**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th May 2024**

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

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

Cllrs. Miss M. Galloway, N. Hill and J. Taylor

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. J. Sadler and Mrs. Y. Swales.

**627 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**628 Minutes**

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

**629 Matters Arising**

1. Moss on paths

Cllr. Taylor promised to pursue the matter with his contact at Stockton BC

1. Preston Park Upgrade

The Clerk was instructed to write to Stockton BC asking for the plans for the changes in the park to be made available to everyone.

1. Cemetery Seats

Cllr. Taylor said that he hoped to be able to report progress at the next meeting.

1. Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentenary

Cllr. Taylor reported that some progress had been made. It appeared that some funding would be available but asked whether the Council would be prepared to act as guarantor if needed. The matter was left open to review on receipt of more information.

1. Police Visit

The Clerk was asked to write further to the Police to request a visit.

1. Potholes

Cllr. Taylor reported that a recent survey of roads in the parish had taken place and confirmed that the hole in Myrtle Road had been filled.

1. Parking near shops

The Clerk reported that Stockton BC had offered to make the lines on the road clearer and then to review the situation.

1. Rear of Myrtle Road

The Clerk reported that he had received an acknowledgment of the complaint from the Police but had no further feedback on the matter.

**630 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Apr) | £ 150.27 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste bin | £ 31.88 |
| D/D | Information Commissioner | Annual registration fee | £ 40.00 |
| BACS | Gordon Fletcher | Internal audit fee | £ 100.00 |
| D/D | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 62.16 |
| BACS | Zurich Insurance | Annual insurance premium | £ 440.34 |

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**631 Pending Matters**

1. Insurance

Members agreed to continue the Council’s insurance with Zurich Insurance.

1. Internal Audit

Members were pleased to accept the report from the Internal Auditor

1. AGAR Certificate of Exemption

Members were pleased to agree that the exemption certificate should be signed.

1. To receive the completed Accounting Statements for 2022/23

Members were pleased to approve the Accounting Statements which were duly signed.

1. To complete the Annual Governance Statement

The Clerk took Members through the requirements of the Annual Governance Statement which they were pleased to approve.

**632 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

**633 Any Other Business**

1. Fly Tipping

The Clerk was asked to report the fly tipping of rubbish at the end of the back lane behind Laburnum Road.

1. Corner of Laburnum and Myrtle Roads

Members were asked to have a look at the junction where a new drive created at the house seemed to be causing some traffic problems.

1. Abandoned cycle.

Cllr. Hill mentioned that he had noticed a cycle apparently abandoned, although chained up, on Chestnut Road.

1. Request re memorial bench.

Members felt that the request was something they could support but the enquirer should properly take his request to Stockton BC.

Dated this 10th day of June 2024

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Chairman

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