

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28TH NOVEMBER 2016

Chairman's Welcome

Attending – Linda Purnell(chair) Jill Lee, David Scott, Caroline and Adrian Rathmell, Derek Whiting, Ken Ridgeway, George Carter, Lovaine Irving, Fred and Trish Lee, Ajit Patel.

Apologies – Mike Irving and Alan Weighell.

Matters arising from the October meeting –

1. The plaque for Mr Frank Cuthbert is now in place beside the tree on the riverbank close to the new memorial garden.
2. The Tameside roundabout will remain the same for the time being
3. 20 new tubs have been bought and are at present at Rainbow.
4. The autumn planting is now complete
5. Charity status will not be sought at present, but will be discussed again.
6. Following the open meeting in October we are very happy to welcome three new members to our committee – Mr and Mrs Rathmell and Mr Ajit Patel, who in turn are also trying to recruit more.
7. Linda thanked George and Ken for their grand effort at the show and it was agreed to have a tent again next year. George said that plans need to be started some months in advance and corporate sponsorship be sought. This year the cost amounted to between £40 and £50.
8. George mentioned several ideas which were put to him – one lady mentioned that all the tubs seemed to be for the dead, - another idea was to set up little allotment type gardens for pick your own, but it was felt that this would not work in Stokesley. However the idea to set up herb gardens in raised beds, possibly on the corners at the entrance to North road met with approval, and it was decided to survey the prospect on Thursday morning. Ken said he would be willing to construct the raised beds. Another idea, which we have discussed in the past, was the development of the large A172 roundabout with low growing shrubs etc. It was felt that in view of the difficulty maintenance would pose, that sponsorship would be necessary so that we could employ contractors. Also we would need to make a note of where the daffodils are in the spring. It was decided to ask the Parish Clerk Julie to write on our behalf to the Highways department.
9. 17 New plaques have been ordered for the tubs. It seems that the new ones are not lasting very well and it was decided that in future we would go for the Dibond ones which would last longer and prove more economical in the long run.
10. Regarding the recent Quiz, we are quite pleased to have come and honourable second.
11. The New Year lunch will take place at The Mill on the 19th January.

12. We have been asked to judge the Christmas window displays and Ken and Derek will do this.

Treasurer's Report – We have a balance of almost £2.000 at present and all has been paid up to date. This is slightly down on last year due to the necessity of purchasing so many new tubs. The first sponsor money is due in January. It was reported that the town sign on Station Road has been vandalised and Trish said she would try and ascertain where the signs were from.

Thursday Work This will not recommence until 2nd March 2017

Any other business George mentioned that the state of the river is very poor, and that a considerable sum of money as already been granted for the improvement of this area. We understand that most of this went on a survey, but no practical outcome has materialised. It was also suggested that we again approach the Parish Council regarding the state of the old club on North Road. Caroline offered to pursue enquiries regarding this. Caroline also mentioned that a shrub near the footbridge at the north end of the river needed replacing. More daffodils will be planted opposite the new graveyard and crocuses outside the Mill Wheel. Also an area opposite the entrance to Town Close needs to be tidied.

The date of the next meeting will be announced in due course.