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**Minutes of a meeting of the Quidenham Parish Council held on the**

**13th of January 2020 in the Garnier Hall, Eccles**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: P. Lotarius, Chairman (PL); D. Hunt (DL); Simon Lee (SL); D. Cumming (DC).

Also present were Sarah Suggitt (SS) District Councillor and Chris MacKinnon, Interim Head Teacher at Aurora Eccles School.

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

**2. Declarations of Interest**. There were no declarations of interest to add to those declared by the councillors at the election earlier this year.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.** The Minutes of the meeting of the 9th of December were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. Aurora Eccles School.** Mr. MacKinnon had asked to attend the meeting as a representative of the school. The school was experiencing the pressing issue of the speed of vehicles passing and/or visiting the school. He had come to the meeting to ask for the Council's support or recommendation of any measures that could be taken to deal with this problem. PL explained that although the Council sympathised this was not in its power and would have to be dealt with through Highways. However, he felt that what is needed is a traffic management plan for the Parish. The Police are unable to help as they have a lack of resources. Some constructive suggestions were made as to measures that could be taken and PL will speak to the Highways Manager at Ketteringham. Mr. MacKinnon thanked the Council and left the meeting

**Action**

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**Problems at the junction with the Richard Johnson Industrial Estate and Heath Road.** This has been raised with Highways but there is no reply has yet. The Clerk was asked to see if anything more can be done. **KL**

**Proposed Environmental Awareness Day.** To be brought forward to the next meeting.

**Vacancy for a new Councillor.** The Returning Officer has been informed and the necessary notices have been posted on the notice boards and the website.

**New notice board for Wilby.** A resident of Wilby will refurbish the present board for use near the church. PL has sought a quotation for a new board. The cost will be£1560 plus VAT.

For a board which will be the same as those in the other three villages .

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**6. Finance. 6.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclays at the 31st of December was £1640.32. No cheques have been signed since the last meeting.

**6.2.** Cheques to be signed. HMRC Month 10, no month 9: £59.20; Office Admin:

£236.45 Months Nov. and Dec.

**6.3**. A VAT claim for £229.84 to the 31st of December 2019 has been submitted.

**7. Planning Matters.**

**Application for removal or variation of a condition 3PL/2019/1480.**

Approved.

**8. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman reported that work on the damaged railway bridge at Heath Road will start in October this year. He suggested that the Parish hold another Litter Pick this year. A date to be decided. Quidenham Village Society's request for a litterbin has been approved. Grants of up to £500 for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of V.E. Day are available. PL suggested organisations should submit their own requests. An e-mail has been received from Norse explaining that there will be a 5% rise in their quotation for the coming year. The Chairman will seek other quotes. **PL**

**9. Clerk's Report.** The S137 amount per elector for 2020 is now £8.32, a rise of 20p on the 2019 figure. The Clerk will soon receive the current electoral roll after which she will be able to adjust the Budget figure accordingly. A rise of 3% has been awarded to Local Council

Clerks.

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

**11. Any Other Business.** SS reported that parking behind Messrs. MacKays is now restricted to 2.5 hours and only to their own customers. SL asked the Clerk if she would ask a Quidenham resident to cut back their hedge as it may restrict visibility. DC asked if the Council could help in any way with the flooding in the Wilby Road.

**12. Date of the next meeting**. The next meeting of the Council will take place in the Garnier Hall on the 10th of February 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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