**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10th June 2024**

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

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

Cllrs. Mrs. K. Iveson, Mrs. J. Sadler, Mrs. Y. Swales and J. Taylor

Apologies were received from Cllrs. N. Hill and Miss M. Galloway,

**634 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**635 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, held on Monday, 13th May 2024, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

**636 Matters Arising**

1. Moss on paths

Cllr. Taylor promised to pursue the matter with his contact at Stockton BC. Cllr. Mrs. Sadler expressed an offer from her husband to power wash the path.

1. Preston Park Upgrade

The Clerk reported that a meeting for stakeholders had been arranged for 19th June 2024 and the Chairman expressed his intention to attend. The Clerk stated that he had been promised copies of the plans and would pursue these immediately.

1. Cemetery Seats

Cllr. Taylor asked the Clerk to ascertain the insurance cover for volunteers working on the seats. He also stated that some grant money might be available,

1. Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentenary

Cllr. Taylor reported that a trust was being set up to administer the workings of the Park for the celebrations. The Chairman agreed to act as the Council’s Trustee. Cllr. Taylor stated that a lot of the necessary materials for the project had been promised and that it would probably only be that the Council would be asked to be a guarantor for money to initiate the project.

1. Police Visit

The Clerk reported that he had received nothing back from the police regarding a visit. Cllr Taylor said that he would look into the possibility of inviting the Inspector to a joint meeting with Egglescliffe PC.

1. Parking near shops

The Clerk reported that the lines had yet to be refreshed.

1. Fly Tipping

The Clerk reported that the waste had been cleared by Stockton BC.

**637 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (May) | £ 153.27 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste bin | £ 31.88 |

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**638 Executive Decisions**

1. Cemetery

The Clerk reported that he had agreed to allow a burial of a non-resident whose parents and grandparents had already been interred in the cemetery.

**639 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.
2. Anti-Social Behaviour

Following a complaint received via the website it was agreed to take the matter to the forthcoming meeting.

1. Armed Forces Day

The Clerk agreed to circulate the details of the events.

**640 Any Other Business**

1. Bus Shelter

Cllr Taylor reported that the bus shelter at the junction of Yarm Road and Quarry Road had been vandalised, as had the nearby seat. The Clerk agreed to report the details to Stockton BC.

1. Allotments

Following recent vandalism at the allotments and the increasing amount of dereliction there the Clerk was asked to express the Council’s concerns at the lack of security on the site.

1. Station Works

The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC regarding the work being carried out at the station between 22:00 and 01:00 of Saturday/Sunday 8/9 June. He was also asked whether planning conditions were being met regarding screening for residents since so much of the green barrier to the railway had been destroyed,

1. Footpath Safety

The Clerk was asked to report to Stockton BC a number of potholes recently exposed alongside the footpath from Preston Park North Lodge towards Preston lane.

Dated this 8th day of July 2024

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Chairman

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