

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2015

Attending – Linda Purnell (Chair) Jill Lee, Fred and Trish Lee, Mike Irving, Ken Ridgeway, Derek Whiting, George Carter.

Apologies – Lovaine Irving – David Scott, Alan Weighell and Michael Scott

Chairman's Welcome

The Minutes of the previous AGM were read and approved.

The Chairman's Annual Report was read in which she remarked that once again the work of Spiota has been much praised and appreciated, and, in fact that we have been shortlisted for an award in the Newcastle Building Society's Cornerstone of the Community Awards. In this respect ten will be attending a reception at Wynyard Hall on the 26th November. Our Chairman pointed out that even though only ten have been invited, it is due to the hard work of all that we have been shortlisted, and all were thanked. Our Chairman also pointed out that during the year we have worked with the young people of Kirby and Broughton Primary School (the planting and care of vegetables) and the cub scouts (planting the stone tubs on the river bank). Other activities have included assistance in the river cleaning, planting snowdrops on West Green, improvement of the Mill Wheel site with paths and additional planting, and the cleaning and repair of many of the seats.

In addition, we are pleased that the lighting of the ziggurat was achieved by December in time for Christmas.

All those who have been responsible for watering during the summer were thanked and also those people and businesses who allowed Spiota to use their water supply.

Mrs Purnell then paid tribute to Eric Lee who sadly passed away in October last year and who worked tirelessly for Spiota. Donations from Eric's funeral will be used to help fund a memorial garden on the river bank which it is hoped we can develop in the next few months once we are given the "go-ahead" by the Parish Council.

Finally the Chairman thanked everyone for their efforts during the year, and congratulated the five members who celebrated their 80th birthdays this year.

The Treasurer's Report was circulated and discussed. Takings were down on the Coffee morning this year but it was felt that the event should continue if only for the publicity it affords. Also more than usual has had to be spent on new tubs. Mrs Purnell thanked Trish for her work and the report was duly adopted.

Chairman – Mrs Purnell was thanked for her leadership during the year by Mike Irving.

All officers agreed to continue for another year and the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.