**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10th March 2025**

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

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

Cllrs. N. Hill, Mrs. K. Iveson and J. Taylor

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. J. Sadler.

**695 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**696 Minutes**

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

**697 Matters Arising**

1. Fly Tipping

Cllr. Taylor reported that he had toured the village and noted that there seemed to be a habit forming of dumping materials. The Clerk was asked to contact Care for your Area and ask for clearance and for Enforcement to have an inspection.

1. Oak Road Pothole

Cllr Taylor reported that the problems on Myrtle Road had been resolved but he would have to check on Oak Road.

**698 Accounts**

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

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| BACS | P. R. Joiner | Clerk’s salary & expenses (Feb) | £ 156.12 |

**699 Pending Matters**

1. Funeral of Miss M. Galloway MBE

The Chairman announced that Miss Galloway’s funeral would take place on 20th March 2025 at 13:00 at All Saints Church. He had constructed an obituary for Miss Galloway’s niece and said he thought it should be included in the next Newsletter.

1. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk reported that there were now two vacancies on the Council.

He was asked to contact last year’s enquirer to see if he was still interested.

**691 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.

**700 Cemetery**

1. Application for Grave Space Reservation

Members agreed to the request and stated that, while the Council would do its best to place it close to the existing plot, it could not promise proximity.

**701 Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received was noted as listed.
2. Query about advertising

It was agreed that the Council could not advertise commercial concerns.

1. Allotment Car Park

Cllr. Taylor stated that he had approached the complainant and explained the situation. He had also obtained a supply of trees which would create a visual barrier between the hard standing and the road. The Clerk was asked to write to planning in these terms, with a copy to the complainant.

**702 Any Other Business**

1. Newsletter

The Chairman said that he was starting the process of creating the next Newsletter and hoped for contributions from Members.

1. Residents’ Parking Permits

Cllr. Taylor reported that he had received complaints from residents in Pinewood and Beechwood Roads about all week car parking by train users. It was agreed that it was best if the people contacted Stockton BC directly about extending the Resident’s Parking scheme.

1. Police Liaison

Cllr. Mrs Iveson said that she had hopes of a new contact with the Police and would report back once she had further news.

Dated this 14th day of April 2025

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Chairman

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