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

**10th August 2020 in the grounds of the Garnier Hall,Eccles**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: D.W. Wright (DW); D.Hunt (DH); Simon Lee (SL); David Cummin (DC);

Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL). Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman DW chaired the meeting.

Nicola Dorks, Chair of Quidenham Village Society, was also present.

**Action**

**1. Apologies for absence**: Apologies have been received from Sarah Suggitt, Breckland District Councillor and from Peter Lotarius, Parish Council Chairman.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest to add to those disclosed at the Local Elections in 2019.

**3. Minutes of the 16th of July 2020.** These were confirmed as a true record and signed by DW.

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

**County Broadband**. KL had contacted David Shade of County Broadband to query

the infrastructure used for connection, whether the existing BT exchange is to be used, if fibre is to used and timescale? His reply is filed with these Minutes. Councillors questioned whether the number of consumers interested in signing up had reached that required. There appears to be no consensus on these.

**Defibrillators and First Aid Course**. This item is on hold.

**Phone boxes.** The renovation of the box at Wilby is nearly complete. No start has been made on the box at Eccles. DC suggested involving local teenagers in its renovation.

**'Humpback' Railway bridge**. HD reported that work was to start in September.

**White gate for Wilby Road**. DW to purchase 2 gates, see March 2020 Minutes. **DW**

**Result of installing cameras at the entrance of the industrial estate with Heath Road.** KL to contact Highways for information.  **KL**

**Environmental Awareness Day.** This is on hold.

**5. Finances. 5.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay's at 31st July 2020:

£15771.40.

**5.2.** Cheques signed since the last meeting: Westcotec Ltd. £105.00. includes VAT of £17.50. Battery for SAM2; Mandrake (U.K.)Ltd payroll services for July 2020 £24.00 includes VAT of £4.00

**5.3.** Cheques to be signed: CMG Group for Grass cutting £264.68 includes VAT of £44.11;

K. Lloyd £40.00 paid to the Information Commissioner's Office , the Annual Data Protection Fee.

**5.4.** KL reported that the period for Public Examination of the 2019/2020 Accounts is now complete.

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**6. Planning: 3PL/2020/0505/F** Construction of 46 bay car park. Approved by Breckland District Council (BDC) July 2020.

**30B/2020/0026/OB** Modification of S106 agreement re number of affordable houses from 40% to 25% of the total.

**3PL/2020/0780/F** Construction of an animal feed mill next to the Biomass plant in Snetterton Civil Parish. A Zoom meeting is to be held with Snetterton, Shropham and Quidenham parish councils at 6 p.m. on Wednesday the 12th of August. PL and DW to attend on Quidenham's behalf.

**3PL/2020/0828/F** Demolition of barn and cartshed at Home Farm Quidenham and replacement wall built. All Councillors expressed dismay as did the Chair of Quidenham Village Society who was present. In spite of numerous requests to repair the building in the past it has been allowed to deteriorate. It was proposed by DW to request an extension to the time allowed for comment, this was seconded by HD and full agreement was expressed by the Councillors present.  **KL**

**7. Chairman's Report.**  The full report is attached to these Minutes and will be displayed on the notice boards and posted on the website. One item which requires immediate attention is the problem of dog waste which some people are putting in the recycling bin. This will be addressed under any other business.

**8. Clerk's Report**. KL has paid the annual fee to the Information Commissioner's Office and wishes to put the Council's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice on the website. She will circulate these to the Councillors for approval at the next meeting.

In order to comply with the accessability legislation which is to come into effect on the 23rd of September 2020 she has posted the accessibility statement as required on the website. She is liaising with Norfolk A.L.C. who host and maintain the website. Over the next few weeks she will be carrying out a basic check of the accessibility to the content on the website.

**9. Correspondence.** Other than the electronic correspondence which has been passed on to the Council and where relevant has been addressed at this meeting nothing has been received other than advertising material.

**10. Meeting open to the public.** The Chair of Quidenham Village Society was present and had spoken in the planning consultation matter 3PL/2020/0828/F. She also told the Council of the VJ Day Celebration which is to take place on the 15th of this month in Quidenham village. A £200 grant toward this had been received from BDC and SL proposed that a further £100 be given by the Parish Council towards the event, seconded by DC with the full agreement of the Councillors present.

**11. Any other business.**

* **Dog refuse bins.** It was agreed that two such bins were needed in Eccles village, one on the verge near the Garnier Hall and one in the Wilby Road. KL was asked to seek prices**. KL**
* **Question re weight restriction on the road between Eccles and Kenninghall.** DW to send photos to Messrs. Foulgers of vehicles disobeying the weight restriction**. DW**
* **Potholes on the Hargham Road**. DC reported three potholes on the road between the Wilby turnoff and the level crossing. KL to report to Highways**. KL**

**12. Date of the next meeting.** To be held in the Garnier Hall on the 14th of September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

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