**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 12th April 2021, at 7:00pm**

**Online via Zoom­**

Present: Shane Sellers, Ruth Greenwood, Neville Thompson, Norman Douglas, Brian Robinson, Richard Crouch and Jan Crouch and councillor Stefan Houghton.

1. **Welcome**

Shane welcomed and thanked those present for their attendance online.

1. **Apologies**

Doug Nicholson, councillor Maureen Rigg and Kathie Hatfield.

1. **Minutes of previous Meeting**

The minutes for March 2021 had previously been circulated.

1. **Updates from March’s meeting**

Nothing to report.

1. **Artistic artwork for the top of Stoney Bank Lane**

The artwork for the top of Stoney Bank Lane, was shared with members prior to the meeting. Members were invited to make comments of the design and the following suggestions made:

1. The design of the railway did not easily identify that it was related to the Stockton to Darlington Railway. It was recommended that the date, 1825, and the outline of the original train form part of the artwork as this would provide easier recognition of what this part of the bin covering represented.
2. The Civil War artwork should have the date of the battle on Stony Bank added to the design and the design kept simple; and
3. The majority of members felt the design representing those who died in both World Wars was good and should go ahead. There was some concern that this should not overpower the nearby War Memorial, as this needed to be the focus of those events.

Councillor Stefan Houghton would pass on our comments to the artist and would, when he has the updated design, share them with members.

1. **EARA gardening volunteers**

Plants have been ordered for the barrels at the top of Stoney Bank Lane and the barrels themselves would be replaced once the current planting has ended. Nev and Shane have stored the two barrels for this location.

1. **Egglescliffe Village Hall Defibrillator**

Shane informed members that the joint venture by EARA and Egglescliffe Parish Hall Association to purchase and install a defibrillator at the parish hall has come to fruition. The new device in in a secure box at the front of the parish hall and has been registered with the North East Ambulance Service should the device be required to save a life.

Shane will regularly check the box and the device to ensure it is always ready for use if required.

1. **Egglescliffe Scarecrow Event**

The Egglescliffe scarecrow event will, subject to Government guidance, go ahead on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July 2021.

1. **Finance**

EARA still have funds in their account despite some recent large payments made to:

1. Egglescliffe Renovation Group - £1000; and
2. Defibrillator and secure box - £1812.
3. **A.O.B**

Shane read out two emails from councillor Maureen Rigg to members informing them:

1. Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council (EEPC) is looking into the possibility of having a Tommy figure from the RBLI on the lamppost near to where the bin and seats are.  Obviously, this would be subject to conservation area and the lighting engineers approval.
2. Egglescliffe Village green seats are being replaced, but that won't be immediate as again there are questions of planning and conservation area approval.
3. EEPC has approved the paving for the bin artwork near to the War Memorial.
4. EEPC thanked EARA for keeping the area around the War Memorial looking good with planting, and a grant to assist with the cost of plants would be forthcoming.
5. EEPC fully supports EARA’s attempts to re-introduce the Egglescliffe scarecrow event following the Covid-19 lockdown.

Ruth raised the point that she had met persons walking alongside the River Tees, who did not know where they were as there was no sign posting. She felt that a sign giving directions to Egglescliffe Green may be prudent. This matter would be taken up with EEPC.

Norman raised the point that he had seen the work going on at the new Yarm School car park site, which was extensive with the removal of many mature trees.

1. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the EARA committee would take place at 7:00pm on Monday 10th April 2021, via Zoom.