**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 17th April 2023**

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

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

Cllrs. M. F. Cherrett, N. Hill and Mrs. Y. Swales.

Members noted Cllr. D. Thompson’s decision not to stand again and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.

**540 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**541 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 13th March 2023, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**542 Matters Arising**

1. Thirteen Group and apparently empty property

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Houghton had willingly agreed to try to get the matter settled but that he had initially been rebuffed in a similar manner. Cllr. Houghton hoped to try a further approach.

1. Chestnut Road dropped gully

The Clerk reported that Stockton BC seemed to have lost the last complaint but had now logged it as a new complaint.

1. Litter Picking

The Clerk reported that he had received the requested map outlining littler picking responsibilities and promised to pass it on to Members.

1. Fire Angels

Members agreed that the Council should be able to find a way forward for anyone having problems in installing new of replacement Fire Angels.

**543 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Mar) | £ 152.87 |
| BACS | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £100.20 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery Waste Bin (Apr) | £ 26.57 |
| BACS | M. Cherrett | Newsletter printing | £39.00 |

**544 Pending Matters**

1. Risk Analysis

Members were pleased to accept the Clerk’s proposed Risk Analysis form for the year ready for the internal audit.

1. Co-Option

Members noted the comments from Stockton BC regarding co-option. They agreed to see if there was anyone they knew who might be interested. The Clerk agreed to contact the one person who had approached him following the recent Newsletter.

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**545 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed.
2. Train Noise

The Clerk reported a complaint about the noise of trains which was received through the website. He stated that he had tried to contact the complainant but the email address she presented was not recognised. The Chairman said that the problem had recently been a lot less noticeable.

1. Recycling Complaint

The Clerk reported on Stockton BC’s response. The Chairman reported that there had been no problem at the last collection but Members agreed that it was something that happened frequently across the parish.

1. Cemetery Rates

The Clerk reported that the annual rate demand for the Cemetery was the customary £0.00 after rebates.

**546 Any Other Business**

1. Sycamore Road Potholes

The Clerk was asked to report the many potholes in the surface of Sycamore Road. It appeared that some of them had been patched without affecting the overall poor condition of the road.

1. Preston Park Footpaths

The Clerk was asked to contact the park management to ask if the state of the footpaths, and the perceived poor drainage, could be improved.

1. Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe PC Annual Meeting & Social

The Clerk mention the invitation to the annual meeting which Members, while interested, were unable to take up.

1. Cemetery Visit

It was agreed to hold a cemetery visit when the weather had improved sufficiently.

Dated this 15th day of May 2023

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Chairman

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