**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th July 2022**

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

**Present:** Cllr. M. F. Cherrett (Chairman)

 Cllrs. N. Hill, Mrs. Y. Symes and D. Thompson.

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Miss M. Galloway.

**493 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**494 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 13th June 2022, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record with a minor amendment.

**495 Matters Arising**

1. Preston Park Aviary

Cllr. Thompson presented the slides for Members which were used in the meeting with Sara Fortune.

1. Overhanging Tree

Cllr. Thompson reported that he had spoken to the arborists at SBC who surveyed the tree regularly and are happy with the condition, as is the resident now.

1. Oak Road Garages

The Chairman stated that he had looked at the garage and thought that the owners should be maintaining them better given the rentals they charge. Cllr. Mrs. Symes said that she would keep the matter under review.

1. Fly Tipping

It was agreed that the Clerk should determine the relative costs of Council clearance of large items and fines for fly tipping so that an entry could be placed in the next edition of the Newsletter.

1. Dog Faeces

The Clerk was asked to pursue the query following the non-response, despite acknowledgment of the contact, from Stockton BC.

1. Weed Killing and Grass Cutting

The Clerk reported on the expected response from Stockton BC about tight schedules and an inability to add in extra efforts.

**496 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Jun) | £ 149.27 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste (Jul) | £ 23.08 |
| BACS | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |

**497 Executive Actions**

1. The Clerk reported that he had approved a memorial re-inscription.

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**498 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed

**499 Any Other Business**

1. Fire Engine Rally

Cllr Thompson reported that the signage was worse this year and that he had fed this information back to SBC Cllr. Houghton so that there might, hopefully, be some improvement next year.

1. Bus Stop Damage

Cllr. Hill reported that the notice board frontage had been broken at the bus stop opposite the entrance to Preston Park.

1. Litter Bins in Preston Park

Cllr. Mrs. Symes agreed to contact the Park manager direct about the overflowing bins.

Dated this 12th day of September 2022

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 Chairman

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