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

**478 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**479 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 9th April 2022, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**480 Matters Arising**

1. Standing water

After recent flooding had been complained of to Stockton BC Cllr. Thompson reported that the gulley emptier had been observed at work.

1. Litter picking

Members agreed that any litter picking by Stockton BC appeared to be random.

1. Preston Park Aviary

The Clerk reported that he had made contact with the management of the Park and had received their agreement to a meeting which seemed less forthcoming.

1. Overhanging Tree

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a response from the arborist at Stockton BC.

1. Oak Road Garages

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Thirteen Group who had promised to clear the fly tipped rubbish but added that they had given no undertakings about maintenance. It was agreed that the matter of such maintenance should be pursued given the levels of rentals being charged.

**481 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Apr) | £ 146.42 |
| D/D | Information Commissioner | Annual fee | £ 35.00 |
| BACS | G. Fletcher | Internal Audit Fee | £ 100.00 |
| BACS | Zurich Insurance | Annual insurance premium | £ 401.44 |

1. Internal Audit report

Members were pleased to accept the report from the Internal Auditor and agreed to a swift revision of the Standing Orders.

1. AGAR Certificate of Exemption

Members were pleased to agree that the exemption certificate should be signed.

1. Annual Governance Statement

The Clerk took Members through the requirements of the Annual Governance Statement which they were pleased to approve.

1. Accounting Statements for 2021/22

Members were pleased to approve the Accounting Statements which were duly signed.

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**482 Pending Matters**

1. Council Insurance

Members were pleased to accept the quotation from Zurich Insurance.

**483 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed
2. Invitation to SBC Jubilee Celebrations

The Chairman read out her copy of the invitation which she was unwilling to take up due to the lateness of the event. There were no other Members able to accept a transfer.

**484 Any Other Business**

1. Bin Men carelessness

It was reported that complaints had been received about carelessness by the operatives resulting in litter being dropped during operations which was not being cleared up as it occurred.

1. Preston Park pathway lights

Cllr. Hill asked whether the lights alongside the main path from the gates to the Hall should light up after dark since it seemed not to be happening.

1. Postal Deliveries

The Clerk was asked to contact Royal Mail about the erratic deliveries in the village. It had recently been noted that a lack of any post through one week had been followed by a large amount of post being received on the following Sunday.

1. Electronic Fly Tipping

The Chairman reported that a Play Station console appears to have been dumped at the rear of 7 Myrtle Road about 2/3 weeks previously.

Dated this 13th day of June 2022

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 Chairman

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