**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 17th May 2021, at 7:00pm**

**Online via Zoom­**

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

1. **Welcome**

Shane welcomed and thanked those present for their attendance online.

1. **Apologies**

Doug Nicholson, councillor Stefan Houghton and Ruth Greenwood.

1. **Minutes of previous Meeting**

The minutes for April 2021 had previously been circulated.

1. **Updates from April’s meeting**

Nothing to report.

1. **Yarm School field development update**

Shane informed members that he had received an email from the headmaster of Yarm School, inviting him to the school to update EARA with regards the development of their school playing field and bridge. Following this invitation, both Shane and Brian visited the school where a productive meeting took place on the future development.

The headmaster, Dr Huw Williams and Mr. Alan Hodgson, informed us that the development of the playing fields and the bridge would be done separately. The work on the playing fields would start this year and the bridge, which had a different more aesthetic design, would be completed next year. Dr Williams confirmed that although the playing fields would be completed before the bridge, the school would not be using them until such time as they could access them by the bridge.

This was reassuring as EARA were aware that a new non-planning application regarding conditions imposed when the application was approved, had been approved to allow for the two developments to take place independent of each other.

It was clear that Dr Williams wanted to consult with residents who may be impacted by the developments with a view to keeping them updated on progress.

There were many other matters discussed at this meeting and both Shane and Brian informed them that EARA recognised the economic and social benefits the school brings to the area.

1. **EARA gardening volunteers**

Richard and Jan informed members that due to the wet and unpredictable weather we have had of late, planting at the War Memorial and in the barrels at the top of Stoney Bank Lane would take place in early June.

Richard would send an email to the EARA members previously responsible for watering during the summer period, to confirm they are happy to continue with it.

It was agreed that when the new barrels are put in place at the top of Stoney Bank Lane, the one already there could be given to a local resident for his allotment.

1. **Finance**

It was resolved at this committee meeting of the Egglescliffe Area Residents’ Association, that an individual member would be nominated as primary user for the purposes of HSBC UK Business Internet Banking. It was acknowledged and agreed that the primary user would have full access and authority over EARA’s HSBC UK bank account, would have authority to appoint additional users, with no restriction on what they can do using HSBC UK Business Internet Banking, as appropriate.

For example, they can ask and apply for credit cards, overdrafts and loans; make payments into and out of the HSBC UK bank account, increase/decrease cardholder limits. The meeting was reminded full details of what the primary user can do are set out in the HSBC UK Business Banking Terms and Conditions and the Business Internet Banking Additional Conditions.

Shane informed members that Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council had agreed a contribution of £100, for the purchase of plants and flowers for Egglescliffe War Memorial and the tubs on Egglescliffe Green. Shane would forward banking details to Carole Whitehead to enable the money to be transferred into EARA’s bank account.

Having paid a number of bills for purchases, EARA’s bank balance stands at £1710.19.

1. **Egglescliffe Scarecrow Event**

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

Shane will advertise this event through local social media siteas and EARA’s own website.

1. **A.O.B**

Councillor Maureen Rigg – Councillor Rigg stated the new chair for Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council is Michael Snaith, and the vice-chair is Michael Lawson.

Norman Douglas asked if EARA would be holding and AGM as he would like to encourage younger members of the community to become committee members. Shane informed him that he agreed with holding an AGM in September/October, with a view to encouraging others to stand as committee members.

Neville sought an update for St Margaret’s Estate, in particular, the planting of tree, the addition of new equipment and on-site drainage.

1. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the EARA committee would take place at 7:00pm on Monday 14th June 2021, via Zoom.