**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 11th January 2021**

**Online via Zoom­**

Present: Shane Sellers, Ruth Greenwood, Councillor Maureen Rigg, Neville Thompson, Norman Douglas, Brian Robinson, Richard Crouch, Jan Crouch and Kathie Hatfield.

1. **Welcome**

Shane welcomed and thanked those present for their attendance online.

1. **Apologies**

Doug Nicholson and Councillor Stefan Houghton.

1. **Minutes of previous Meeting**

The minutes for the previous meeting have been circulated.

1. **EARA Constitution and amendments**

To facilitate changes to EARA’s constitution during these unprecedented times without an AGM taking place, it was agreed the changes could take place and put to an AGM when EARA was able to have one. These changes were to enable EARA to have online banking facilities, which had been requested by our bank.

The proposed changes, which had previously been circulated were:

At section 7.2 - ‘*As well as having the ability to write cheques, the EARA bank account will have the facility of online banking, to enable the authorised persons to conduct online payments for products and services*

At section 7.4 - *The Treasurer, and a second authorised person, approved by the EARA management committee, shall be permitted to conduct online transactions on behalf of the Association’*.

and

Within section 10.1 - *‘or, in the absence of both the aforementioned meetings being able to take place, by a simple majority of the members present at a committee meeting’.*

1. **Committed funds for Stoney Bank Lane**

Shane informed members that the £1,000 EARA agreed to commit to assist in work being undertaken on Stoney Bank Lane, was no longer required. He had personally spoken to Keith Matthews, Stockton Borough Council, who informed him that the funding for the artwork that was being installed has been fully covered.

This, along with the commitment from Theakston Land Ltd to carry out agreed work on Stoney Bank Lane as part of a planning application, meant EARA could redistribute these funds to other community projects.

1. **SBC and Groundworks artwork for Egglescliffe**

Shane informed members that a location was being sought for the installation of this artwork on, or near, Stoney Bank Lane. Its location was subject to underground utility pipe/wires, and ownership of the the upon which the artwork was to be placed. He would update members when the final location was known.

1. **A.O.B**

Ruth – There were some concerns about the state of the track from back lane leading towards the allotments and whether anything could be done to remedy the issue. Shane stated he would contact councillor Stefan Houghton to see what, if anything could be done.

Ruth – Was it possible for the SBC ice gritters to go as far as The Green, rather than turn round outside of Egglescliffe Parish Hall? Again, Shane stated that as the was a SBC matter, he would raise it with councillor Stefan Houghton to see what could be done.

1. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the EARA committee would take place on Monday 8th February 2021, via Zoom, at 7.00pm.