Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 8th April 2019

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.

**325 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**326 Minutes of the last Meeting**

 The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 11th March 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record

**327 Matters Arising**

a. Broken Gulley off Chestnut Road

 The Clerk reported that SBC believed there was no problem and had placed the area in a six monthly inspection cycle.

 b. Waste Bins being left out

 It was agreed to keep the problem under review.

 c. Newsletter

 Cllr. Cherrett presented a final draft of the Newsletter and Members were pleased to accept it for production with their thanks.

 d. PO Collection times

 The Clerk was asked to write to the PO for an explanation as to the reasoning behind their change in the collection times from post boxes.

 e. Disabled parking

 Cllr. Mrs. Symes reported that the resident appeared to satisfy the necessary criteria and was filling in the forms to apply for a discretionary parking space.

**328 Accounts**

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

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| d/d | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Mar) | £ 154.34 |
| d/d | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| 42 | Trinity Methodist Church | Room rental | £ 210.00 |

 b. The Clerk reported that the annual precept had been paid by Stockton BC.

**329 Executive Decisions**

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

**330 Planning**

 a. 7 Clifton Gardens

 Members felt that they could agree to fall into line with local residents’ thoughts on the extensions.

 b. Teesbank Avenue

 Members agreed that the proposed extension, while seemingly large, would not detract from neighbouring properties.

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**331 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

 b. Egglescliffe PC Social Evening

 The Chairman stated that she would be unable to attend. Cllr. Cherrett said that he would go if he was available.

 c. Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance Appeal

 Members agreed that the annual donation to Poppy Day was the only such award to which they were prepared to commit.

**332 Any Other Business**

 a. Pot Holes

 The Council received a report on the presence of many pot holes in both the road and footpath surfaces on many of the parish’s roads, but particularly on Sycamore Road and Dunottar Avenue.

 b. Chestnut Road yellow lines

 The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC to remind them of their promise to reinstate the yellow lines as inspected.

 c. Hawthorn Hedge on main road

 The Clerk was asked to report to Stockton BC the large hole which has appeared in the hedge near to Oak Road and to ask for its repair in the interests of road safety.

 d. Car Transporters

 The Clerk was asked to report the second hand garage near the A66 roundabout which is unloading cars on the main road to the detriment of road safety.

 e. Recycling Collections

 The Clerk was asked to request that operatives showed more care and consideration when replacing recycling bags which had been emptied.

 f. School Children on buses

 The Clerk was asked to write to Arriva to see if they could divert one service bus to serving just children so that older residents might not be subjected to the problems associated with having a bus load of children after school.

 g. Road Sweeper

 It was reported that the road sweeper was ignoring a lot of streets where parked cars impeded his passage. Members deplored that lack of manual street cleaning in such locations.

 h. Co-Option of Members

 The Clerk reported to the Council on the procedures for co-opting new Members after the election. Members felt hopeful that the forthcoming Newsletter might attract some interest as had some of the previous issues.

Dated this 13th Day of May 2019

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Chairman

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