Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 11th November 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.

**371 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**372 Minutes of the last Meeting**

 The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 14th October 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**373 Matters Arising**

a. Grass Cutting

 Receipt of an email regarding the regularity and fixed nature of the grass cutting arrangements was acknowledged. It was agreed to try to keep a log in the new year.

 b. Eaglescliffe sign

 The clerk reported that the sign had been in place for at least 10 years. It was agreed to ask that the existing sign for Preston-on-Tees be cleaned.

 c. Newsletter

 The Clerk reported that he had received one telephone call following the delivery of the latest edition of the Newsletter.

 d. Parish Walk

 Following receipt of the latest plans from Thirteen the Clerk was asked to clarify when the next walk was planned for the parish.

 e. Vermin

 The Clerk reported that there had been no response from Stockton BC following the last report of rats in Laburnum Road.

 f. Remembrance Sunday

 The Chairman reported on the Church service and Cllr. Cherrett laid the wreath on behalf of the people of the parish.

**374 Accounts**

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

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| bacs | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Oct) | £ 145.39 |
| 45 | Stockton BC | Uncontested election fee | £ 50.00 |
| 46 | Royal British Legion | Poppy Day appeal | £ 100.00 |
| 47 | M. Cherrett | Newsletter printing | £ 32.00 |
| d/d | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 45.45 |

 b. Budget

 It was agreed to defer setting a budget for the forthcoming financial year until the next meeting.

**375 Executive Decisions**

The Clerk reported that he had given permission for an interment of cremated remains in an existing plot.

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**376 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

 b. Power for People

 Receipt of the request for an agenda item was noted but found inappropriate for this Council.

 c. Clifton Avenue pavements

 The Clerk was asked to re-direct the complainant to Stockton BC with the added opinion that this Council could not support any suggestion of narrowing the footpaths.

 d. War Memorial Park

 The Clerk was asked to obtain additional information so that Members could make an informed decision at the next meeting.

 e. Mayor’s Christmas Carol events

 No Member felt able to attend.

 f. What3Word

 Members noted the correspondence.

**377 Any Other Business**

 a. Bus Shelter opposite petrol station

 Cllr. Mrs. Symes agreed to send a photograph of the offensive word so that the Clerk could ask Stockton BC to take remedial action.

 b. Disabled resident

 The Clerk was asked to approach Stockton BC about a possible lead time for their decision.

 c. Poor footpath

 The Clerk was asked to report the poor state of the footpath between Witham Avenue and All Saints Church to Stockton BC.

 d. Overgrown hedges

 The Clerk was asked to report the overhanging hedges along Dunottar Avenue and Beechwood Road to Stockton BC.

 e. Back lanes

 The Clerk was asked to report the poor state of the back lanes in the parish to Stockton BC. They appear covered in moss and very unkempt.

 f. Flooding

 Cllr. Thompson reported (via the Clerk) that some work had been done to rectify the flooding at the bush shelter near Preston Lane. The result had been the creation of two puddles, one at each end of the shelter.

Dated this 9th Day of December 2019

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Chairman

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