



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

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### **Chairman's Welcome.**

**Attending** – Linda Purnell (chair), David Scott, Derek Whiting, Lovaine Irving, George Carter, Fred Lee, Trish Lee, Mike Irving.

**Apologies** – Jill Lee, Ken Ridgeway. Alan Weighell.

The Chairman expressed the great sadness we all felt at the sudden loss of Eric Lee. A long term stalwart of SPIOTA, Eric will be sadly missed. SPIOTA will not be the same without his regular attendance and full support.

### **Matters arising:-**

The SPIOTA bench will be placed 'close to the ducks' on the south side of the Armstrong Richardson bridge. Progress will be made, over the winter, on the repairing and cleaning of further seats – weather permitting.

The damaged tub outside the Health Centre has been replaced, and all agreed that any cost incurred will be forgotten about.

The Ziggurat lights are now ready to be switched on. Thanks were given to David Scott's son. The chairman felt all the committee should see the initial switching on, with a suggested first timing then being set from 5pm to midnight, for the subsequent evenings

There should be a suitable memorial for Eric after full consultation with Jill and family, perhaps an agreed suitably positioned memorial garden, close the riverside.

**GLEAM** The chairman referred to a proposed plan for major improvements and enhancement to the River Leven as it runs through the town. There was general agreement that SPIOTA should show interest in the plans.

Thursday mornings. Should continue with the Riverslea path. Daffodils to be planted in 2015. After December and January, Thursday mornings should continue from the first Thursday in February, weather permitting.

Town Hall circular. Other than a small improvement in the kitchen, all agreed that the Town Hall was generally in a good decorative order.

The New Year lunch is to be held at Chapters on Thursday 15 January. The Chairman will circulate everyone, with further details.

Next meeting – Monday 26 January 2015.