

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30th JULY 2018

Attending: Linda Purnell (Chair), Fiona Wilson, Ajit Patel, Fred Lee, Mike Irving, Lovaine Irving,
Ken Ridgeway, Adrian Rathmell, Derek Whiting, David Scott.

Apologies: Caroline Rathmell, Alan Weighell, Jill Lee, Tricia Lee

Matters arising from previous minutes:

We should like to formally thank the Rathmells for the wonderful barbecue.

We have received a letter of congratulations from **Rishi Sunak, our MP**. Linda will ask the Town Hall to display it, preferably the outside frames so that the maximum number of local people can see it.

Kay Haywood has put it on Facebook with a request for volunteers.

1. Summer Planting / Watering: The plant choices, weeding and watering are working well. There is an ant problem on the cosmos, making weeding uncomfortable. Trailing plants have been removed where they interfered with the notice boards. There is money available for a bowser for the roundabout but it was agreed that filling it would take too much time and a tap would be preferable. Thanks to all the workers!
2. Moving the tubs and Ziggurat in September: We are moving the tubs on Sunday September 9th at 09.30 with all available volunteers and sack barrows. West Green tubs move to the Cenotaph, some to Sandra's cottage. Last year some fitted under one of the rides. The Ziggurat is yet to be arranged. The troughs don't need replacing until next spring, so the bill will be with the spring planting.
3. Extra gravel for the roundabouts. This is a winter job. One bag for each roundabout. Find out whether they can be dropped on the roundabouts.
4. Plaques have been ordered for four tubs.
5. The coffee morning, 17th August. There will be tea, coffee and a tombola. We need to arrive 08.30-08.45 as it will open at 09.30. Men waiting at tables, women providing drinks. Possible £5 limit on the Tombola. Prizes to Fred or Lovaine, who will organise it.
6. Barclays Bank. There has been a request that SPIOTA make a complaint to head office about the state of the frontage. The council have complained. We could add our opinion that it detracts from our hard work.
7. The small bed by the wooden bridge: instead of replacing the tree, we'll keep it lower, dig in some compost and grit and donate any low growing, shade loving plants from our gardens.
8. The summer planting bill has arrived. It includes half the Ziggurat, all the baskets and all the plants.
9. Treasurer's report: The report was presented.. Ajit asked if we can send the letters earlier in future, before the planting, as there are 14 still to reply this year. Linda will check whether they still require the tubs. It was agreed that Ajit and Fiona will send the letters on 1st February next year. Some changes of address have come in.

Any Other Business

The three benches by the cemetery are badly broken. Although they were rebuilt years ago by SPIOTA, this time they need scrapping as the ironwork is broken. We will notify the council.

The next meeting is September 10th, the day after we move the tubs!

The meeting was closed.