**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 7th November 2016**

**The Pot & Glass PH**

**PRESENT**: Shane Sellers (Chair), Brian Robinson, Phil Dennis, Stefan Houghton, Kathie Hatfield, Tony Huckwell, Maureen Rigg, Norman Douglas, Neville Thompson, Richard Crouch, Ruth Greenwood, Tim Stokeld and Mark Ellis

1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. **Apologies:** There were no apologies received.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record of the meeting held on Monday 3rd October.

**Matters arising**

Stoney Bank - Shane discussed the proposals for the new Gateway Entrance with two designer / fabricators. One needed payment up front, the other is prepared to offer designs on a pay later basis. The option to include some ‘animal artwork sculptures was also raised in the discussions. Shane also added that Catalyst have recommended some possible funders.

1. **Review of EARA’s constitution**

Shane had circulated copies of the current constitution prior to the meeting. A discussion on the topic resulted in a few minor amendments being agreed. Shane will hold these on file until the next AGM when they will be submitted for approval.

1. **Butts Lane yellow lines**

Councillor Phil Dennis presented a proposal for the installation of double yellow lines at the entrance to Butt’s Lane. He advised that it would need Council approval and a Traffic Regulation Order after consultation with local residents. A suggestion was made that the lines would be needed on both sides of the road. Stefan added that officers would be in the area to ensure enforcement of the regulation.

The discussion then moved on to the parking around the school. Tim asked that the School be requested to allow coaches to enter the school area to avoid the need to park on the road. Phil responded that setting up a drop-off point was financially unworkable.

1. **EARA Events**

* Village quiz – 7 pm, 26th November – 9 tables have been sold so far, a 10th is available. Shane asked for help to set up the Hall from 4pm on the 26th.
* Christmas Tree Lighting - December 3rd – to be followed by an EPHA organised 60s 70s music night; £10 / head (£7.50 before 20th November) including nibbles and the first drink.
* 2017 Summer Fete – this event will take place in mid-July.
* Patrick Monaghan – an evening was suggested for April.

1. **EPHA**

Brian advised that there had not been a recent meeting so there was nothing new to report.

1. **EARA Gardening Section**

Richard thanked the helpers who had assisted with the recent activities. Shane also noted that the railings and bench at the war memorial had been painted and expressed thanks to the Council for the work.

1. **Financial Update**

Tim advised that the current balance in the account was £2195.29. Significant financial transactions had been the donation to Eaglescliffe Medical Practice, payment for the plants and the fee for hosting the new website. Shane advised that the donation to the Medical Practice had been very well received.

1. **EARA’s website and Gmail account**

Shane informed the meeting that the new website was up and running and asked members to review it and comment. He pointed out the opportunity to add information to keep it up to date.

1. **ERG**

Shane confirmed that the Hall plans are with the Planning Officer. He asked that we get as many people as possible to support and comment favourably on the proposal via the Council Planning Website. On this basis, it was hoped that the proposal would not need to go in front of the Planning Committee and be approved directly. Brian advised that the Diocese had supported the plans.

1. **Attendance at other local meetings**

Maureen will attend the Western Locality Forum meeting on the 21st November.

1. **Any other Business**

A further discussion took place on the state of Stoney Bank and concern that the quantity of wet leaves at the top were making it dangerous for residents to walk down. The conclusion was that it would be up to individual members of the public to clear it. It was suggested that a group of volunteers could meet and do the job on Saturday morning.

Shane asked if anyone had access to a mobile PA / Speaker system to help the vicar at the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Memorial.

Shane recommended the ‘Big Switch’ approach for the collective purchasing of energy. He commented that individuals had to register an interest by Nov 27th; a link to an article and the website is in the Blog on the EARA website.

Concerns were raised about the lack of lights around bus stops in the area particularly outside the Sunnyside Hotel – Councillor’s Stefan Houghton and Phil Dennis

Neville advised that the St Margaret’s Play Area had been repaired and was now awaiting a final safety check.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Monday 12th December 2016 in the Pot & Glass, Egglescliffe Village. Brian and Phil gave their apologies in advance