**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th December 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.

**450 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**451 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 11th October 2021, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**452 Matters Arising**

1. Overgrown Conifer

The Clerk reported that the Council was 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 Chairman reported that matters had improved markedly.

1. Preston Park Exhibition Centre

Members agreed that there seemed little progress on the possibilities and mentioned that non-one had received any notice of further meetings.

1. Police Engagement

It was agreed to circulate the information to Members and to invite a Police presence for the January meeting.

1. Litter Picking

It was reported that no response had been received.

1. Remembrance Service

Cllr. Cherrett reported that he had represented the Council at the service.

**453 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Oct/Nov) | £ 431.79 |
| d/d | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste bin (1 Nov & 1 Dec) | £ 40.14 |
| d/d | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 37.13 |
| BACS | Teec Ltd. | Web site fees | £ 151.19 |
| 49 | Royal British Legion | Poppy Day appeal | £ 100.00 |
| BACS | Society of Local Council Clerks | Clerk’s Annual Subscription | £ 70.00 |
| BACS | Association of Local Council Clerks | Clerk’s Annual Subscription | £ 40.00 |
| BACS | Dickon Harding | Cemetery grounds maintenance | £ 1720.00 |

1. Members approved the setting of a precept of £6250.

**454 Clerk’s Actions**

The Clerk reported that he had approved several memorial applications and had provided one burial plot reservation as previously approved by the Council.

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**455 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.
2. Disabled Access to Preston Park through Quarry Wood

Following a written representation Members agreed to pursue the matter in future negotiations with Stockton BC over improvements to the park.

1. War Memorials Trust

The November 2021 Bulletin was passed to Cllr. Thompson.

1. Cleveland Police December Newsletter

The Clerk agreed to circulate the Newsletter electronically.

**456 Any Other Business**

1. Bus Shelter Graffiti

The Clerk was asked to approach Stockton BC about northbound bus shelter at Chestnut Road where the removal of graffiti had left the polycarbonate sheeting badly stained.

1. Road Safety

The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC about a perceived lack of safety for cars on the Sycamore/Oak Road junction. Would a one-way system reduce danger, or some additions to the current car parking places, improve matters?

Dated this 14th day of February 2022

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 Chairman

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