

Minutes of the SPIOTA meeting held at the Town Hall on 15th April 2013

PRESENT : David Scott, Alan Weighell, George Carter, Steven Brown, Fred and Trish Lee, Linda Purnell, Derek Whiting.

Apologies : Eric and Jill Lee, Mike and Lovaine Irvine, Ken Ridgeway

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Matters arising:

Thanks were expressed to Steven for taking on the website

The notes regarding the ziggurat were confirmed.

The new watering rota has been sent out and was discussed briefly.

Notes on the meeting with Frazer Johnston

The "S" signs were agreed upon. Both signs are to be in situ by June 1st. They will cost less than £200 each. There is a query regarding the sign for Rainbow nursery and this is to be checked. Ken has designed a new stand for the ziggurat. Frazer and Paul from Rainbow are to discuss the design. Frazer will organise the work to be done at Seamer. The electrics are to be put in later in the year when the ziggurat is relocated for the fair. Ken has organised the work for this. We need to check that we are still able to park the ziggurat at Millbry for the duration of the fair. The boards behind the troughs will be painted a darker green when the ziggurat is moved. Rainbow nurseries will look after the winter troughs. If fine the Thursday gang will oil the woodwork this week.

Mill Wheel Site

Work need to be carried out to widen the beds. Any plants for this to David Scott's house. If out put by the garage.

Watering Rota

There will be 5 people per day. Points to be noted - Manor Close needs deleting, Mark Amos needs adding, Derek Wills and West Green need checking and there was a query about the tub opposite Brown's.

Summer Planting

Estimate is in the region of £2900. Plants to be packed Thursday before planting.

Litter Pick

Fred read out a memo which appeared on Stokesley Loop regarding litter. After discussion it was agreed that Alan should contact Rotary to organise a litter pick with SPIOTA to help. Date either 11th or 18th May.

Treasurers Report

Trish reported that balances are as follows:

Current a/c £3263.65 No 2 a/c £637.20

The tub money due in this month will go towards the summer planting.

Thursday Gang

Apart from oiling the ziggurat the only other jobs at present are weeding and deadheading and clearing the ivy from Stephenson's tubs.

AOB

Fred queried the date of the coffee morning 15th August

The parish clerk Jackie Wheeler retires at the end of May - it was decided a letter of thanks should be sent.

Steven asked if all was O.K. with the website. George will send him news from the Town Hall. It was suggested that we use Stokesley Loop for a bit more publicity. Steven suggested using Facebook and Twitter. Weather permitting next month's meeting 20th May will be held in George's garden @ 17 Riverslea and Steven would make a short publicity video to post on these sites. If wet the meeting would be in the Town Hall as usual. The use of a placard in the Co-op and leaflets to be distributed during Open Gardens were also suggested.

Dick Duggleby will be 90 shortly. Linda will send a card from SPIOTA.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.