

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST September 2015

Attending – Linda Purnell, Jill Lee, George Carter, Fred and Trish Lee Alan Weighell, Derek Whiting, David Scott, Ken Ridgeway.

Apologies – Mike and Lovaine Irving and Michael Scott

Chairman's Welcome – Linda welcomed all present and wished Fred a very happy 80th Birthday – also a special welcome to Alan.

Minutes of the previous meeting – Matters arising –

1. Regarding the Memorial Garden – more quotes are needed for the felling of the dead tree. – Rotary have very kindly agreed to provide a seat and a letter of thanks has been sent.
2. Regarding the seats – Peter is still cleaning them and Ken is mending where required. The owners of the fish shop have said they will be responsible for the repair of the seats outside their premises.
3. Thanks to Matty Peacock the Mill Wheel site is vastly improved by the laying of recycled flagstones salvaged from the footpath improvement work in the town. Thanks to Fred and Trish for the original idea. It was remarked that the wheel itself is in need of some TLC and Linda will contact David Maudsley in this regard

MAIN AGENDA

1. The flower tubs will be replaced on Sunday 27th – meet at 9.30 a.m. There are some new plaques to be fixed and more need to be ordered. On Thursday 24th Linda will collect the Ziggurat troughs and the conifers in them will be transferred to tubs on West Green. The plants will be removed from the tubs beds, roundabouts, town signs etc. On Thursday 1st October the tubs will be topped up and fed On Thursday 8th – planting of beds, roundabouts town signs and the cenotaph and conifers SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER WINTER PLANTING DAY – OF TUBS AND NEW TUBS
Thursday 15th finish the planting and plant bulbs.
The return of the ziggurat will be delayed until after the Food Week which is due to take place from 3rd to 10th October. Arrangements have been made for its return the following week. New Bulbs will be purchased for the town centre. The conifers will remain for the winter. Regarding the movement of the ziggurat- as this is quite difficult a suggestion was made that it might be sited on the Stokesley Motors roundabout, but this was not thought to be feasible. Looking to the future, Linda will contact Mr Crowe for help if necessary. Also, regarding the proposal that the Mill may be converted into flats at some future date, the Parish Council will be approached to reserve an area of the car park for the ziggurat during show week. In future we may also have to find a new fork lift provider.
2. Town Signs – Apparently repair work is needed on most of the signs. Ken says the bricks need soaking before fixing – possibly a job for the winter months.
3. Summer planting –Helpers to be advised to tease out the roots to ensure the plants bed in well. The tubs against the Manor House will be re-sited at the bus stop. Again it is felt that the mixed planting gives the best display. Linda will see Paul to order.

4. The result of the Coffee Morning was a bit disappointing - £292.20 after expenses. The tombola raised £195 and the Coffees £128.20 Still it was decided to continue next year as it does at least bring us to the notice of the public.

The Treasurer gave her report which showed a reasonably healthy balance at the bank but pointed out that a large amount would be needed for the winter planting and the provision of several new tubs.

Thursday Work –Replanting etc. – Town signs – Library bed (can be left another week or two)

Any Other business – Following receipt of some vintage photographs of earlier days of SPIOTA, George proposed that Derek be the Association's Archivist.

NEXT MEETING 19TH OCTOBER 2015 – TOWN HALL – 7.30pm.