**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10th October 2022**

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

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

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

**507 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**508 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 12th September 2022, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**509 Matters Arising**

1. Litter Bins at Preston Park

Cllr. Mrs. Symes reported that the overflowing bins had been cleared up.

**510 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Sep) | £ 150.52 |
| BACS | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste (Oct) | £ 23.08 |

1. Interest Rates

Given the recent bank interest increases the Clerk agreed to check with the bank and see if any funds could be transferred to earn some extra income.

1. Cemetery Fees

It was agreed to double the existing cemetery fees immediately and to reconsider them at budget time in 2023.

**511 Executive Actions**

1. The Clerk reported that he considered the recent burial to have been properly sited

**512 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed
2. Members noted the forthcoming event in Preston Park for Halloween

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**513 Any Other Business**

1. Newsletter

Cllr. Cherrett asked for copy for the next issue of the Newsletter to be sent to him. He was hoping to produce the issue before Christmas.

1. Remembrance Sunday

Cllr. Cherrett agreed to lay the wreath again this year. The Clerk was asked to approach the church to ask that seats be reserved at the Service for the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Symes as well as for Cllr. Cherrett.

1. Graffiti in Preston Park

Cllr. Mrs. Symes reported that she had seen a lot of new graffiti in the park recently – even to the extent of covering newly placed seats.

1. Preston Park future plans

Cllr. Thompson offered to contact the Park manager to ask about the progress of their future planning.

Dated this 14th day of November 2022

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 Chairman

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