**Minutes of a meeting of the Quidenham Parish Council held on the 11th of March 2019 in the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

**Those present:** Peter Lotarius, Chairman (PL); Rob Breakwell (RB); David Hunt (DH);

Simon Lee (SL); David Cummin (DC); Heather Doig (HD); Kate Lloyd, Clerk to the Council (KL).

**1. Apologies for absence**. Apologies had been received from David Wright

**2. Declarations of Interest.** No additions to the Declarations of Interest were received.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the 11th of February 2019 were signed by the Chairman as a true record**.**

 **Action**

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**Defibrillators.**  After discussion it was agreed that First Aid training to include CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) should take priority over the purchase and installation of a defibrillator. All councillors agreed that if and when the first defibrillator was installed the Garnier Hall would be the best location for it.

The Clerk was asked to research the cost and type of First Aid training to suit our needs. **KL**

**Light Pollution.** DW has spoken to the Snetterton Circuit re their lights. They have

agreed to alter the angle of them so that they shine downwards and they will also switch them off at midnight. They expressed the opinion that other businesses in the area should be asked to do similarly. DH has spoken to Foulgers who will eventually be taking down those lights which are powered by generators and showed themselves willing to co-operate.

RB suggested the Clerk write to the General Manager at Richard Johnson's regarding the problem. PL is to write to the Environment Officer at Breckland District Council (BDC) and to BDC Planning Department asking if the businesses on the industrial estates are complying with their planning conditions in this regard. **PL & KL**

**Litter and Fly Tipping**. In the latest Norfolk Association of Local Parishes' (NALC) newsletter there is an announcement of the latest Keep Britain Tidy initiative. Local Councils are invited to take part during the period 22nd March to the 23rd April 2019. This is part of a national stand against litter and single use plastics. The Council declared itself keen to be involved and will book the Garnier Hall for the morning of the 13th of April as a meeting place and will distribute black bin bags, hi-vis jackets and other equipment as needed. PL will get flyers printed for distribution and KL will find out from BDC what they can offer in the way of equipment. In this instance it may be necessary to limit the 'pick' to the village of Eccles. Refreshments will be on offer at the Garnier Hall following the 'pick'. **PL & KL**

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**The Annual Parish Meeting**. This is to take place on the evening of the 17th of May 2019 when all Quidenham Parish organisations will be invited to report on their activities over the past year. The meeting is largely informal and is an opportunity to discuss any needs with which the Council may be able to help, financial and otherwise. This differs from the Annual Meeting of the Quidenham Parish Council at which the Officers of the Council are elected from the Council members.

**5. Finance. 5.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay's at the 7th of March was £15,186.56p.

 **5.2.** Cheques signed since the last meeting: HMRC: Clerk's Tax. £46.00;

 Office Admin. £183.95.

 **5.3**. Review and Adoption of Financial Regulations. The present Financial Regulations were adopted without changes. Proposed by DC and seconded by DC.

**6. Planning Matters. 3PL/2018/0116/F Change of use.**

The Council have no objection to this and PL has informed the Planning Department at B.D.C. of their decision.

**7. Parish Council Elections.**

The Clerk has now received the Election Notice from the Elections Officer at B.D.C. and will post a copy of this on all notice boards in the Parish on the 20th of March 2019.

**8. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman is to attend a planning meeting at the Connaught Hall, Attleborough on the 15th of March. The subject under discussion is to be the proposed building of 4000 new houses to the south of the town.

He reported that the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2019 has been received from Messrs. Norse but was found to be unsatisfactory. A revised quotation has been asked for.

 **9. Clerk's Report and Correspondence.** Apart from advertising material correspondence is usually received in electronic form which the Clerk forwards to Councillors. She has received a quotation from NALC for a two hour training session for Councillors. The need for this will be discussed after the elections. She informed the Council of the closure of Attleborough Library at its present location and its move to more restricted premises. This will take place over the Easter holiday. The library will be open as usual after that but the official 'launch' will take place in July. The Clerk and HD attended a SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan) meeting on the 7th of March. KL asked if the police could bring any influence to bear in the matter of the problems which have led to accidents in the recent past at the Carr. The Inspector said she will speak to the Ketteringham Depot. Manager at her next meeting with him.

**10. Meeting open to the Public**. No members of the public were present**.**

**11. Any Other Business.** There was no other business.

**Date of the next meeting** The next meeting of the Council will take place on the 8th of April 2019 in the Garnier Hall Eccles at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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