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

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

Those present: David Wright (DW) Chairman; David Hunt (DH); Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL);

Sarah Suggitt (SS); Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk.

**1**. Apologies for absence. No apologies were received. Apology received later from Simon Lee.

The Chairman echoed the feelings of the Council in his tribute to David Cumming whose death had come as such a shock. The Council then observed a short silence.

**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 8th of November were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

**Wilby Defibrillator.** KL has received an email from Kate Midgeley to say that the heating pad in the defibrillator is not heating and asking whether this should be so. KL has sent details of the specification to Mrs. Midgeley and copied in DW.KL to give DW a copy of the specification. **KL**

* + **50/50 Highways Partnership Grant**. DW has completed the application form and has received acknowledgement. A decision will be made later in the financial year.
  + **Magnet inserts for the notice boards.** KL has still to find a supplier that can supply the size of sheet required.
  + **Proposed cycleway.** On hold until KL liaises with Steve Scowen. **KL**
  + **Play area repairs.** These have now been carried out by Messrs. PlayQuest apart from some small items to be completed when the weather improves.
  + **Roudham and Larling P.C. liaison with Quidenham P.C.** DW to liaise with the Chairman of Roudham and Larling P.C.. He will also ask if he may attend one of their meetings.
  + **Decoration of Eccles’ ‘phone box.** It is felt that nothing can be done until Spring when a specification should be drawn up for the work before asking again for tenders.
  + **Quidenham Shoot.** BL has passed on to the Chairman of Quidenham Village Society the Shoot’s offer.

**5. Finance. 5.1** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay's at today's date is £19,338.17. This includes a repayment of VAT in the sum of £727.19 covering the period 1st July 2021 to 30th September 2021. Two cheques amounting to £117.86 have not yet been presented by the payees.

**5.2.** No cheques have been signed since the last meeting.

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

P. Lotarius for flower display for Eccles Station £150.00.

After all deductions the amount remaining is £16,899.91p of which grants to the Garnier Hall and Wilby are held in reserve. These are £6000.00 and £250.00 respectively.

**5.4** Setting the Precept for the year 2022-2023. After discussion and taking into account the

uncertainty regarding the economic climate in the foreseeable future the Council agreed unanimously to increase the amount of the precept by 5%. This brings the amount the Clerk will request from Breckland District Council to £11,753.00. **KL**

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**6. Planning. Action**

**TRE/2021/0152/TCA** A Tree Preservation Order has now been placed on this

tree. An appeal against the TPO will be heard at the meeting of the Breckland District Council on the 20th December 2021.

**3PL/2021/0307/F and 3PL/2021/0043/F Anvil Stud** After discussion at the Breckland District Council’s planning meeting on the 29th of November 2021 a decision has been deferred until members of the planning committee have visited the site.

**3PL/2021/1576/HOU** Proposed two storey side extension. No objection **KL**

**3PL/2021/1594/F** Erection of two dwellings and garages adjacent to The White House on Sandfield Lane, Eccles. No objection. **KL**

**3PL/2021/1604/VAR** Variation of Condition 3 on pp 3PL/2018/1525/VAR removal of ‘Richard Johnson’ as user of unit, additional parking on site. No objection. **KL**

**8. Chairman's Report and comments.** DW thanked the Council for its work and support during the past year. He suggested that the co-option of a new Councillor be left until the new year but felt that preferably someone from Wilby should be sought He apologised for the lack of a report, due to his incapacity, for the data recorded by the SAM2s. He had sent out a copy of a Grant Request Form to be used when parishioners approach the Council for monies towards the cost of projects. He acknowledged and thanked PL for giving this a ‘trial run’ when asking the Council for a contribution towards the flowers used for the display on Eccles Road Station. Other matters have been addressed earlier in these Minutes.

**9. District Councillor's Report**. To follow

**10. Clerk's Report.** The Clerk had received notification from Breckland District Council of a

Breckland App which will enable visitors to the area to identify events and places of interest in Breckland. More information will be available in the near future. The Chair of the Quidenham Village Society has sent her a programme of events to be held in the village, this can be seen on the website. She, the Chair, will be contacting the police to seek advice and assistance in setting up a Speedwatch group in the village.

**11**. Correspondence. Apart from a brochure from Messrs. Glasdon who supplied the white ‘gateways’ and dog refuse bins no correspondence other than electronic mail had been received.

**12. Meeting open to the Public**. No members of the public were present

**13. Any other business.** A document entitled Points of Light had been received and it contained much that could be acted upon by the Council. In particular the opportunity to claim community grants which would enable the Council to tackle climate change issues.

**14. Date of the next meeting.** This will take place on the 10th January 2022 in the Garnier Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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