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

**568 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**569 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 10th July 2023, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**570 Matters Arising**

1. Thirteen Group and apparently empty property

The Clerk reported that Thirteen Group had acknowledged the Council’s thanks and the Chairman promised to keep an eye on progress with the property.

1. Chestnut Road dropped gully

The Clerk reported that the hole had been filled. It was agreed that the problem required monitoring.

1. Potholes in roads

The Chairman reported that Station Road was in a terrible state.

1. Garages

The Clerk reported that there had still been no response from Thirteen Group as to the proof of their ownership. He was asked to restate the query.

1. Oak Road Problems

The Clerk reported that had received no feedback on the problem.

**572 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Jul/Aug) | £ 285.89 |
| D/D | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 47.97 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery Waste Bin (Aug/Sep) | £ 53.14 |

**573 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.

**574 Executive Action**

1. Cemetery

The Clerk reported that he had granted burial rights for the opening of previously purchased grave space and for the interment of cremated remains in another existing grave.

**575 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed.
2. Request to reserve grave space

Members were pleased to be able to grant the request.

1. Preston Park improvements

Members noted the planning application without comment.

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1. **Any Other Business**
2. Newsletter

Cllr. Cherrett asked for copy for the next edition of the Newsletter which he was in the process of compiling.

1. Cemetery Fees

The Clerk stated that he hoped to bring an up-to-date example of local cemetery fees to the next meeting for the requested review.

Dated this 9th day of October 2023

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Chairman

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