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

**held on the 13th of September 2021 in the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

Those present: David Wright (DW) Chairman; Simon Lee (SL); David Cummin; Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL); District Councillor Sarah Suggitt District Councillor (SS); Steve Askew (SA) County Councillor; Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk. Two members of the public were also present.

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Peter Lotarius and David Hunt.

2. Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest to be added to those declared at the last elections or by Councillors co-opted since then.

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

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

* **Wilby Defibrillator.** DC reported that the defibrillator box has not yet been received and it is hoped that the defibrillator can be installed once it is to hand.
* **Garnier Hall repairs.** These are no further forward. KL to write to Mr. Marsh with the Council’s Health and Safety concerns and the inherent legal implications. **KL**
* **Potholes in Wilby Green Road.** The ownership and therefore responsibility for its repair of the road is unknown. Councillor Askew offered to attempt to find this out. KL to email him details.  **KL**
* **Proposed cycleway.** KLto contact Steve Scowen, the officer overseeing development of the part of the A11 concerned, to arrange a meeting to include DC in order to come up with a firm proposal for the route such a path should take. Only then to contact landowners**. KL**
* **Garnier Hall playground.** Playquest will start work shortly.
* **50/50 Highways partnership Grant.** The proposal is to procure a grant to provide Quidenham village with a permanent traffic speed monitoring device. DW is seeking clarification on how this application will be viewed as Quidenham is a conservation village.
* **Magnetic insets for the notice boards.** KL is attempting to find out how these are fixed to the existing material of which the boards are made.

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

£15,286.33

 **5.2.** Cheques signed since the last meeting: CGM Grass cutting August £272.49;

 HMRC month5 74.00; K. Lloyd salary month 5 £292.68; Community

 Heartbeat Trust £2520.00.

  **5.3**. Cheques to be signed: Mandrake (U.K.) payroll services £26.40. K.Lloyd

 £638.98 reimbursement for payment for new Asus laptop and Epson printer.

After all deductions the amount remaining is £ 14,433.46 of which grants to the Garnier Hall and Wilby are held in reserve. These are £6000.00 and £250.00 respectively. The second instalment of the Precept amounting to £5,596.50 should arrive in the account shortly.

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**6. Planning.**

**3PL/2020/0780/F** Construction of Agri Feed Mill. Awaiting the outcome of the appeal.

SL expressed to the County and District Councillors his frustration and disappointment

at the way in which this very important application had been heard. In particular he felt the lack of response to the Parish Council’s comments was not acceptable and that decisions which often had a detrimental impact on the lives of Council Taxpayers were taken with little concern for them.

**3PL/2021/1163/HOU** Permission sought to tarmac driveway. Location plan shows the entire front garden. The Parish Council withholds its comment whilst clarification is sought as to what material will be used and what area this will cover. The confusion arises as the applicant’s representative was in attendance but was unable to answer these questions satisfactorily.

**TRE/2021/0235/TCA** Permission sought to lower the crown of a copper beech by 2 metres. No objection.

**TRE/2021/0220/TPO.** The is some confusion as to the species of tree. A preservation order has been placed on the tree but the owner is seeking to fell it.

The Parish Council sympathises with the owner and has no objection to its being felled but notes that in the application a replacement will be planted elsewhere on the property.

**3PL/2021/0307/F Anvil Stud** Construction of four cabins. These have already been built and the Parish Council seeks the District Council’s response to this breach of planning regulations.

**7. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman’s Report is attached to these Minutes.

**9. District Councillor's Report.** Mrs. Suggitt’s report is attached.

**10. Clerk's Report.** A new Asus laptop and Epson printer have been bought plus a year’s subscription for Microsoft Office. The internet security purchased is Bullguard, the first year’s subscription is free and £29.99 annually thereafter.

A complaint by an Eccles resident regarding fly tipping on the development land in Station Road was received. The Clerk spoke to Messrs. Wm. Brown who are handling the sale of the land. They contacted the vendors with a request to remove the material dumped. The same resident reported harassment and vandalism of a vehicle by unknown persons. The police have now been informed and will contact the resident. **Continued..**

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**Clerk’s Report continued**..

The Clerk sought the Council’s agreement to her writing to the residents of houses on Green Lane which face onto the area of grass belonging to the Council to remind them that access is needed at all times to mow the area from April to October inclusive. Also that cars or any other vehicles, caravans, motor homes or motor bikes should not be parked there as the area is badly drained and liable to be damage. It is understood that vehicles may be parked there for short periods whilst their owners visit the houses.

More complaints have been received about the noise from the clay pigeon shoot. The Clerk has suggested to the complainants that they should speak to the Quidenham Shoot directly.

**11. Correspondence.** No correspondence other than electronic mail had been received.

**12. Meeting open to the Public**. Both members had already made their comments and left the meeting.

**13. Any other business.** There was no other business.

**14. Date of the next meeting.** This will take place on the 11th of October 2021 in the Garnier Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.