

The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24 April 2017

Apologies: Alan Weighell and George Carter.

Attending: Linda Purnell, Jill Lee, Trish and Fred Lee, David Scott, Derek Whiting, Ken Ridgeway, Ajit Patel, Mike and Lovaine Irving.

Chairman's welcome: Linda particularly welcomed Mike and Lovaine home safe after their nightmare trip to the far east, and we all wish Mike a speedy recovery to his former vigour.

Matters arising from previous meeting:

1. Snowdrop and bulb planting - several lots of snowdrops have been received and hopefully a few more to come. The pictures taken by Trish have proved very useful and show lots of scope for planting on the riverbanks and the bypass. Fred will approach Stripes for a possible gift of bulbs and Trish will investigate bulb companies in Lincolnshire.
2. Regarding the Stokesley Motors roundabout, Fred has already raised £260 towards the pansies with a promise of further monies to come and Linda has approached the Town Council for a further £100. In addition, Trish has written to the Town Council to request they review their annual subscription to Spiota. Also, a cheque has been received from Mrs Clare Cuthbert for £50 towards the summer planting. Mrs Cuthbert also expressed her congratulations on the spring show in the town.
3. As this year sees the Sapphire Jubilee of the Queen's reign it was decided to plant the ziggurat in red white and blue and also to erect a plaque. Paul of Rainbow Nurseries has agreed to this.
4. The meeting agreed to the proposal that the annual price of tub sponsorship be raised to £30 to cover the real cost of flowers, compost etc.
5. The timetable for the summer planting will be as follows:
 - 11 May - emptying the majority of the tubs
 - 18 May - remove a few inches of compost and fertilize tubs
 - 25 May - top up tubs and begin emptying town signs and beds depending on condition
 - 1 June - pack boxes at Rainbow and empty and fertilize remaining beds
 - 3 June - plant tubs.
6. Watering rota - Fred took wine and chocs to the lady at 11a college Square as a gesture of thanks for the use of her tap. Linda and Fred will work on the rota.
7. It was agreed that our present insurance cover is satisfactory. Special mention was made regarding possible accidents to volunteers and especially at watering times when the hose is in use when signs must be prominent.

8. Regarding the Stokesley Motors roundabout - there is a problem with water run off when watering the pansies or geraniums at the outer edge. It was thought perhaps it was better to water the grass above and hope for more absorption.
9. Stokesley Show - It was agreed to again request a pitch at the show and Ken, Derek and Linda will all be available on the day. Lovaine will produce a floral display for the entrance.
10. Angel Court - three people from the Thursday gang have been digging a bed which will be planted with wild flowers this year. Later the ground will be re-weeded and shrubs will be planted next spring.
11. The Coffee Morning will be held on 18 August.

Treasurer's Report: The present balance stands at £1,733.86. Sponsorship for the tubs money is already coming following the annual reminder letters.

Thursday Work: There is little left to do at the moment apart from some dead-heading. Linda will contact the volunteers to only come if the weather permits in view of the forecast for it to be cold and wet.

The next meeting will be on 22 May 2017.

The June meeting is cancelled.