

# The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> November 2015

Attending - Linda Purnell (chair), Fred and Trish Lee, Derek Whiting, Jill Lee, Mike and Lovaine Irving, David Scott, George Carter and Ken Ridgeway.

Apologies – Alan Weighell

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read – Matters Arising –

1. Weedkilling – We are informed that the grass cutter also does the weed killing. The Parish Council have asked us how many times in the year we consider this is necessary, and it was agreed the 4 treatments per annum are necessary. We understand that funding is being sought to upgrade the surface of the market place, and if this should go ahead we urge that the cobbles be reset in something that will prevent the grass and weeds coming through. Also the gravel area on the Tameside Roundabout and the Manor House wall surround should be treated. The gratings around the trees at the end of North road could also be treated.
2. An awards ceremony at Wynyard Hall was attended by 10 members of SPIOTA, as we were nominated but in the end the Community Award on this occasion went to Yatton House who are to be congratulated for their work.
3. The New Year luncheon will be held at Chapters Hotel on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and all Thursday workers, waterers etc. are invited. The menu will be circulated in the New Year.
4. The Memorial Garden – The dead tree is now down and a lovely large open space is ready for development. The Parish Council now require a detailed plan and we envisage a paved area with three seats and flower tubs or a trough. We understand that the Stokesley Society, Rotary and possibly SOS are interested in providing some funding towards this. Some members of SPIOTA will visit the site this coming Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and it is hoped to have a plan ready by the next Parish Council meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope to engage professional help in the design and execution of this project.
5. We understand that the trees at the Mill Wheel site will be pruned back by the Parish Council.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported that we have received £80 00 in donations and that Rainbow have been paid. Also the sponsorship monies for the roundabouts and the Manor House wall bed will be forthcoming early in the New Year.

Thursday Work – There will be no work done until we reconvene on the first Thursday in March.

The date for summer coffee morning will be the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The secretary will write a letter to the Parish Council to seek a solution to the eyesore that is the old club and the adjoining site on North Road. – (possibly the site could be cleared and additional parking be provided.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2016