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

at 7.00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church

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

 Cllrs. M. Cherrett, N. R. Hill and D. Thompson (from 19:10)

 Apologies were received from Mrs. Y. Symes.

**378 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**379 Minutes of the last Meeting**

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

**380 Matters Arising**

a. Eaglescliffe sign

 The clerk reported that he had asked that the existing sign for Preston-on-Tees be cleaned.

 b. Parish Walk

 The Clerk that he had received no report back from Thirteen as to when the next walk was planned for the parish. He was asked to repeat the request as the regular walks seem to have been stopped.

 c. Clifton Avenue pavements

 The Clerk reported that the complainant had expressed his pleasure at the information.

 d. War Memorial Park

 The Clerk presented the additional data that had been requested and it was agreed that the Council should make an *ex gratia* payment of £500.00 towards the removal of the condemned trees.

 e. Bus Shelter opposite petrol station

 The Clerk reported that the photograph of the offensive word had been sent to Stockton BC who had promised to check the shelter.

 f. Disabled resident

 The Clerk had passed on the response from Stockton BC who were sending the request to Borough Councillors, although they declined to offer a time scale.

 g. Footpath along Dunottar Avenue.

 The Clerk reported that Stockton BC had inspected the footpath and noted some necessary repairs.

 h. Overgrown hedges

 The Clerk reported that he had passed on the request regarding the overhanging hedges along Dunottar Avenue and Beechwood Road to Stockton BC.

 i. Back lanes

 The Clerk reported that he had received no response as yet from Stockton BC about the results of an inspection.

 j. Flooding

 Stockton BC stated that the work was still in the pipeline and that the repairs already undertaken were to the footpath and kerbing. The work to the road surface had yet to be scheduled.

**381 Accounts**

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

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| bacs | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Nov) | £ 307.14 |
| bacs | Dickon Harding | Cemetery maintenance | £ 540.00 |
| bacs | Society of Local Council Clerks | Annual subscription | £ 65.00 |
| bacs | Assoc. of Local Council Clerks | Annual subscription | £ 40.00 |

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 b. Precept

 Following the presentation of a draft budget, it was agreed to set a precept of £5750.00 for the forthcoming financial year.

 c. Risk Analysis

 The Clerk took Members through the parts of this year’s Risk Analysis which seemed appropriate. The answers were acceptable and it was agreed to consider the balance of the analysis nearer the financial year end.

**382 Executive Decisions**

The Clerk reported that he had taken no such decisions in the past month.

**383 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

 b. Complaint re back lanes

 It was agreed to add this to the complaint mentioned at 380(i) above and that the complainant should be informed.

 c. Mayor’s Civic Awards

 Members noted the deadline for nominations and agreed to consider whether they knew of any likely recipients.

**384 Any Other Business**

a. Tees Valley Access

 The Clerk was asked to check through correspondence to determine just what had been sent to the Council.

 b. Notice Board

 The Chairman expressed the need for the notice board to be checked for its safety.

c. Recycling Collections.

 The Chairman reported on the missed collection of re-cycled waste at the previous collection. Members were dismayed that Stockton BC’s initial response promised resolution in ten day. They were gratified that the council had effected removal of the waste on the same day after further representations.

Dated this 13th Day of January 2020

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Chairman

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