**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th March 2024**

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

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

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

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Y. Swales

**613 Interests**

 No interests were declared.

**614 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, held on Monday, 12th February 2024, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**615 Matters Arising**

1. Moss on paths

Cllr. Taylor said that he had someone from Stockton BC to look at the mossy path in Laburnum Road.

1. Bus Shelters and Street Lights

It was reported that all the shelters and street lights seemed to be functioning properly.

1. Preston Park Upgrade

The Clerk reported that he had received no response to his message to the Chief Executive of Stockton BC. It was agreed that the letter should be repeated via recorded delivery and that a copy should be sent to the MP.

1. Cemetery Seats

Cllr. Taylor said that his contact was willing to start work once the weather had improved.

1. Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentenary

Cllr. Taylor reported that some progress was being made.

1. Police Visit

The Clerk was asked to write again to the Chief Inspector to repeat the invitation to a meeting.

1. Footpath Diversion

The Clerk reported that he had received no response regarding the clearance and agreed to pursue the matter.

1. Property on Oak Road

The Clerk was asked to contact Environmental Health to see if they could achieve any relief from the nuisance.

1. Potholes

Cllr. Taylor proposed that the Council should create a data set of potholes (and possibly broken lights and bus shelters) which could be reported on a regular basis to Stockton BC in the hope that a larger number of cases in a report might receive better attention. It was agreed to look further at the possibility.

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**616 Accounts**

1. The following account was approved, and payment authorised: -

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Feb) | £ 152.62 |

**617 Pending Matters**

1. Newsletter

The Chairman presented a final draft of the Newsletter which Members were pleased to approve. The Clerk agreed to collect the printed copies if necessary.

**618 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.
2. Parking Near Shops

Given the ambiguous nature of the reply from Stockton BC it was agreed to write further to enquire if additional yellow lines might encourage better car parking in the vicinity.

**619 Any Other Business**

1. Apologies

Cllr. Hill tendered his apologies for the next meeting on 8th April.

Dated this 8th day of April 2024

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Chairman

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