**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 12th February 2024**

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

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

 Cllrs. Miss M. Galloway, N. Hill, Mrs. Y. Swales and J. E. Taylor

**606 Interests**

 No interests were declared.

**607 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, held on Monday, 8th January 2024, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signs as a true record.

**608 Matters Arising**

1. Moss on paths
2. It was agreed to accept a price of £400 for removing the moss from paths in the cemetery.
3. Cllr. Taylor said that he had someone from Stockton BC to look at the mossy path in Laburnum Road.
4. Bus Shelters and Street Lights

It was reported that all the shelters and street lights were functioning properly.

1. Preston Park Upgrade

It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive of Stockton BC expressing the concerns of the Council at the haste with which the museum improvements were proceeding while the rest of the plans seemed to have been shelved. Cllr. Taylor agreed to supply the necessary information to the Clerk.

1. Cemetery Seats

Cllr. Taylor said that he was waiting to meet his contact.

1. Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentenary

Cllr. Taylor reported that he was hopeful that a package of events would be forthcoming as there appeared to be a sum of money available.

1. Police Visit

The Clerk reported that he had received no response to a message to the Chief Inspector, inviting him to a meeting and to report the anti-social behaviour of the young cyclists.

1. Footpath Diversion

The Clerk reported that the diversion had been made official but that he had received no response regarding the clearance.

**609 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Jan) | £ 183.83 |
| D/D | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £64.37 |

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**610 Pending Matters**

1. Co-option of Members

Members were pleased to meet Mrs. Jenny Sadler who had expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Council.

1. Vice Chairman

It was agreed that Cllr. N. Hill should become Vice Chairman.

1. Newsletter

The Chairman presented a first draft of the Spring edition of the Newsletter and asked Members for additional important matters for inclusion.

**611 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.
2. Post Office deliveries.

Members noted the correspondence received in response to their complaints and the lack of real consideration of the problems. They agreed to let parishioners know of the need to record details pf problems.

**612 Any Other Business**

1. Oak Road

Members agreed that there was a problem with the address in question and the difficulties of achieving any resolution of the matter.

1. Cycles near Preston Park

Cllr. Mrs. Swales reported the presence of anti-social cycling near Preston Park.

1. Potholes in roads

Cllr. Taylor stated that if people could report the occurrence of potholes to him, he would see to it that repairs were effected.

1. Parking near shops

Cllr. Hill asked whether anything could be done to provide extra car parking near to the shops.

Dated this 11th day of March 2024

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Chairman

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