**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 12th December 2016**

**The Pot & Glass PH**

**PRESENT**: Shane Sellers (Chair), Stefan Houghton, Maureen Rigg, Norman Douglas, Neville Thompson, Richard Crouch, Ruth Greenwood and Tim Stokeld.

1. **Welcome -** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. **Apologies -** Mark Ellis (secretary), Councillor Phil Dennis, Brian Robinson and Tim Stokeld (will arrive around 7.30pm).
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in November 2016 were previously circulated and were approved as a true record. The only change that needed to be made was that Councillor Maureen Rigg was not attending the Western Locality Forum on 21st November 2016. This was duly noted by all member’s present.

Update on the lights near to, and inside, the bus stop on Yarm Road at its junction with Station Road, Eaglescliffe. Councillor Stefan Houghton spoke with Stockton Borough Council (SBC) and informed the meeting that they will be changing the sodium street lights to the new LED lights in due course.

Councillor Maureen Rigg stated that the light inside the bus shelter at the same location still does not work and this will be picked up by Councillor Houghton.

**Action** – Councillor Houghton to speak with SBC re the lights in the bus shelter on Yarm Road near to its junction with Station Road.

1. **Butts Lane yellow lines**

Councillor Stefan Houghton brought plans of the amended plans for yellow lines being extended to both sides of Butts Lane. This was due to concerns raised by the committee that if yellow lines were approved on one side of the road, cars would park on the opposite side, thereby continuing the issue of congestion.

Richard Crouch also asked whether the yellow lines that extend into Grisedale Crescent, could be extended by a further 10 – 15 metres. This would ensure vehicles did not park right up to the junction and create significant congestion, particularly as school dropping off and collection times.

Councillor Houghton stated that he would raise this with the local authority but also informed those present that consultation had already taken place.

**Action** – Councillor Houghton to liaise with Stockton Borough Council to see if extension of the double yellow lines in Grisedale Crescent was possible.

1. **EARA Events**
* Inter-village quiz in early 2017
* 2017 Summer Fete – this event will take place in mid-July.

Shane Sellers informed the meeting that Kathie Hatfield had been trying to book Patrick Monoghan (comedian) for a community event on 1st April 2017. This date had been previously booked in anticipation of the event going on but, due to contractual obligations that exist, Mr Monoghan would be unable to carry out the event. Shane thanked Kathie for her efforts but, as the date had already been booked it would be a shame not to have an event on this night. A number of proposals were put foreard that are to be followed up and these are:

* An Elvis night; or
* A race night.

Shane would proceed these two requests with the Vice-Chair, Brian Robinson.

1. **EPHA**

Brian Robinson sent his apologies for tonight’s meeting but, in any event, no EPHA meeting had taken place since EARA’s last meeting.

1. **EARA Gardening Section**

Richard updated the meeting regarding the events that had been ongoing by the gardening section. He thanked everyone for their support and would be looking for watering volunteers for the War Memorial and Egglescliffe Parish Hall in 2017.

1. **Financial Update**

Tim advised the accounts balance and would be audited very soon. A cheque for £182.00 would be written out so Kathie Hatfield could take this to the North East Air Ambulance. This amount was the value made during a recent quiz night raised through a raffle held on the night.

1. **Attendance at other local meetings**

No information to be shared.

1. **Any other Business**

Ruth Greenwood raised significant concerns about leave outside of Egglescliffe Primary School being a health hazard for people walking by.

**Action** - Councillor Houghton stated he would raise this with Stockton Borough Council’s Care For Your Area, but did say that they were extremely busy at the moment.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Monday 9th January 2017 in the Pot & Glass, Egglescliffe Village.

Shane Sellers informed members that the January event was usually the EARA Christmas dinner evening and that he would arrange for menu’s to be circulated so they can pre-book their meals.

**Action** – Shane Sellers to speak with the landlord at the Pot and Glass for a menu to circulate to members.