline offered to follow this up and ascertain the cost.
4. Bulb survey: Trish has a chart of where all the bulbs are planted. Jill will write to Taylor Wimpey and request a donation of £500 to cover the cost of replanting the disturbed areas around (in particular), the entrance to Riverslea. Derek will put a request on the loop for more snowdrops and crocuses, asking donors to bring any snowdrops to the Town Hall on Saturday March 25 between 10am and 11am.
5. Club on North Road: We understand that this matter is ongoing, and that Councillor Richard Hudson is dealing.
6. Angel Court: This will be surveyed on Thursday morning, weather permitting - we have permission to go ahead, and it was decided that attractive fairly low growing shrubs would be best for this area, possibly underplanted with some bulbs for a spring display. Regarding the bed at the end of the northern footbridge - Caroline has cleared and part planted this. Mattie will be asked to move the litter bin to a more suitable position.
7. Regarding an email request for a tub: The enquirer was told that there is no tub available at the moment, but possibly there may be one in May after all the subscriptions are in. Alternatively, the lady would be asked if she would like to provide some bulbs. Spiota also agreed to plant a tree on the riverside if the PC granted permission.

Treasurer's report: At the moment, we have just £1,535.00 in the bank and there is just £200.00 sponsorship outstanding. More sponsorship is due on 1 April and the tubs money will be collected in May.

Thursday work: This will commence on the first Thursday in March when the tubs will be checked and weeded, and the leaves removed from the hellebores on the ziggurat to reveal the flowers. Also, it will be decided just where more bulbs need to be planted.

Any other business: Regarding meeting dates, Linda is unable to attend in June and October. As October is the month for the AGM it was decided to scrap the October meeting and bring forward the November meeting. Jill will see the Parish Clerk to sort this out. Jill is unable to attend the March meeting - would someone like to take the minutes? Volunteer, Wendy has brought up the subject of wild flowers - a lady from Harrogate said this had been tried without success because they flowered too late - but Wendy suggested that the Mill Wheel site might be suitable.

Next meeting: Monday 13 March 2017