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

**held on the 14th March 2022 the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

Themeeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: David Wright (DW) Chairman; Peter Lotarius (PL); David Hunt (DH); Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL); Nick Newson (NN); Sarah Suggitt (SS) District Councillor; Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed Nick Newson, the new Parish Councillor. Mr. Newson signed the Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk and was given the Declaration of Interest form to complete and return to the Clerk This will be copied, one copy will be sent to the Returning Officer, another filed by the Clerk and one given to Mr. Newson.

**1.** **Apologies for absence**. Apologies were received from Simon Lee. Simon feels that he will not be able to help with the siting of the gateways on the 19th.

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

**3.** Mi**nutes of the last meeting**. On page 3 of the Minutes under Any Other Business SS should read SL. The correction has been made and the Minutes of the meeting of the 14th of February 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

* + **Wilby Defibrillator**. A fault was found in the electricity supply to the defibrillator. This has now been rectified.
	+ **Roudham and Larling Parish Council liaison.** DW is liaising with the Chairman and hopes to meet with her soon.
	+ **Eccles phone box.** The **s**pecification will be drawn up by DW and PL. DW expressed the hope that this matter can be finally dealt with after which it is hoped to purchase a defibrillator for Eccles for installation in the box. **PL DW**
	+ **Planning. Anvil Stud retrospective applications**. The ecology report is awaited. When this has been received and seen by the Breckland District Council Planning Committee a site visit will take place.
	+ **Commemorative tree to be planted in memory of David Cumming.** KL has yet to speak to David’s family. If they agree the planting will take place in the autumn.

**5. Finance. 5.1** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay's at today's date is £17,403. 96. .

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

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

Diana Newson for rewilding materials for Wilby £127.19. Greenbarnes Ltd. £12.93p for two extra keys for the Wilby notice board.

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 The grant of £6000 to the Garnier Hall and the remainder of the £250 grant for Wilby rewilding remains in reserve.

 **5.4.** The Council unanimously approved the Financial Regulations which remain unchanged since last year when they were examined by the internal auditor.

**6. Planning.** PL will act as Planning Officer for the Council. Anvil Stud retrospective applications: see under Matters Arising. 3PL/2022/0093/LU For information only, the Council’s views were not sought. 3PL/2022/0236/F No objection.

**7. Disposal of land at Snetterton Heath**. An electrical substation is being built on this land and work is in progress.

**8.** **Signing of CGM grass cutting contract**. KL needs to check some parts of this with BHIB after which the contract will be signed. She will liaise with DW.

**9. County Councillor’s general information from Norfolk County Council.** This contained the information that funding will be available for the purchase of two more SAM2s. At present it is not clear whether this will be match funded or will be fully funded.

**10. Rewilding Wilby Drift.** A work party was formed by Diana Newson and work has now started. Photos and a short article by Dr. Newson have been posted on the website. She was thanked for her efforts.

**11. Biomass Liaison meeting.** This will take place on the 27th of April. NN offered to attend on behalf of the Council.

**12. Chairman’s Report.** DW had little to report other than that he continues to liaise with the Garnier Hall trustees concerning the work on the disabled access to the Hall. One of the swings in the children’s playground is broken and a new seat will be purchased and fitted. He has sent the latest SAM2 figures to the Clerk which will be posted on the website. He expressed the hope that the villages will co-operate with eachother when planning their celebrations of

H.M. The Queen’s Jubilee.

**13. District councillor’s Report**. Mrs. Suggitt explained the need for changing the days for refuse collection which was due to the increased number of houses built and under construction in the District. She reported that the District Council was engaging with organisations in planning for the welcome and relief to be given to refugees from Ukraine. This would not clash with other initiatives as for instance the work being done with drug addicts and people with mental health issues. She directed the Council’s attention to news contained in the Breckland newsletter soon to be circulated.

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**14. The Clerk’s Report.** Earlier in the day the Clerk attended a meeting at Attleborough Town Hall hosted by a team of consultants employed to work with the residents of the five la rgest market town in the District. She will compile a short report for circulation later. She has also reported several pothole and flytipping issues to Highways. However the flytipping on the back road to Attleborough has not yet been attended to. SS noted this and will take action to get it cleared. The Quidenham Village Society now has several volunteers willing to take part in a Speedwatch group and is liaising with the police. The answer to a query re the number of times the verges in the Parish are cut is that they are cut twice a year. The Lord Lieutenant’s deputy has given her three more commemorative plaques which she will distribute.

**15. Correspondence.** Nothing other than electronic mail has been received. This is forwarded to the Councillors via email.

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

**17. Any other business. PL** commented on the frequent flooding of the road in Quidenham just north of the Old Post Office. He asked the Clerk to speak to Highways to see if a solution can be found. The same problem occurs in front of Cypress house in Eccles. The Clerk will take this up with Highways too. **DW** observedthat in recent days the road between Eccles and Quidenham had been marked as if in preparation for roadworks. He asked the Clerk to find out when work is to start.

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