**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th April 2024**

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

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

Cllrs. Miss M. Galloway, Mrs. J. Sadler and Mrs. Y. Swales.

Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Hill.

1. **Special Meeting**

It was agreed that the Council should award Freedom of the Parish to Miss M. Galloway M.B.E. in recognition of her long service to the community.

**620 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**621 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting, held on Monday, 11th March 2024, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed, and signed as a true record.

**622 Matters Arising**

1. Moss on paths

Cllr. Miss M. Galloway said that she had yet to see someone from Stockton BC to look at the mossy path in Laburnum Road.

1. Bus Shelters and Street Lights

It was reported that all the shelters and street lights seemed to be functioning properly.

1. Preston Park Upgrade

Members noted letters received from two sources at Preston Park which outlined the forthcoming progress via planning applications.

1. Cemetery Seats

Cllr. Taylor said that his contact was willing to start work once the weather had improved.

1. Stockton and Darlington Railway Bicentenary

Cllr. Taylor reported that some progress was being made.

1. Police Visit

The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing as yet.

1. Footpath Diversion

The Clerk reported that he had walked along the path and found the way fully cleared.

1. Property on Oak Road

Members noted the response from Stockton BC Environmental Health and also reports that the mattress had finally been removed.

1. Potholes

Members noted many potholes throughout the parish with a particularly bad one outside 11 Myrtle Road which the Clerk was asked to complain about.

1. Parking near shops

The Clerk reported that he had received no response from the Council although his message had been acknowledged.

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**623 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Mar) | £ 154.12 |
| BACS | HM Revenue & Customs | Clark’s PAYE | £ 100.20 |
| BACS | M. Cherrett | Newsletter printing | £ 40.50 |
| D/D | Stockton Borough Council | Cemetery waste bin | £ 31.88 |

**624 Pending Matters**

1. Co-option of Members

The Clerk reported that had received two expressions of interest. He agreed to invite one of the possible members to the next meeting.

1. Risk Analysis

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

**625 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.

**626 Any Other Business**

1. Rear of Myrtle Road

Following a complaint from resident the Clerk was asked to report the apparent use of the rear alley behind Myrtle Road as a widely used location for dealing in, and delivering, drugs.

Dated this 13th day of May 2024

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Chairman

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