**Annual General Meeting**

**Egglescliffe Area Residents Association (EARA)**

**Monday 4th September 2017, 7.30pm**

**Egglescliffe Parish Hall**

**MINUTES**

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| **1.** | **Welcome and Introductions**  Shane opened the meeting and welcomed those present |
| **2.** | **Apologies**  Apologies had been received from Brian Robinson, Norman Douglas, Kathie Hatfield, Ruth Greenwood, Richard Crouch and Neville Thompson |
| **3.** | **Minutes of the 2016 meeting of EARA AGM – Circulated**  Shane advised that the previous minutes had been made available on the website. They were approved as a true record. |
| **4.** | **Chair’s report**  Shane summarised the various activities that had been arranged or supported by the group. These included   * Village Quiz in December 16 raised £112 for the Great North Air Ambulance. As Egglescliffe won the final, the village now have the honour of hosting the 2017/18 final. * The decision had been taken by the committee to donate £100 to the Egglescliffe Medical Centre fund raising for a blood pressure monitor. * Planting of the War Memorial and Village Hall areas; support from the Parish Council and Stockton Borough Council was acknowledged. Shane took the opportunity to thank Richard and Jan Crouch for their ongoing contribution to the success of the work. * Support by members to the recently formed Egglescliffe Renovation Group with the primary objective of renovating the Village Hall. Shane advised that the plans had been completed and quotes were now awaited from several companies. Once these have been received, the major task will be fund raising. * Shane also commented on the successful opposition to the Yarm School Bridge planning application. He advised that he had written to the School Governors commenting on the lack of consultation by them in the process but also took the opportunity to recognise the contribution of the school to the local area. Receipt of the letter had been acknowledged but without further comment. * An Antiques Evening with David Harper had been attended by many residents * The group had collaborated for the 4th year in the planning and delivery of the Village Fete. * The ERG Barbecue had raised over £500 with a great turnout from the village |
| **5.** | **Report of accounts (Treasurer)**  Tim Stokeld provided details on the financial activities between 1/10/15 and 30/9/16 that have been audited by Tim Gibbons and signed off on 1/4/17. In summary  Opening account £937  Income £4912 (£3962 through fund raising)  Expenditure £3414 (including donations)  Closing account £2436  Tim advised that the expenditure had included £1138 for consultancy services in support of the opposition to the Yarm School planning application. He added that the current account balance was approximately £2000. |
| **6.** | **Election of Officers and Members**  Maureen Rigg facilitated the standing down of current officers and the election of officers to sit on the Management Committee for the next 12-months. She thanked the Committee for their work and also emphasised the success of the cooperation between the various groups in the village.  Shane was nominated for the Chairperson and accepted the appointment.  Brian was nominated as Vice-Chair. In Brian’s absence, Shane confirmed that Brian had agreed to accept the appointment.  Mark was proposed as Secretary and accepted the appointment  Tim was proposed as Treasurer and accepted the appointment  Committee Member positions were also agreed including  Maureen Rigg  Caroline Buckley  Kathie Hatfield  Ruth Greenwood  Neville Thompson  Norman Douglas  Tony Huckwell  Richard Crouch  Shane confirmed that he would also extend an open invitation to the Ward Councillors to attend Management Committee meetings.  Maureen then declared the election process as being completed. |
| **7.** | **Forthcoming events**  Shane summarised some planned events   * Replacement of the metal railings on Stoney Bank with a more attractive welcoming structure. Discussions with Stockton Council are ongoing in regard to the ownership of and responsibility for the path. * An evening with Patrick Monahan (comedian) – Saturday 25th November 2017 * Lighting of the Egglescliffe Christmas tree (Early December 2017) will be an EPHA event * Village quiz now being planned for January 2018 * Inter-village quiz – Egglescliffe will host the competition in – March/April 2018. |
| **8.** | **Any other business**  Tony Huckwell advised that the planned changes to the Phonebox will be made in the near future.  Shane informed the meeting about the Energy Saving scheme being promoted by Stockton Council  Shane also summarised 3 minor amendments to the EARA constitution that would be proposed to the Committee for approval. |
| **9.** | **Date of next AGM**  To be arranged for 2018 |