**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th October 2021**

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

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

 Cllrs. M. F. Cherrett, N. R. Hill, Cllr. Mrs. Y. Symes and D. Thompson.

 Apologies were received from The Clerk

**444 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**445 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 13th September 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**446 Matters Arising**

1. Newsletter

Cllr. Cherrett reported all the Newsletters have been delivered. There has been no feedback to date.

1. Overgrown conifer

Still awaiting feedback from the Stockton BC inspection.

1. Yarm Road flooding

It was reported that there has been no further flooding however there has been very little

 rain. The Councillors agreed that further monitoring is required.

1. Recycling Collection problems:

The Clerk has contacted Stockton BC about the careless way recycling bags are treated after emptying. There has been no reply to date.

1. The Preston Park Exhibition Centre:

 No further updates. To be kept under review.

**447 Accounts**

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

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| d/d | Stockton BC | Cemetery waste bin (Oct) | £20.07 |
| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary and expenses (Sep) | £ 141.45 |
| BACS | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |

**448 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.
2. In response to correspondence received from the Engagement Team PC (Andrew Hampson) the Chairman advised that she would like the Police to have an occasional presence at meetings to provide updates on current issues. The correspondence noted that 7 to 10 days’ notice is required.

**449 Any Other Business**

1. Grass Cutting

The Chairman advised that grass cutting at Laburnum Road had taken place twice in two days. The Chairman suggested that the Grounds Maintenance regime should be managed more effectively by Stockton Borough Council or Thirteen Group.

1. Tree Felling at ‘Copsewood’, The Avenue.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk write to Stockton BC to enquire if there are Tree

 Preservation Orders on the trees in The Avenue.

1. Litter Picking

The Chairman suggested that thanks should be given to the volunteer ‘Litter Pickers’ for their excellent work in the local area. It was thought that the volunteers are organised by the management of Preston Park. Cllr Symes to write to Preston Park Management on

behalf on the Parish Council.

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1. Remembrance Sunday - 14th November 2021.

Cllr. Cherrett offered to lay the Wreath on behalf on the Parish Council. Cllr. Thompson to

pick up the Wreath and deliver to Cllr Cherrett.

1. Cemetery extension

The extension to the Cemetery was discussed. A visit by the Councillors to the Cemetery

is to be arranged in the Spring.

Dated this 8th day of November 2021

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 Chairman

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