**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th November 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.

**514 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**515 Minutes**

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

**516 Matters Arising**

1. Newsletter

The Chairman reported that the Newsletter had been delivered and thanked Cllr. Cherrett for his efforts.

1. Remembrance Day

The Chairman reported that three Members had attended the local service and Cllr. Cherrett had laid the wreath on behalf of the Council. She thanked Cllr. Mrs. Symes for her assistance.

1. Preston Park future

Cllr. Thompson reported that the architects were having to create new plans for the park, but Members were slightly pessimistic about the prospects.

**517 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Oct) | £ 152.67 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery Waste Bin (Nov) | £ 23.08 |
| BACS | TEEC Ltd | Web Site Fees | £ 151.19 |
| BACS | M. Cherrett | Newsletter Printing | £ 39.00 |
| D/D | WAVE | Cemetery Metered Water | £ 48.37 |
| 51 | Royal British Legion | Poppy Day Appeal | £ 100.00 |

1. Interest Rates

The Clerk reported that he had transferred a large part of the Council’s account into the interest-bearing account at a rate of 0.5%.

1. Poppy Day Appeal

It was agreed to make a donation of £100.00 as previously given.

1. Budget 2023-2024

Following consideration of the Clerk’s draft budget it was agreed to maintain the Council’s precept for the coming financial year at £6250.00.

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**518 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed
2. Thirteen Group and apparently empty property

The Clerk was asked to approach the landlords again and ask for some proper action in regard to the property which was causing problems to the adjacent houses. Members deemed this necessary to prevent damage and excess costs to those houses.

**519 Any Other Business**

1. Property Security

Cllr. Mrs. Symes mentioned a recent triggering of their alarm systems by an intruder and wanted to let Members know to spread the word about extra vigilance

1. Mud on Road

Cllr. Thompson reported the presence of large amounts of mud remaining on the road outside 540 Yarm Road after recent road works. He promised to send photographs to the Clerk for transmission to Stockton BC.

Dated this 12th day of December 2022

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Chairman

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