**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th April 2025**

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

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

Cllrs. N. Hill and J. Taylor

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs. K. Iveson and Mrs. J. Sadler.

**703 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**704 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, held on Monday, 10th March 2025, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

**705 Matters Arising**

1. Fly Tipping

Cllr. Taylor reported that he had been informed by Care for Your Area that there were no problems in the village. The Clerk confirmed that he had requested that Enforcement should carry out a survey.

1. North Lodge Access

The Clerk reported that he had received no response from Stockton BC.

**706 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Mar) | £ 155.32 |
| BACS | HM Revenue & Customs | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste bin (Apr) | £ 38.00 |
| BACS | M. Cherrett | Newsletter copying | £41.50 |

**707 Pending Matters**

1. Risk Analysis

Members were pleased to accept the Clerk’s proposed Risk Analysis form for the year ready for the internal audit.

1. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk reported that the previous enquirer had not responded.

**709 Preston Park**

1. Upgrade and drainage

Cllr. Taylor reported on the ongoing problems with the drainage provision for the developments. It appeared that insufficient design work had gone into the development. He said Northumbrian Water were being asked whether they had been consulted, or informed, of the plans. He hoped that costs would be met through professional liability insurance of the parties involved rather than on the ratepayers of Stockton.

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1. North Lodge

Cllr. Taylor reported that the owners of North Lodge had complained that the planned developments would block their right of access from South Lodge. The Clerk was asked to contact Planning to determine their plans in the light of the rights.

**710 Cemetery**

1. Application for Grave Space Reservation

The Clerk reported that the enquirer had not provided new contact details and had not been back in touch.

**711 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.
2. Plans for 520 Yarm Road (previously circulated)

The Clerk reported that he had written to Planning in the terms of Cllr. Taylor’s feedback from local residents.

1. Durham Lane development (previously circulated)

Cllr. Taylor stated that he was concerned for local residents about the impact of the development across the railway line. He asked that the environmental impact, both visual and auditory, be protected by proper screening and sound proofing. He further asked that hard copy of the plans be provided for showing residents who had no internet access.

**712 Any Other Business**

1. Larch Crescent

The Chairman requested that Stockton BC should provide street signs for Larch Cresent.

1. Planning

The clerk was asked to contact Planning to ask for the requested responses about North Lodge access through Preston Park and Quarry Road Allotments car park.

Dated this 12th day of May2025

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Chairman

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