**Meeting of the**

**Egglescliffe Area Residents’ Association (EARA)**

**Management Committee**

**Monday 15th October 2018, 7.00pm**

**The Pot & Glass**

**Egglescliffe Village**

**Minutes**

**PRESENT**

Shane Sellers, Neville Thompson, Mark Ellis, Norman Douglas, Tony Huckwell, Kathie Hatfield, Richard Crouch, Councillor Stefan Houghton, Tim Stokeld, Harsh Agarwal.

1. **Welcome by the Chair**

Shane welcomed and thanked those present and apologised for the late rescheduling of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Maureen Rigg, Brian Robinson, Caroline Buckley and Ruth Greenwood.

1. **Presentation by Theakston Land representatives**

Two representatives from Theakston Land, Samantha Marlow and Ellie Corney (Theakston’s), attended the meeting to consult with the Committee regarding the proposed improvements to Church Road and Stoney Bank as part of their planned housing development in the village. They advised that the consultation was required to discharge a planning pre-commencement condition. They had already had discussions with the Council that had concluded the need for some clearance of the Stoney Bank verges, new signage and replacement of the barrier railings on Stoney Bank. The Council had also advised that no changes were necessary for Church Road. However, it had been stressed that any changes should maintain the character of the area and not involve excessive tree removal in the area down to the river.

Norman asked if Theakston’s had the authority to take actions without agreement with other land owners. The response was that they thought ‘yes’ but would check. They confirmed that Theakstons intend to lawfully implement any agreed changes.

The discussions then concluded several desirable changes to Stoney Bank

* Tim commented that the replacement of existing ‘modern’ lampposts with ones of an older traditional style would be a preferred alteration.
* Theakstons advised that the proposal discussed with the Council included a new wooden post and rail fence along the South side of the Bank. Shane suggested that the fence would need metal reinforcement to reduce the risk of damage and vandalism.
* Theakstons agreed that they would assist in clearance of the North side of the Bank if the landowners agreed.
* Shane proposed the planting of bluebells along the Bank.
* The need for the path to be redesigned to reduce blockage of the rain water gullies was discussed.
* The new entrance gates / barriers to the Bank, should have the ability to enable access for maintenance vehicles.

Theakstons agreed to send a summary of the discussions and conclusions to Shane for formal support by the EARA Management Committee. Finally, Stefan asked that they confirm that it would be the first occupation would trigger the requirement. Theakstons agreed that this was the case.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2018 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting; a minor grammatical error has been corrected.

ACTIONS ARISING – these were covered in the meeting agenda with the exception of the Remembrance Ceremony – Shane will confirm with Sylvia that an EARA wreath can be placed during the ceremony.

1. **Local Events**
* Egglescliffe Local History Group talk on ‘The history of Sunderland’ – Thursday 25th October 2018. Richard Crouch advised that this will be replaced by ‘Rambles around Cleveland’.
* Armistice and Aftermath, an illustrated talk by Jan and Richard Crouch – Sunday 28th October 2018 at 2:30pm in the Church, entry cost £5 with all proceeds to Help the Heroes.
* John Archer (magician) – Saturday 24th November 2018 – Sold out.
* Egglescliffe Village Quiz – Confirmed as Saturday 8th December 2018
* First Aid event – To be arranged for early 2019 – date to be confirmed.
* Scarecrow event and Egglescliffe Summer Fete – planned for Sunday 14th July 2018 – also considering a Flower Show.
* French evening – based on Beaujolais Nouveau – to be considered by the Events Group.
1. **Egglescliffe volunteers gardening section**

Richard commented that he will clear and replant ahead of the Remembrance weekend. The decision to replant the barrels in front of the Parish Hall will need to be taken asap – Shane to raise and get a decision.

1. **Financial Update**

Tim advised that the current account stands at £3,197. Cheques for £200 and £20 have been issued since the last meeting. He also advised that over the last year, £4,033 had been raised and £3,223 spent.

1. **Stoney Bank and the Heritage Trail**

Shane reported that he had met with Keith Matthews and Andrew McKeown to discuss the barrier artwork; Keith reinforced that the plans are fully aligned with the broader views on the development of the Heritage Trail. The plans will continue to be developed.

1. **Egglescliffe Renovation Group Update**

Shane advised that the Big Lottery bid for the Parish Hall renovation had been rejected. However, they advised that lower cost projects may be considered. Other options are now being considered with a reduced project scope.

1. **Any other business**
* Remembrance Day – The vicar has requested that EARA members might volunteer to support the commemorative events at St John’s Church on Nov 11th. Shane will circulate a request.
* Stefan advised that the owners of the Tattoo parlour have been issued with a Council request to engage on the condition of the premises.
1. **Date of next Management Committee meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th November 2018 at 7:00pm in the Pot & Glass.

**EARA Committee Meetings for 2018/19**

All EARA committee meetings will take place at The Pot and Glass

Public House, Church Road, Egglescliffe from 7pm,

unless directed otherwise.

Monday 12th November 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 4th February 2019

Monday 4th March 2019

Monday 1st April 2019

Monday 13th May 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019