**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 1st August 2016**

**The Pot & Glass PH**

**PRESENT**: Shane Sellers (Chair), Brian Robinson, Kathie Hatfield, Tony Huckwell, Neville Thompson, Norman Douglas and Mark Ellis

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. **Apologies:** Maureen Rigg, Phil Dennis, Stefan Houghton, Richard Crouch, Ruth Greenwood and Tim Stokeld
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting were approved with the exception that Kathie Hatfield had not been present

**Matters arising**

Stony Bank - Kathie advised that there had been a meeting with Groundworks and they will respond by mid-September; the Council's Care for your Area had also been contacted in regard to the condition although they had initially questioned if it was adopted.  Brian pointed out that it must be adopted as it was lit by council maintained lamps.  The council have been amenable to installing a new barrier at the bottom that could be unlocked to allow a tractor to enter and cut the sides. Simon Smith had also offered to do this.  Kathie confirmed that the Council had in fact maintained it (under duress!) in the past.  It was agreed that we should get as many people as possible to call the Council and make a complaint about the condition.  Shane will also raise it with local ward councillors and request that regular maintenance is planned.

1. **Egglescliffe Renovation Group (ERG)**

Shane advised that not a lot has happened since the last meeting; the view is that the planning decision can be decided by a planning officer and not have to go to planning committee.  Once this is approved, fund raising can start in earnest - GBP300k will be needed.  Fund raising for the planning application has started and a BBQ will be held on Saturday 8th October as an initial event.  The proposal to install a gateway ' arch at the entrance to Stony Bank is being progressed by Shane

1. **EARA Events**
* Village quiz – 26th November, tickets to go on sale soon.
* The Christmas Tree Lighting is planned for December 3rd. It will be linked to a music night with the involvement of the school choir - Brian and Kathie to arrange. Eddie is progressing the overall plans for the evening.  It was also noted that a new base for the tree is needed - Brian to follow up.
* Planning of the 2017 Summer Fete has started. A suggestion to book Cash was viewed as too expensive by the Village Council. Neville mentioned that he had spoken to a Spanish Flamenco group and a ukulele player with a cost of around £250 for two 45 minute sessions - Neville to pass on to Rosie in the Village Council.
* Patrick Monaghan will also be checked for a night in April 2017.
* Other suggestions were a Carrier Bag evening and an Old Time Singing Evening.
1. **EPHA**

Brian reported that there had not been a meeting - next one is planned for mid-September.

1. **EARA Gardening Section**

The flower bed at the War Memorial looking excellent; a new watering rota in place.

1. **Financial Update**

Tim will provide a statement for the AGM Minutes; not a lot of transactions since the last meeting. It was agreed that the Raffle money from the Quiz Evening will go to charity as previous practice.

1. **No cold calling area**

The recent spate of cold callers has been raised with the council.  In order to declare the area as a 'No Cold Calling Area" 50% of residents would need to be formally registered; Shane to follow up.

1. **Yarm School Planning Application**

The public meeting was well attended and many questions raised.  The Environment Agency have rejected the application at the moment and pointed out that a proper study has not been completed.  Shane to follow up on next steps.  Shane also requested that we get as many local people to register opposition on the website

1. **Attendance at other local meetings**

Nothing of note was reported

1. **Any other Business**

Neville commented that the Play Area in St Margarets has been vandalized twice with the plastic slide being been burned and melted; fencing has been left in a pile, the slide is still to be repaired; concern that it will be vandalised again and a request that it should be taken down and tidied up to avoid it being an open invitation for vandals. Shane to raise with Phil and Stefan. Neville to email the council.

Kathie pointed out that car parking is now too close to the Butts Lane corner - Shane agreed to raise the matter with the Ward Councillors.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Monday 3rd October 2016 in the Pot & Glass, Egglescliffe Village.