

# Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum

A meeting of Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum was held on Tuesday, 19th December, 2006.

**Present:** Cllr M Frankland (Chairman), Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr K Leonard, Cllr W Noble, Cllr F G Salt, Cllr W Woodhead (Vice Councillor Mrs Beaumont); Mr S Neal (Teesside Pensioners) and Mrs D Fairhurst (Stockton Residents & Community Groups)

**Officers:** Mrs T Harrison (LD)

**Also in attendance:** Mr M Ellison (Parish Church Treasurer)

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs J Beaumont, Cllr K Faulks; Mrs E Chapman (St John's Living Well), Mrs M Cooper (University of the Third Age), Mr R Put (Stockton International Family Centre), Mrs D Rose (Age Concern), Mr L Stanley (Royal Navy Associates), Mr & Mrs Parker (Retired members Association TGWU), Alderman E Wood (Age Concern)

## 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2006

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2006.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2006 were agreed as a true record and would go to the next Council meeting.

## 2 Parish Church Renewal and Regeneration (Church Road)- Verbal presentation from Mr Ellison (Parish Church Treasurer)

Mr Ellison (Parish Church Treasurer) provided Members with a presentation on Stockton Parish Church regarding the renewal and regeneration plans which had been achieved and for which they hoped to obtain funding. Members were also provided with information regarding the history of the Church and their aims to encourage more diversified use of the Church which could generate an income for the church.

The church had not had a Vicar from July 2005. The diocese followed a procedure which resulted in the fact that interviews had only recently been undertaken for a replacement Vicar, however it was uncertain on the suitability of either candidate.

Members were informed that a stone from an Anglo Danish settlement was found in the grounds of the church. The stone was dated as being 10th Century which pre-dated anything in Stockton and which was mounted into a wall of the church.

Members made the following comments:

- The church should get publicity for the Anglo Danish stone and it should be included in the heritage trail.
- A vicar was needed as the church played a significant role within Stockton and the local communities.
- Something should be done to repair and protect the church.
- Lighting around the church needed to be improved.
- Planning Committee had approved lighting outside the church some years before but nothing had happened.

- Wanted to do away with the myth that Christopher Wren built the church. It may have been built by someone called Wren but it was not the famous architect - Christopher Wren.
- The wood in the church had not come from Captain Cooks ship and the stairs were not from Stockton Castle.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. The Secretary would contact the Planning Department to discover what happened to the approved planning application for lighting outside the Parish Church.
3. Mr Ellison would report back to the Chair in relation to the history of the wall by the rocket.

### **3 Frequency of meetings**

Members discussed the frequency of meeting due to the fact that there were insufficient topics to justify monthly meetings.

CONCLUDED that the Chair wants the meetings to be held on a monthly basis.

The next meeting will be in January at which point Members will be encouraged to provide topics for discussion within Elderly Citizens Liaison Forum.