**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 8th May 2017**

**The Pot & Glass PH**

**PRESENT**: Shane Sellers (Chair), Richard Crouch, Ruth Greenwood, Tim Stokeld (Treasurer), Tony Huckwell, Councillor Stefan Houghton 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), Norman Douglas, Neville Thompson, Councillor Maureen Rigg and Kathie Hatfield.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the last meeting held in March 2017 had previously been circulated. It was agreed they were a true record of the meeting.

1. **EARA Events**

* Inter-village quiz in early 2017 – Egglescliffe won the inter-village quiz and have been awarded the Tees Valley Community Shield. We congratulate those residents who represented Egglescliffe at this quiz and look forward to host the event in 2018.
* The chair updated members on the recently held Egglescliffe Antiques evening, held on 29th April 2017. The event was a great success, with those attending bringing along the treasures. David Harding was impressed by, not only the quality of antiques brought to the event, but also the number of items brought along. Feedback from this event has been extremely positive and we look forward to the next EARA event.
* 2017 Summer Fete – this event will take place on Sunday 16th July 2017. It was agreed, as with previous years, that EARA would support the Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council by providing a cheque for £200.

1. **EPHA**

There has not been an EPHA meeting since the last EARA meeting so there are no updates to give at the moment.

1. **EARA Gardening Section**

Richard Crouch explained that it was almost time for the summer planting and that this would take place on the first Saturday in June (3rd June). The chair would notify EARA members of this impending work and would seek volunteers to assist on the day. Additionally, Richard, his wife and and Shane and Joanna Sellers would visit Whitegates Nursery shortly to buy the flowers for the parish hall barrels and the War Memorial.

1. **Financial Update**

Tim Stokeld stated EARA had a healthy balance of £2745.67, however, £400 of this was donated by residents to address planning concerns about the proposed Yarm School bridge. This money will be ringfenced as it was given to EARA for a specific purpose.

EARA’s accounts were recently audited by an independent auditor and were found to be in order.

1. **Any other Business**

The chair explained that a cheque for £182 was recently given by EARA to the Great North Air Ambulance Service as a donation. This was money that was raised by the association at a village quiz event.

Richard Crouch explained that the Egglescliffe Village Fete is on the same day as the Yarm 1914 Passchendaele event. It is hoped residents will attend both events as they are relatively close together.

Ruth Greenwood stated that EARA could consider having a German night. The publican at Chopgate, North Yorkshire, holds an event similar to an Oktoberfest, and this is one EARA could consider.

Councillor Stefan Houghton stated that he would endeavour to find out when the double yellow lines are to be painted on Butts Lane between Yarm Road and Grisedale Crescent, Eaglescliffe.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Monday 5th 2017, in the Pot & Glass, Egglescliffe Village.