

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 14th March 2016

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

Apologies Lovaine Irving, Ken Ridgeway, Jill Lee

Chairman's Welcome All were warmly welcomed.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

1. The Memorial Garden. £1200 had been promised from NYCC. A monitoring form from them needs to be completed and returned on completion of the project and must be within 12 months. David Weighell has been informed that we have parish council permission and funding for the project to go ahead. The benches with appropriate plaques will be ordered this week and David Weighell will be free to begin his work once the benches have arrived.
2. All members attending agreed that the New Year lunch was successful and that we go back to Chapter's next year.
3. The suggestions about the Christmas lights made at the last meeting were handed to the parish clerk. SPIOTA were asked if they would like a representative on the working party. Trish Lee has agreed to be that person. A further suggestion was made - that the Town Hall be floodlit, shadowing could be incorporated in this or sculptures could be highlighted from it. Trish will take these suggestions to the next working party meeting.
4. A notice had been put on the loop referring to SPIOTA planting the donated snowdrops last year and how "fab" they looked on the Green. It is hoped that they will improve year on year.
5. We have all been disappointed by the state of some of the plants in the tubs. The reasons for this were discussed and it was felt that

the high winds and persistent wet were probably the cause. Hopefully the Thursday gang will resume this week and replacement plants will be put in.

6. SPIOTA has been asked to "decorate" Stokesley Motors roundabout for the "Bikefest" on May 1st. Stokesley Motors have very kindly given us £200 towards this. We agreed to using approximately £300 from SPIOTA funds so that we are able to plant an outer circle of blue and yellow pansies. We are hoping to get a couple of bikes which will be painted too and these will have acknowledgements to the sponsors i.e. Stokesley Motors and SPIOTA. We will fill the tubs in the centre, the Ladycross town sign and the tubs on the bridge with the same colour pansies and the polyanthus we remove will be used as replacement plants for the tubs in the town centre.

A.O.B A litter pick was thought necessary particularly along the side of the Co-op. Linda will approach them and see if anything can be done. We thought a town litter pick may be necessary after the May 1st event.

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

The next meeting is on 18th April