Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 9th September 2019

at 7.00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church

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

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

 Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Thompson.

**356 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**357 Minutes of the last Meeting**

 The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 8th July 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**358 Matters Arising**

a. Royal Mail pouch box on Yarm Road

 Members were pleased to note that the box had been painted.

 b. Preston Park

 Cllrs. Hill, Thompson (via the Clerk) and Mrs. Symes reported on their attendance at the Stakeholder meeting at the end of July. They were pleased to have attended and reported on several good ideas, although there seemed to be a lack of finance to fulfil them.

 The Chairman thanked Members for attending and stated that it was good to have some recognition from Stockton BC about the Council’s presence and interest.

 c. Grass Cutting

 A discussion about the appearance of the village found that grass cutting appeared to be causing problems with over-cutting in some places whereas other areas were left so long that there were too much grass blown into the road after the cutters had been. The Clerk was asked to write to Stockton BC about the grass cutting and to Thirteen (again) about the proliferation of weeds.

 d. Shop litter bins

 The Clerk was asked to write again to Stockton BC about the damaged litter bins.

 e. Eaglescliffe sign

 The clerk reported that Stockton BC could see no problem with the problem. He was asked to write again.

 f. Traffic Light at The Avenue

 The complainant reported that the offending greenery had been cut back.

**359 Accounts**

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

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| bacs | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Jul & Aug) | £ 282.58 |
| 45 | Harding Gardening | Cemetery grass cutting (Apr-Sep) | £ 1035.00 |

**360 Executive Decisions**

The Clerk reported that he had given permission for an interment in an existing grave.

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**361 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

 b. Stockton & Darlington Railway 194th Anniversary Dinner

 The Clerk agreed to pass on the invitation to Cllr. Thompson.

 c. Temporary Clearway Order

 Members noted the order and hoped that it might alleviate some of the car parking problems during the Halloween event at Preston Park.

 d. Grassing a bare grave

 Members felt that the space would grass over naturally and the Clerk agreed to seek the opinion of the grass cutter.

**362 Any Other Business**

 a. *Nextdoor Preston-on-Tees*

 Cllr. Mrs. Symes agreed to look into the web site.

 b. Newsletter

 Cllr. Cherrett asked for contributions to the Newsletter which he was planning for publication in October. Cllr. Mrs. Symes offered her assistance in the preparation of the Newsletter.

Dated this 14th Day of October 2019

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Chairman

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