Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 10th December 2018

at 7.00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church

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

 Cllrs. M. Cherrett, N. R. Hill, Mrs. Y. Symes and D. Thompson.

**296 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**297 Minutes of the last Meeting**

 The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 12th November 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record with minor amendment.

**298 Matters Arising**

a. Lines on roads

 (i) The Clerk reported that he had met an officer from Stockton BC and it had been agreed that they would re-mark the lines on Chestnut Road and Sycamore Road opposite the garage.

 (ii) The Chairman reported that Mr. Marshall had complained as parents were parking across his drive and preventing him from accessing his property despite the presence of white lines. Members felt that his only recourse could be to contact the Enforcement section at Stockton BC.

 b. Parked Lorry

 The Chairman reported that the lorry seems to have been moved so that it now parks beside the notice board opposite the school entrance.

 c. Preston Park picnic area

 The Clerk reported that he had received a response from Stockton BC opining that there were sufficient bins in Preston Park and that they had no plans to increase the number.

 **d**. Carol Service

 The Chairman reported that she had attended the Carol Service on behalf of the Council.

**299 Accounts**

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

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| d/d | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Nov) | £ 148.24 |
| d/d | SLCC | Annual Subscription | £ 63.00 |
| d/d | ALCC | Annual Subscription | £ 40.00 |

 b. Precept for 2019/20

 Following the presentation of a draft budget from the Clerk it was agreed to maintain an unchanged precept of £5500 for the next financial year.

**300 Planning**

a. Worsley Close change of use of Garage to dog grooming salon.

 Members agreed that they had no difficulties with the application as presented.

**301 Executive Decisions**

 a. The Clerk reported that he had granted one permission to inter cremated remains in a previously reserved plot.

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**302 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

**303 Any Other Business**

 a. Christmas Card

 Members were pleased to acknowledge receipt of a Christmas Card from the Brown family of Myrtle Road.

 b. Newsletter deliveries

 Cllr. Cherrett presented a list of the addresses to which the Newsletters are delivered for Members information and asked for any corrections.

 c. Broken Gulley off Chestnut Road

 The Clerk was asked to report what appears to be a broken gulley in the back lane off Chestnut Road as the surface has sunk again.

 d. Retirement of Police Inspector

 The Clerk reported that he had received a message stating that Insp. Carl Broughton was retiring shortly and that he would be replaced by Insp. Jon Willoughby.

Dated this 14th Day of January 2019

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Chairman

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