

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association



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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON DAY 16th October 2025

Attending: Caroline Rathmell (Chair), Fiona Wilson (Secretary), Adrian Rathmell, Sue Sutton, Cath Richardson, Jenny Strachan, Linda Parnell, Helen Fletcher.

Chair's Welcome.

Apologies: Ajit Patel, Ken Ridgeway, Kate Fulton.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were accepted.

Matters arising from previous Minutes:

1. Review of 2025 planting. The displays this year have been very good and popular. The geraniums, petunias and heucheras were particularly suited to the extra sunshine. Filling the reservoirs in the new tubs didn't help as the bedding plants do not develop deep enough roots to access it. The new tubs and the troughs around the Town Hall have both been a great improvement.
2. Spring Planting: The plants which broke in the wind will not be repeated. Pansies are ordered for the Stokesley Motors roundabout.
3. Summary of the tub replacement: North Yorkshire county council has provided the funds to purchase the final 25 tubs. SPIOTA extends gratitude for the corresponding reduction in heavy maintenance work.
4. New Year's Lunch: The date has been decided: January 13th at the Bay Horse. The possibility of meeting for coffee during the winter was discussed.

Treasurer's report: The efforts to attract extra donations and to limit expenditure without compromising the beauty of Stokesley have been a success over the last couple of years. This puts us on a safer footing to cope with the price rises.

Thursday Gang: The Thursday work has now finished until next year.

Any other business: The Town Signs are deteriorating:

The problem was discussed. A possible solution is extra brickwork instead of the woodwork, which is rotting. One sign will be used to experiment with the idea. An advertisement on Facebook to find someone local to do the work was suggested.

Next meeting: To Be Decided.

The meeting was closed at 20:10.