Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 10th September 2018

at 7.00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church

**Present:** Cllr. Miss M. Galloway (Chairman)

 Cllrs. M. Cherrett, N. R. Hill and D. Thompson.

 Apologies were received from Cllr. Miss J. H. Robinson**.**

**273 Interests**

 There were no declared interests.

**274 Minutes of the last Meeting**

 The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 16th July 2018, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record with minor amendment.

**275 Matters Arising**

a. PO Box

 It was reported that a new box had been placed at some distance from the original location.

 b. FP09

 The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries into Cllr. Cherrett’s suggestions.

 c. Cemetery Railings

 The Clerk was provided with an alternative possibility for a painter for the railings.

 d. Bus Shelters

 It was reported that some cleaning had been carried out but that the general physical state of the shelters was poor.

 e. Speeding on Yarm Road

 The Clerk reported that Stockton BC could find no grounds for taking any action as there had been no accidents along that stretch of road.

 f. Clifton Avenue pothole

 It was reported that some temporary repairs may have been effected.

 g. Yellow lines at Lime and Sycamore Roadside

 The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC further about lack of progress at that intersection and to add in the parking problems along Chestnut and Lime Roads.

 h. Damaged road signs

 The Chairman reported that some temporary additions appeared to have been made to the signs.

**276 Accounts**

 a. The following accounts were approved and payment authorised:-

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| d/d | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Jul & Aug) | £ 305.18 |
| d/d | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 46.90 |

**277 Executive Decisions**

 a. The Clerk reported that he had approved one application to inter cremated remains in the cemetery but that he had heard nothing further from the enquirer.

**278 Planning**

a. 18/1918/OUT – Five houses off Preston Lane.

 Members were unhappy about the plans but agreed to defer sending in an adverse comment until they had a chance to view the site.

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**279 Correspondence**

 a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

 b. Mr. Baksh

 Members were pleased to note Mr. Baksh’s positive response.

 c. Mayor’s “At Home”

 Receipt of the invitation was noted but no Members felt able to attend.

**280 Any Other Business**

 a. Street Cleaning

 The Chairman presented an article cut from *The Evening Gazette* which listed areas in the borough which were to be targetted for an improved level of cleaning. Unfortunately the Parish was not included.

 b. Badly parked breakdown lorry

 The Chairman reported that a breakdown lorry was being inconsiderately parked so that the footpaths were impassable along Chestnut Road and Sycamore Road. The Clerk was asked to contact Enforcement at Stockton BC.

 c. Dog Fouling

 The Chairman reported on an increase in the level of dog fouling in the parish – particularly in the back lanes.

 d. Flooding at Bus Shelter

 The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC, yet again, about the problems with the road flooding beside the bus shelter at Preston Lane.

 e. Cemetery

 Cllr. Cherrett reported that the cemetery was looking fine.

 f. Weed growth

 Members commented on the apparent lack of control of the weed growth throughout the back lanes in the parish.

Dated this 8th Day of October 2018

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Chairman

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