**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th September 2021**

**at 7.00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church**

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

Cllrs. M. F. Cherrett and N. R. Hill.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Y. Symes and D. Thompson.

**437 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**438 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday,14th July 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record with one minor correction.

**439 Matters Arising**

1. Newsletter

Cllr. Cherrett reported that the Newsletter had been delivered. Nobody had received any feedback form the issue.

1. Overgrown conifer

The Clerk reported that Stockton BC had yet to report back on their inspection.

1. Yarm Road flooding

The Clerk reported that such complaints have to be reported via a web form. He further reported that he had seen the gullies being cleared.

1. Footpath Parking

Cllr. Cherrett presented a leaflet produced by Stockton BC regarding the problem. SBC have few powers and the police seem unwilling to act unless the obstruction is gross.

1. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon

The Clerk reported that he had uploaded the documentation to the web site.

**440 Accounts**

1. The following accounts were approved, and payment authorised: -

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| d/d | Stockton BC | Cemetery waste bin (Aug/Sep) | £40.14 |
| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary and expenses (Jul/Aug) | £ 278.92 |
| BACS | M. J. Cherrett | Newsletter printing | £32.00 |

1. Internal Audit

Members approved the appointment of Mr. Gordon Fletcher CMIIA (Chartered Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors) as Internal Auditor at an annual fee of £100.00.

**441 Matters Pending**

1. Risk Assessment

Members accepted the Clerk’s presentation of the risk assessment up to date and agreed to look at a further update in December with a larger font size.

1. Burial Plot Reservations

Members agreed to the application to reserve a double plot.

**442 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

**443 Any Other Business**

1. Recycling Collection problems

The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC about problems reported on a regular basis about the careless way in which recycling bags were treated after emptying.

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1. Preston Park

Cllr. Hill reported on a meeting he had attended about the proposed “exhibition centre” at Preston Park. The development would be smaller than that heralded in local newspapers and was part of a larger bid for inward investment. The plan was for an art exhibition centre located the North end of the staff car park.

The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC regarding the apparent lack of information being received by this Council and to ask that Cllr. Hill be made a second representative.

1. War Memorial Park

The Clerk reported that he had received news from Egglescliffe PC regarding problems which have arisen with the park: -

1. Stockton BC was checking the trees following the loss of a branch earlier in the year.
2. A survey was to be carried out into the safety of the boundary wall which was showing some signs of wear.
3. Trees felled

The Chairman raised a point that some mature trees seem to have been felled on The Avenue.

1. Clerk’s unavailability

The Clerk apologised for his unavailability for the next meeting and Cllr. Cherrett took possession of the key and the attendance register. The Clerk assured Members that he would send them a summons and copies of the Minutes as usual.

Dated this 11th day of October 2021

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Chairman

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