

# The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2016

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

Apologies – Alan Weighell

Chairman's welcome – Linda passed on the sad news of the death of our founder member Mr Frank Cuthbert and suggested that it would be good if someone would say a few words at Frank's funeral. Upon Mrs Cuthbert's suggestion Alan Weighell will be asked if he would be happy to do this, and he has since agreed. Frank was a person who made things happen in the town and doggedly pursued any project in hand. One of his last achievements was the provision of the new town signs on each approach road into the town. Linda thanked George and Jan Carter for their kind hospitality for our June meeting.

Matters arising from the previous meeting –

1. The memorial garden – The Manorial Lands committee will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> August and we hope the handover date will be decided. Lynn Southern has asked if SPIOTA would be happy if all the dilapidated iron railings were to be removed and the consensus was that we would be delighted. The design and size of the information plaque was decided – 300x200 mm in stainless steel. Mr Sonny Cowells will be approached about constructing a stand.

2 The future of SPIOTA – There is a desperate need for more people to become involved, especially for the periods of greatest activity – i.e. the planting times and the preparation (removal of tubs) before and after the Show week. Derek will take on the job of publicising this need on the loop in the press and in the parish newsletter, Town Crier etc. Derek will also mount an exhibition in the Town Hall, hopefully at the same time as the Cleveland Arts Society Show. Also we will investigate the possibility of having a tent as the Stokesley Show, about which Alan Weighell will be contacted. A gazebo would be used and Ken Ridgeway and George Carter would be in charge, with the assistance of Derek and Mike and Lovaine Irving. Derek will be informed when we have permission.

3 COFFEE MORNING – It was decided to have a board with a photo of the roundabout with the blue and yellow pansies in the foyer of the Town Hall alongside a donations appeal to help finance a similar standard of display in the future. Trish will provide all the requisite drinks and biscuits etc. Lovaine will man the tombola, Trish and Linda will be kitchen staff, Jill, Fred and Ken will wait and clear tables. Arrive at Town Hall on the day 19<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30 a.m.

Further matters for discussion -

1. The volunteer video – a copy will be provided for Stokesley Show
2. David Weighell will help with the planting of the new tree.
3. Weedkilling – the dead grass needs to be removed.
4. Removal of tubs before the show - Remove tubs on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – replace Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>. Fred will organise help. The ziggurat will be moved by David during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> and replaced sometime after 25<sup>th</sup>.

5. Treasurer's Report – After Rainbow have been paid there will be approximately £2,500 left in the bank – however there is still some sponsorship still outstanding which will bring in enough to finance the winter planting in due course.

Thursday work – Weeding – dead heading and weeding in front of Kebbell Homes offices.

Any other business - It has been suggested that plastic strip should be inserted around the outer circle on the Stokesley Motors roundabout in order to prevent run off when watering.

NEXT MEETING- September 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.