Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 8th October 2018

at 7.00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church

**Present:** Cllr. Miss M. Galloway (Chairman)

 Cllrs. M. Cherrett, P. E. Dennis, N. R. Hill and Miss J. H. Robinson.

 Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Thompson.

**281 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**282 Minutes of the last Meeting**

 The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 10th September 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record with minor amendment.

**283 Matters Arising**

a. Cemetery Railings

 The Clerk confirmed that the Cemetery Railings had been painted after he had received a favourable quotation which Members had approved. He reported that Cllr. Thompson had met the contractor on site and had agreed that the job had been completed satisfactorily after a few pieces of “touching up” had been effected.

 b. Bus Shelters

 It was agreed that bus shelters were in a poor condition. It was agreed to write further to Stockton BC about the flooding on the road near Preston Lane.

 c. Speeding on Yarm Road

 Members reported that they could recollect at least three accidents involving the Police in the past year. The Clerk was asked to respond to Stockton BC’s negative comments.

 d. Clifton Avenue pothole

 The Clerk reported that some temporary repairs seem to have been effected.

 e. Yellow lines at Lime and Sycamore Roadside

 The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting details of a meeting with Stockton BC.

 f. Weed growth

 The Clerk reported that Stockton BC were currently in their second round of killing weeds.

**284 Accounts**

 a. The following accounts were approved and payment authorised:-

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| d/d | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Sep) | £ 152.74 |
| d/d | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| 38 | S. Lenaghan | Cemetery railings | £ 1500.00 |

**285 Executive Decisions**

 a. The Clerk reported that he had made no decisions in the past month.

**286 Planning**

a. 18/1918/OUT – Five houses off Preston Lane.

 The Clerk reported that he had sent in a representation objecting to the development.

**287 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

 b. Mr. & Mrs. R. Steel

 Members were pleased to note this letter which was sent to Stockton BC about the proposed development (c.f. 286a above). They fully concurred with the comments and conclusions.

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 c. Appeals

 The Council confirmed their decision not to contribute to appeals received out of public funds. They also confirmed that this did not apply to the regular donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

 d. Parked Lorry

 The Clerk read out details from a reply to the complaint from Stockton BC which offered a telephone number for the immediate reporting of incidents to the Civic Enforcement Service. Cllr. Cherrett affirmed that he had included the telephone number in the next edition of the Newsletter.

**288 Any Other Business**

 a. Preston Park picnic area

 The Clerk was asked to write to Stockton BC about the lack of rubbish bins at the picnic area in Preston Park, where there had once been at least three.

 b. Newsletter

 Members were pleased to approve the next edition of the Newsletter. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cherrett for his hard work in producing an excellent document.

 c. Remembrance Sunday

 The Chairman confirmed that the service would be as usual this year – starting at the church at 09:45. It was agree that Cllr. Cherrett would lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.

Dated this 12th Day of November 2018

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Chairman

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