**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10th July 2023**

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

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

 Cllrs. Miss M. Galloway and N. Hill.

 Cllr. J. Taylor of Stockton BC.

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Y. Swales.

**561 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**562 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 12th June 2023, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**563 Matters Arising**

1. Thirteen Group and apparently empty property

The Clerk reported that matters had been resolved. Cllr. Miss Galloway filled in the details of the house and yard being cleared ready for new tenants. The Clerk was asked to thank Thirteen Group for their assistance.

1. Chestnut Road dropped gully

The Clerk agreed to visit the site after the meeting as it had been raining.

1. Potholes in roads

Cllr. Taylor reported that all the potholes had been filled apart from three in Beechwood Road which were in the schedule.

1. Cemetery Visit

Following the cemetery visit the Clerk said that he would check the position with reference to the trees and obtain a price for the treatment of the seats.

1. Garages

The Clerk reported that there had been no response from Thirteen Group to the proof of their ownership.

1. Stockton Borough Letters

The Clerk reported that Stockton BC had stated that they were still sending letters to Cllr. Miss Galloway.

1. Preston Park parking charges

Members were pleased to take copies of the petition forms which Cllr. Taylor had presented to the meeting.

**564 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Jun) | £ 174.11 |
| BACS | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery Waste Bin (Jul) | £ 26.57 |

**565 Pending Matters**

1. Co-option of Members

Members continued to explore the possibilities of co-opting Members with mention of the vacancies in the Newsletter and on the web site.

**566 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed.

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**567 Any Other Business**

1. Oak Road Problems

The Council noted the complaints from residents regarding the poor state of the property and the excess car parking. The Clerk was asked to write to Thirteen Group to ask for assistance.

1. Litter Picking

The Chairman reported on a chance meeting he had with some volunteer litter pickers where he determined that they were backed by Stockton BC.

Dated this 11th day of September 2023

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 Chairman

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