**Draft Minutes of a meeting of the Quidenham Parish Council held on the 8th of July 2019 in the Garnier Hall, Eccles**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: Peter Lotarius, Chairman (PL); David Hunt (DH); Simon Lee (SL); David Cumming (DC); Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk to the Council.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from David Wright, Rob Breakwell and Heather Doig. The District Councillor had also sent apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest to add to those already declared by the Councillors.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.** These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

 **Norse Contract**. The contract for grass cutting has been received. The cost is £1,545.42 +VAT which we are able to claim back.

 **First Aid Training** The Council were asked again to seek volunteers from the community who would be willing to attend such a course. **All councillors**

**5. Finance. 5.1**. The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay's at today's date is £17,975.12.

  **5.2**. Cheques signed since the last meeting. Laura Garcka, Flag for Quidenham's Iceni Games £31.29; HMRC Month 3 £75.40; Office Admin. Month 3 £302.38; Garnier Hall Fun Day £200.00.

 **5.3.** Cheques to be signed: Quidenham Village Society for the Iceni Games £200.00. Payroll Services £12.00. K. Mansfield 1st payment for carpentry work at the Garnier Hall £500.00 (see item 7 below).

**6. Planning Matters**. **PL/2019/0627/F** Installation of Flexi-Agri footpath Eccles Hall School **PL/2019/0582/** Construction of a 22 bedded unit at Eccles Hall School.

A lively discussion took place and the Council voiced several concerns. It was felt that the development, for which the application covers Phase 1 but the plans for which show a further two identical units, may impact on the surrounding villages adversely. Apart from the lack of the necessary infrastructure to maintain such an increase in population numbers its proximity to a busy road is another concern where so many children are involved. PL to relay these comments to the Planning Department at Breckland District Council. **PL**

 **FUL/2019/0007** Change of use to a mixed development to allow the installation of a re-use shop for onsite sale of waste. Also proposed changes to existing operating hours. It was noted that there had been misreading of this application and that the changes in length of hours was for operations at the site and not opening hours. PL to comment**. PL**

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**7. Chairman's Report.** PL reported that he had been unable to get a grant from Breckland District Council (BDC) towards the renovation of the lobby of the Garnier Hall therefore asked the Council if it would agree to grant the Trustees of the Hall the full cost of £3300.00.

After discussion and agreement of the value to the Parish community of the Hall it was proposed to make the full grant. Proposed by SL and seconded by DC.

**8. Clerk's Report**. KL reported that she had posted the Examination of the Accounts form for the year 2018/2019 on the notice boards and on the website and the Auditor's Report and the Certificate of Exemption on the website. She has reported two problems to Highways namely the Heath Road No Through sign which has become dislodged and the breaking up of the edge of the diversionary road between Bryants Bridge and Eccles Hall School. She has also sent to Councillors details of the forthcoming roadworks, these have been posted on the website.

**9. Correspondence**. 1. An invitation from Norfolk County Council to bid for a 50/50 share in the local highways improvement scheme. 2. An outline of the content of the Councillors' training session from the Training Officer at Norfolk A.L.C. which we hope to hold in the

autumn.

**10. Meeting open to the public.** There were no members of the public present.

**12. Any Other Business.** DH asked if it was known when the verges were going to be cut.

The Clerk said she understood that the cut was due to start in the very near future. She will ask Mr. Doig if he would cut the overgrowth at Bryants Bridge. **KL**

**11. Date of the next meeting**. The next meeting of the Council will take place in the Garnier Hall on the 12th of August at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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