**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th February 2023**

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

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

Cllrs. M. F. Cherrett and N. Hill.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Y. Symes and D. Thompson.

**526 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**527 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 9th January 2023, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**528 Matters Arising**

1. Thirteen Group and apparently empty property

The Clerk was asked to insist that the company take some action over the window which has remained open for months.

1. Bus Shelter timetable

The Clerk reported that the situation had been rectified.

1. Road Surface

The Clerk reported that a section of Yarm Road was scheduled to be resurfaced in the next week.

1. Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Clerk reported that the Commission had accepted the Council’s suggestion and moved the application into the planning stage. It was hoped that the plaque could be installed within a year – depending on the Commission’s cycle of maintenance.

1. Chestnut Road dropped gully

The Clerk reported that he had received no response apart from an acknowledgment.

1. Accumulation of leaves

The Chairman reported that the leaves had been cleared quickly and efficiently. The Clerk was asked to pass on compliments.

1. Litter Picking

The Clerk reported that there appeared to be no such service regularly arranged by Stockton BC.

1. Fire Angels

The Clerk reported that the Fire Service no longer provided the Fire Angels. The Clerk was asked to produce a note about Fire Angels and smoke detectors for the forthcoming Newsletter.

**529 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Feb) | £ 150.42 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery Waste Bin (Feb) | £ 23.10 |
| D/D | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 100.20 |
| BACS | Association Of Local Council Clerks | Annual subscription | £50.00 |

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**530 Elections**

The Clerk reported on the procedure for the forthcoming elections and agreed to obtain the necessary candidate packs when they became available.

**531 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed.
2. Planning Application

Members felt they had sympathy with residents of the adjoining property as the plans showed such a proximity to the boundary.

1. Mirror

The Clerk was asked to check on the presence of the mirror outside a property on Oak Road.

1. Cemetery Hedge

The Clerk reported that he had received notice of a complaint about the hedge overhanging the footpath. He agreed to inspect the problem shortly.

**532 Any Other Business**

1. Newsletter

Cllr. Cherrett appealed for contents for the Newsletter which he hoped to prepare for publication before Easter.

Dated this 13th day of March 2023

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Chairman

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