**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th June 2022**

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

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

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

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. Y. Symes

Cllr. Cherrett agreed to take the chair for the meeting.

**485 Interests**

There were no declared interests.

**486 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly and the last regular Meeting held on Monday, 11th May 2022, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

**487 Matters Arising**

1. Preston Park Aviary

Cllr. Thompson reported on a meeting he had attended with Cllrs. Hill and Mrs. Symes at the park with Sara Fortune. There were no firm plans as yet and any ideas were subject to funding. The “Exhibition Centre” was planned as an extra gallery. Cllr. Thompson said that he would contact SF again for a copy of the presentation slides for Members.

1. Overhanging Tree

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a response from the arborist at Stockton BC.

1. Oak Road Garages

Cllr. Thompson reported that a lot of work had been carried out and Cllr. Mrs. Symes (via the Clerk) wished that thanks be recorded to Stockton BC Cllr. Stefan Houghton and Thirteen Group.

1. Post Office Deliveries

The Clerk read out a response from the Post Office apologising for any delays noted but denying that any such delays had occurred.

1. Fly Tipping

It was reported that more fly-tipping had taken place at the rear of Myrtle Road where a pair of armless chairs and a roll of dirty carpet had appeared.

**488 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (May) | £ 167.82 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste (Apr/May/Jun) \* | £ 69.24 |

(\* Recorded here since I omitted them previously although approved in meetings.)

1. Mileage Allowance

Members agreed to increase the Clerk’s mileage allowance to 45p per mile.

**489 Pending Matters**

1. Standing Orders

Members agreed to adopt the NALC Model Standing Orders.

1. Financial Regulations

Members agreed to adopt the NALC Model Financial Regulations.

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**490 Executive Actions**

1. The Clerk reported that had granted burial rights to an applicant.

**483 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence was noted as listed
2. Dog Faeces

The Clerk was asked to enquire as to progress regarding signage.

1. Cemetery Complainant

The Members felt that they could do little about what appeared to have been an isolated incident.

1. Footpath Closure (temporary)

The Clerk was asked to forward the email notice to Members.

**484 Any Other Business**

1. Weed Killing

It was reported that the streets were badly in need of a weed killing visit from Stockton BC although it was doubted whether their current methodology would yield totally satisfactory results.

1. Grass Cutting

Cllr. Miss Galloway complained of the frequency of the grass cutting in the parish.

1. Police Report

The Clerk presented the police monthly report and agreed to forward a copy to Members.

Dated this 11th day of July 2022

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Chairman

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