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

**held on the 10th January 2022 the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

Themeeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: David Hunt (DH); Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL); Simon Lee (SL) Acting Chairman; Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk.

**1.** **Apologies for absence**. Apologies were received from Peter Lotarius {PL} and David Wright {DW}.

**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.** Mi**nutes of the last meeting**. The Minutes of the meeting of the 13th of December 2021 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4**. Matt**ers arising from the Minutes.**  **Action**

* + **Wilby Defibrillator** The heating pad in the casing has been found to be defective. The supplier has been contacted.
  + **50/50 Highways Partnership Grant**. Awaiting a decision from Norfolk County Council Highways Partnership which will meet in April 2022.
  + **Proposed cycleway.** KL has not yet spoken to Steve Scowen.
  + **Roudham and Larling liaison.** DW in liaison with the Chairman as to when it will be best for him to sit in on a meeting.
  + **Eccles ‘phone box.** To be postponed until Spring.
  + **Planning.** Anvil Stud retrospective applications. We are still awaiting a decision from Breckland District Council Planning Committee.
  + **2022/2023 Precept.** A request has now been sent to Breckland District Council.
  + **Quidenham Shoot.** Nothing further has been heard from the Quidenham Village Society

**5. Finance. 5.1** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay's at today's date is £17071.77p. There are three cheques still to be presented after which the credit amount will be £16,889.91p.

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

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

Grants to the Garnier Hall and Wilby are held in reserve. These are £6000.00 and £250.00 respectively.

**5.4** Appointment of Auditor for the Annual Return. KL Has spoken to last year’s auditor who is willing to undertake this financial year’s audit for the slightly increased fee of £85.

A proposal to accept this was made by SL and seconded by DH.

**6. Planning. TRE/2021/0363/TCA.** This application has now been withdrawn.

**7. Garnier Hall Works.** The builder has promised to complete the outstanding works during this week.

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**Action**

**8. Chairman’s Report.**  DW’s report is filed with these Minutes. He felt that it would be desirable, if a candidate could be found, to recruit from Wilby to fill the Casual Vacancy.

**9. District Councillor’s Report.** No District Councillor was present.

**10. Clerk's Report and comments.**  The Elections Officer has been notified of the Casual Vacancy which has arisen following of the sad death of David Cumming. A Casual Vacancy notice will be posted on all four notice boards and on the website.

A message has been received from the Chair of Quidenham Village Society to say that interior decoration of the Reading Room is coming along apace and that the hope is that a lavatory will soon be installed.

Two potholes and an incident of flytipping have been reported. A photo of the latter was attached.

**11. Correspondence.** 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. DH** requested that Highways be asked to clear the grass verge which is encroaching onto the footway at the south end of Station Road. **KL**

**KL** suggested that a tree be planted in Wilby in memory of David Cumming. The suggestion met with general approval.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

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

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