**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 6th March 2017**

**The Pot & Glass PH**

**PRESENT**: Shane Sellers (Chair), Norman Douglas, Neville Thompson, Richard Crouch, Ruth Greenwood, Tim Stokeld (Treasurer), Councillor Maureen Rigg, Councillor Phil Dennis, Tony Huckwell and Brian Robinson (Vice-Chair).

1. **Welcome -** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. **Apologies -** Mark Ellis (secretary) and Kathie Hatfield.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the last meeting held in February 2017 had previously been circulated.

1. **Heritage Lottery funding for the ‘Gateways’**

This matter is still on-going and is linked to the funding being sought by the Egglescliffe Renovation Group.

1. **EARA Events**
* Inter-village quiz in early 2017 – Egglescliffe have a team who will represent the community at this annual event and EARA wish them well in their attendance.
* 1st April 2017 – Shane Sellers informed members that this date was still booked by EARA but no event had been planned. There was a consideration to cancel this date and the Chair would take this up with the EPHA bookings officer, Eddie Buck.
* Ruth Greenwood mentioned a Levendale Gardener’s Question Time event, which cost £4 to attend. Details would be forwarded to the chair by Ruth.
* 2017 Summer Fete – this event will take place on Sunday 16th July 2017.
1. **EPHA**

The chair updated members regarding the ERG and where they were todate. In essence, a variety of funding sources are being looked at to determine which ones would benefit the renovation work proposed. Richard Crouch suggested the residents may wish to ‘buy a brick’ to support this renovation work, and it was agreed this would be taken to the ERG committee for consideration.

1. **EARA Gardening Section**

Richard Crouch informed members that spring bulbs and plants planted last year were coming up in all the tubs at the war memorial and the porish hall.

Councillor Phill Dennis stated that he had asked John Angus from Stockton Borough Council to look at planting more spring bulbs in and around Egglescliffe, which would include daffodils and blue bells. This included areas such as land adjacent to the war memorial and down Stoney Bank. Other areas identified by members that would benefit the area were:

Nev Thompson – Land near the sub-station near Uldale Close;

Maureen Rigg – Triangles of green areas in Grisedale Road; and

Ruth Greenwood – Land near to Wells Cottages.

1. **Financial Update**

Tim Stokeld stated that EARA’s account had been audited. EARA had £2583.79 in their account but £182.00 was destined for the Great North East Air Ambulance. Kathie Hatfield would take a cheque to this organisation on our behalf.

1. **Any other Business**

Richard Crouch stated that dog faeces were appearing on pavements near to Egglescliffe Primary School. He also mentioned that people were riding bicycles on the pavements, some of whom were adults.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Monday 3rd April 2017, in the Pot & Glass, Egglescliffe Village.