**EGGLESCLIFFE AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EARA)**

**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday 6th September 2021, at 7:00pm**

**Online via Zoom­**

Present: Shane Sellers, Norman Douglas, Brian Robinson, Richard Crouch, Jan Crouch, Ruth Greenwood, and councillor Maureen Rigg.

1. **Welcome**

Shane welcomed and thanked those present for their attendance online. He informed members that he had received an email from Kathie Hatfield informing him that she was standing down from EARA with immediate effect. Shane stated that Kathie would be a sad loss to the committee and did, on behalf of all members, thank her for her support, vision, and planning over many years.

1. **Apologies**

Councillor Stefan Houghton, Doug Nicholson, and Neville Thompson.

1. **Egglescliffe Scarecrow Festival**

Shane informed the meeting that the scarecrow festival was still going ahead and had gained a bit of steam with regards the number of scarecrows being built. Letters had been put through the door of approximately 180 residents, and posters had been circulated around Egglescliffe and beyond.

Tesco, Sainsbury’s, and Tetley GB were all making scarecrows and had kindly donated prizes and/or other items to ensure the event was successful. The Pinata was still going on outside the Pot and Glass PH, and the pub itself was putting on its own events to support the festival.

Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council had donated a shield for the winner of the best scarecrow, and this would be handed to the winner on the Sunday evening.

A walking map was to be prepared by Shane, and this would be advertised through local social media sites and posters around Egglescliffe.

1. **Defibrillator**

Shane had purchased the additional spare pads and other items for the defibrillator and would store them at his house until they were required. The defibrillator had been removed from its box again due to an emergency but had not been used. It was re-sanitised and put back into operation in the event it was required for a medical emergency.

1. **Finance**

Nev, EARA’s treasurer, was unable to be at today’s meeting but little has been spent since last month’s balance, which stood at £1784.91.

1. **Garden Volunteers**

Richard and Jan informed the meeting that the plants in the barrels at the top of Stoney Bank were still alright, but it would soon be time to change the barrels themselves.

Ruth stated that the ‘tatty’ plant in the barrels outside Egglescliffe Parish Hall would be replaced.

1. **EARA Functions**

The possibility of re-starting functions by EARA was discussed as a means of raising funds for EARA and bringing the community together once again. There were several possible events that could be undertaken this year, these being:

* Our usual Christmas quiz in December; and
* The EPHA Christmas tree lighting on 27th November 2021.

Shane asked members to think about events we could undertake in 2022, events we could align to the Egglescliffe Summer Fete and the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration.

1. **Any other Business**

Councillor Rigg informed members that she would pick up the point that the metal fence around the War Memorial would need painting before the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday event.

Councillor Rigg stated there were vacancies on Egglescliffe and Eaglescliffe Parish Council, if anyone was interested, or knows someone who is.

1. **EARA AGM** - Monday 4th October 2021 (Subject the Egglescliffe Village Hall being available for public access)
2. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the EARA committee would take place at 7:00pm on Monday 6th September 2021, via Zoom.