The Minutes of the Meeting of The Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces held on Monday, 18th November, 2019 in the Parish Church Room, Stainton at 10.00 a.m.

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The Chair, Cllr. A. Liddle, welcomed those present, namely: Mrs. E. Revett, Vice Chair, Dr. S. Antrobus (TVWT), B. Hogarth (Treasurer), A. Conroy, B. Chapman, Cllr. R. Dennison, N. Cubitt, and M. Newbould (Secretary).
2. **Apologies** were received from K. Hornby, J. Cooper, G. Edwards, D. Sanders and Borough Cllr. D. Coupe.
3. **The Minutes of the AGM held on 8thJuly, 2019** were accepted and approved as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the above Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda** Sue Antrobus stated that the S and T Friends group are the Group for other Groups to emulate. The S and T Green Spaces are a credit to the Group as a whole.
   The Chair had been logging the seriously high volunteer hours worked by the S and T GS Friends, who should all be very proud. He thanked everyone very much.
5. **Green Spaces Forum Report by Mrs. E. Revett: (+ Volunteer Timelog)** S. Antrobus, B. Hogarth and E. Revett had attended. The format for the meeting had been altered by the GSF Chair, Dr. Sue Antrobus. Alan had helped with a questionnaire. Everyone wondered how it would work with the questionnaire given out by Sue for all to fill in. However, all gave their answers and Louise noted the comments on a flipchart. The main thing was that everyone shared their experiences, concerns and hopes, which would enable Sue to help them in the future. Re strimmer training by MC not including Stainton & Thornton: E. Revett pointed out that only KGG was not MC land. This was noted . . . action Peter Chapman. Re Pollution of Stainton Beck, Alan had contacted the Environment Agency (reference for the grey water into Stainton Beck from Stainton House is 1730749 for future reference) and the Council and it had been noted. A template re hours worked till Christmas to assess the amount of work done voluntarily and no cost to the Council – to be calculated by Sue to enable her to continue. Sue had been granted another three years to work with S & T Green Spaces. Geoff Field, MC, signed an agreement to this. It was announced that The Green Pennant would be reinstated. The question was raised about Fawcett Avenue replacement of trees, considering the large number of trees programmed by the Mayor, but this would not happen for 2 years. The grinding out of the old trees would be done during the current week and the Green Spaces would have to find their own replacements. Since February 2019, Cllr. A. Liddle had been keeping a record of hours worked by the Thursday Morning Gang (TMG) and a list of members' names. The TMG had planted seven and a half thousand bulbs. Amazingly good work!
6. **Treasurer's Report by Brian Hogarth -** see attached. Copies were circulated; discussion took place and £800.00 had been received from the Parish and Community Councils. Expenses still to be paid out to John Tarron and the PCC for hire of Parish Church room. The 106 money was to be considered separately. The Report was accepted and approved.
7. **106 money – the churchyard path:**The work had been done by J. Tarron and Jay Morrison of 4-Nature (recommended by S. Antrobus). E. Revett thanked everyone for the churchyard path improvements. The path was now much safer and the Church were very pleased. Nick Cubitt had inspected the top end of The Quarry, where the old field drain had been located, underneath the footpath to the culvert, and rodded. An existing pipe had originally been installed by B. Chapman. Water was going down a drain and seeping slightly into surrounding areas, heading towards the main road. The drain was flowing into a gutter channel.

8. **Work done: Footpaths, Maelor's Wood, The Quarry, Wildflower Meadow, Old Orchard, Bulbs** - It was queried whether the WF Meadow had been cut. 7½ thousand bulbs had been planted throughout the village, mainly at the entrances. The results would be visible in March/April 2020.
   KGG Field Drain – mixed comments were received. The effect of the field drain would be monitored by the Group over the winter. Cllr A. Liddle would email Geoff Robinson, MC, re funding for training on strimmers. Cllr. A. Conroy had fitted a robock lock to deter access by horses at the far end of KGG.
9. **Habitat and Maintenance Schedule – Cllr. Alan Conroy went through the Schedule with the Group. He would update the schedule and send it to the Secretary for circulation.**
10. **Maintenance of Street Furniture – ongoing. The Chair thanked the Thursday Morning Gang for all their hard work.**
11. **Grant Applications – no new applications had recently been made, the BLF grant and the 106 monies having been received by the FSTGS.**
12. **Footpaths and Bridleways: S. Williams, MC Footpaths Officer. This Agenda Item was deferred as S. Williams was not present.**
13. **History Event and 2020 Events' Program It was reported that the History Event had been very successful and another was planned for 2020 along with other educational events for children and adults.**
14. **Maelor's Wood Management Plan – Sue Antrobus considered this to be unnecessary.**
15. **A.O.B. (i) Useful Sub-Group meetings had been held and would continue as required.**
16. **Date, time and place of the next meeting** – the next meeting would be held in the Parish Church Room, Stainton on Monday, 17th February 2020 AT 10.00 a.m.

M. Newbould, Secretary,

Friends of S and T Green Spaces.