Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th June 2021

at 7.00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church

**Present:** Cllr. M. Cherrett (Chairman)

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

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Miss M. Galloway

**423 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**424 Minutes of the last Meeting**

 The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday,17th May 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record with minor amendment.

**425 Matters Arising**

a. Parish Walk

 The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing yet about a resumption of the walks.

 b. Newsletter

 It was agreed that Cllr. Cherrett should produce matter for a forthcoming Newsletter which Cllr. Symes agreed to enter into the prior template.

**426 Accounts**

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

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| d/d | Stockton BC | Cemetery waste bin | £ 20.07 |
| Bacs | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (May) | £ 146.97 |
| Bacs | Mrs. C. Whitehead | Internal Audit fee | £ 50.00 |

b. Certificate for exemption from audit.

 Members were pleased to agree to the signing of the Certificate for exemption from audit for 2020/2021.

 c. Annual Internal Audit Report

 The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted.

 d. Annual Governance Statement for 2020/2021

 The Clerk took Members through the Annual Governance Statement which received their assent.

 e. Accounting Statements for 2020/2021

 The Clerk presented the Accounting Statements which Members were pleased to accept.

**427 Matters Pending**

a. Risk Assessment

 It was agreed that the Clerk should present the form for the Risk Assessment at the next meeting.

 b. Internal Audit

 Cllr. Cherrett reported that his son might be willing to carry out the internal audit in the future but that considerations of conflicting interests and of physical distance might prove insurmountable.

**428 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

**429 Any Other Business**

 a. Oak Road Verges

Cllr. Mrs. Symes reported that the grass on the verge in Oak Road was now over knee high and seeding. The Clerk was asked to contact Thirteen Group to ask them to honour their promises.

 b. Garages at Oak Road

The Clerk was asked to contact Thirteen Group about the weeds growing around their garages on Oak Road.

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 c. Overgrown Conifer

The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC about the Leyland Cyprus tree which had overgrown from Gatley Close and was obstructing the footpath on Yarm Road.

 d. Flooded Footpath

The Clerk reported that responsibility for the flooded footpath between Lime and Sycamore Roads had been denied by Thirteen Group. Cllr. Thompson offered to speak to the owner of the nearby shop about the problem’s origins.

 e. Yarm Road Flooding

The Clerk reported that Stockton BC had agreed to investigate but noted that there had been no more rainfall since that time.

Dated this 12th Day of July 2021

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Chairman

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