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

# 5th October 2020 in the Garnier Hall,Eccles

## The meeting opened at 7.25 p.m.

## Those present: P.Lotarius (PL) Chairman; D.W. Wright (DW); D. Hunt (DH); Simon Lee (SL); David Cumming (DC); Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL). Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies for absence:**

The full Council was in attendance.

## **2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no Declarations of Interest to be added to those declared by the Councillors at the elections in May 2019. BL submitted her Declaration of Interest which the Clerk will send to the Elections Officer.

## **3. Minutes of the meeting of the 14th of September 2020**.

These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting.**

## **Defibrillator.**

Mrs. Midgely is awaiting information from the Community Heartbeat Trust as to the purchase price and installation costs of a defibrillator in Wilby.

### **White Gates.**

It was agreed to buy three more gates at a cost of £2300 which includes VAT. Final locations to be decided at a later date. **DW**

### **Junction at the entrance to the Richard Johnson Industrial Estate and Heath Road.**

KL has received a reply from the Area Manager who will ask the managers responsible for the area concerned to request of the firms whose signage is impeding drivers' vision to move it further back. **Dog Refuse Bins.**

DW will purchase two bins and poles at a cost of £266 ex. VAT **DW**

### **Potholes on the Hargham Road.**

Enquiry no. 900159314 - KL has notified Highways Norfolk and these have been marked as needing repair.

### **Damaged direction signs at the junction of Station Road, Eccles with the Hargham Road.**

Enquiry no. 900166967 - KL has notified Highways Norfolk.

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### **Overhanging trees in Sandyfield Lane.**

DH has spoken to the agents who act for the owners of the land who have now taken the matter in hand.

### **Other matters arising from the Minutes of the 14th September 2020 will be addressed elsewhere in these Minutes.**

## **5. Finances.**

## **5.1.**

The balance of the current account at Messrs. Barclays at the 5th October 2020 is £19,642.35. This includes the second half of the 2020/21 precept of £5432.50.

**5.2.**

**Cheques signed since the last meeting.**

Mandrake (U.K.) Ltd payroll services : £24.00; K. Lloyd salary Month 6: £210.20; HMRC KL's tax month 6: £52.60;

### **5.3.**

**Cheques to be signed:**

CGM Group Grass cutting: £264.68; Mandrake (U.K.) Ltd. payroll services £24.00.

## **5.4.**

### **Budget 2021/2022**

KL has prepared a budget based on that of 2020/2021. She will circulate it to the Council and bring it to the meeting of the 9th of November 2020 for approval..

## **6. Planning.**

### **3/PL/2020/1037/HOU.**

### The Council had no objection.

## **7. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman, as a trustee of the Garnier Hall, brought a request to the Council for a grant of £6000 towards important work needed for repairs and renovation to the Hall.

After a lively discussion It was proposed by SL that such a grant be made but the £6000 not be given until the work as set out in the Chairman's Schedule of Works items 1 and 2 is completed and signed off. These items are as follows: 1) New entrance from Car park to facilitate improved disabled access and 2) New soakaway underneath the Car park to service this side of the Garnier Hall. Also, that the Garnier Hall Trustees should not approach the Council for any further funding for any other work set out in the Schedule nor should they ask for any financial help during the financial year 2021/2022 except in exceptional circumstances. The proposal was seconded by DW. The Council then voted unanimously that a grant of £6000.00 be made subject to the above conditions.

He had received confirmation from County Broadband that the rollout of the service would shortly take place.

He reported that the work to the damaged railway bridge was on schedule and that the new bridge would be lifted into place during next month.

He had agreed with the Clerk that the Council should not sit in December 2020 as they feel business could be carried out by email whereby lessening the exposure to Covid19 during this busy season.

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He also suggested that in order to bring some cheer to what will be a very subdued season that parishioners might brighten their front gardens with lights and other decorations. He also suggested the Council bring out a Christmas newsletter to let people know what it has achieved on their behalf during the past year.

Due to the pressure of work he undertakes he suggested that someone else should take on the role of Chairman when next the Council next comes to elect its officers.

## **8. Clerk's Report.**

KL had little to report apart from what has already been addressed earlier in the Minutes. She asked the Council if it would agree to her continuing in post for at least the next financial year. The Council agreed to her request.

**9. Correspondence.**

The Clerk passes on correspondence to Councillors as it is received and where relevant it is addressed at this meeting or acted on before the meeting where necessary. KL receives notice of all Council meetings of Breckland District Council and where it concerns this Parish our District Councillor and County Councillor report back to us.

## **10. Meeting open to the public.**

No members of the public could be present due to Government restrictions.

## **11. Any Other Business**

PL had been asked by the Quidenham Village Society to use something more in keeping with the rural nature of the village when providing floral displays for the Reading Room. He had suggested that using half barrels as containers might be more appropriate. These could be funded from the S137 monies.

SL asked if DW could let him have a summary of the SAM2 data. He had noted the effectiveness of them and the increase in traffic speed through the village when they were moved to another location.

KL asked for a copy of the Garnier Hall accounts and it was suggested by SL the Council should see these on an annual basis.

PL requested a grant of £150 from the S137 fund towards the cost of the floral displays at the Eccles Road Station and Quidenham Reading Room. The Council agreed to his request.

**12. Date of the next meeting.**

The next meeting will take place on the 9th of November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Garnier Hall, Eccles.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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