Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 17th May 2021

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.

Mrs. Y. Symes was absent.

**416 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**417 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 20th July 2020, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**418 Matters Arising**

a. Parish Walk

The Clerk reported that he believed that Parish Walks would not re-start until the exit from lock-down was complete.

b. Newsletter

Cllr. Cherrett reported that it had been impossible to produce any Newsletters during the last year.

**419 Accounts**

a. The following amounts, previously paid, were approved and payment authorised:-

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| 14 Sep 2020 | d/d | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 43.37 |
| 30 Oct 2020 | Bacs | HMRC Cumbernauld | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| 30 Oct 2020 | d/d | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 49.09 |
| 15 Oct 2020 | Bacs | TEEC Ltd. | New Website | £ 415.19 |
| 21 Dec 2020 | Bacs | Dickon Harding | Cemetery Grounds Maintenance | £ 1945.00 |
| 29 Dec 2020 | Bacs | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Jul-Nov) | £ 832.84 |
| 29 Dec 2020 | Bacs | SLCC | Clerk’s Annual Subscription | £ 67.00 |
| 8 Jan 2021 | Bacs | ALCC | Clerk’s Annual Subscription | £ 40.00 |
| 19 Jan 2021 | Bacs | HMRC Cumbernauld | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| 15 Jan 2021 |  | Royal British Legion | Poppy Day Appeal | £ 100.00 |
| 29 Jan 2021 | Bacs | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 26.04 |
| 1 Mar 2021 | d/d | Stockton BC | Cemetery waste bin | £ 34.74 |
| 30 Mar 2021 | Bacs | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Dec-Mar) | £ 719.60 |

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

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| d/d | Stockton BC | Cemetery waste bin | £ 20.07 |
| Bacs | HMRC Cumbernauld | Clerk’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| Bacs | Cleveland Local Councils Association | Local Council Review subscription | £ 40.00 |
| Bacs | WAVE | Cemetery metered water | £ 34.41 |
| d/d | Data Protection Registrar | Annual fee | £ 35.00 |
| Bacs | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Apr) | £ 181.97 |
| Bacs | Cleveland Local Councils’ Association | *Local Council Review* annual subs | £ 40.00 |
| d/d | Stockton BC | Cemetery waste bin | £ 20.07 |
| Bacs | Zurich Insurance | Annual Insurance Premium | £ 388.74 |

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**b**. Bank Reconciliation and Balance Sheet

Members were pleased to receive the Bank Reconciliation and Balance Sheet for 2020/2021.

**420 Matters Pending**

a. Council Insurance

Following receipt of two quotations Members were pleased to continue using the current insurer – Zurich Insurance with a premium cost of £397.09.

b. Internal Audit

The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the last financial year would be carried out by the Clerk to Egglescliffe PC who was part of the regular cycle of auditors.

It was agreed that Cllr. Cherrett should approach his son with a view possibly to carry out the task for the forthcoming financial year.

**421 Correspondence**

a. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

**422 Any Other Business**

a. Preston Primary School

It was noted that the school had become an Academy.

b. Weed Killing & Grass Cutting

The Clerk was asked to contact Stockton BC about problems with the timing of cuts and the lack of regard for flowers within the grassed areas..

c. Shopping Trolley

Cllr. Hill reported on the presence of a discarded trolley on the green space at Cedar Close. The Clerk agreed to follow this through.

d. Stockton BC search for cemetery land

The Clerk was asked to voice the Council’s disquiet at the press reports which appeared without this Council’s knowledge.

e. Cemetery Extension

It was agreed to look further into the possibility if and when a cemetery inspection can be held.

f. Train Noise

The Chairman reported that she had received complaints about trains idling every morning at the back of Beechwood and Myrtle Roads around 06:00. This was disturbing sleep and introducing diesel pollution into the environment. The Clerk was asked to approach Stockton BC to ask about the noise and pollution aspects and the Chairman said that she would attempt to get firm data on timings for a further approach to Railtrack.

g. The Chairman reported that she had received complaints about the variability in postal deliveries throughout the parish.

Dated this 14th Day of June 2021

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Chairman

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