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

**held on the 9th May 2022 the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

Themeeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

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

**1.** **Apologies for absence**. Apologies were received from David Wright.

**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**. The Minutes of the meeting of the 11th of April 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the 10th of May 2021 were not available and will be signed at the next meeting of the Council.

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

* **The planting of a tree to commemorate the life of David Cumming**. KL has spoken to David’s partner, Hilary, who was delighted and was happy to give her consent to the planting of a tree in David’s memory. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.
* **Messrs CGM Grass cutting.** The Clerk has not yet received a copy of the contract countersigned by Messrs. CGM. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the poor quality of the work so far undertaken. She was asked to write to Messrs. CGM regarding these issues. The Council were already aware that CGM have increased the price quoted for this year’s work by 7.5%. This adds £18 to the amount we pay monthly. **KL**
* **Damaged chevron sign near Eccles Hall School.** This was reported to Highways in February 2022 but as yet no action has been taken to repair it. KL has sent a further report to Highways and received a standard acknowledgement. If the matter is not resolved within the next two weeks she will contact Highways again. **KL**
* **DW’s meeting with the Chair of Roudham and Larling.** See Chairman’s report.
* **Eccles Telephone box.** PL has the matter in hand.
* **Flytipping on the Hargham Road.** KL has written to the landowner explaining that the Council can do nothing further and must leave the matter in his hands.
* **Breckland District Council Consultation re sites for Development and Local Green Spaces.** KL has passed the online form to NN for completion.
* **Annual Parish Meeting.** This should take place in the Garnier Hall on the 20th of May 2022. However the Hall management has asked that it be rebooked as a last minute problem has arisen. KL has asked if the Quidenham Reading Room is available on that date and is awaiting an answer. **KL**
* **Erection of white ‘gateway’.** A new date to be arranged. **DH SL**

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**5. Finance.**

**5.1** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay's at today's date is £22,491.42p.

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

  **5.3**. Cheques to be signed: CGM (East Anglia) Ltd for months April and May 2022

£614.40; Mandrake UK for payroll services Month 1 £26.40; HMRC Month 1 £72.80; KL’s salary Month 1 £291.20. When these are presented the amount remaining will be £21,486.62p.

Grants to the Garnier Hall and Wilby are held in reserve. These are £6000.00 and £123.00 respectively.

**5a Other Finance matters**.

* NN asked if there was a time limit to the grant to Wilby being available. SL suggested that as this had not arisen in the past an informal note be made in the record but nothing mentioned at future meetings.
* The Council agreed to pay half of the amount owed to Clearscape Garden Services for clearing the Garnier Hall grassed area of rubbish prior to the first cut. The Clerk had received a grant request from Mrs Hewson for this amount.
* The Council also agreed to pay 50% of the £800 quoted by PlayQuest to repair the play equipment. It is hoped this can be invoiced in two parts which will make it easier for the Council to reclaim half of the VAT.

**6. Planning. 3PL/2022/0422/O** Outline application for employment use. The Council has no objection. PL to post comment on Planning portal.

**7. Snetterton Power Plant Liaison meeting.** NN and KL attended this meeting at which a representative of the plant gave a short report on activity during the past year. KL suggested she arrange a site visit by the Council and she was asked to do so. **KL**

**8. H.M.Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Celebrations.** A full programme of events covering the weekend is planned for Quidenham village and similar events are being arranged at Eccles.

**9. Chairman’s report.** There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the Garnier Hall on Monday the 16th of May. DW has been asked by Mrs. Hewson, the Garnier Hall Treasurer, when the grant of £6000.00 will be issued. She will be advised that this cannot be issued until the work which includes the Fire Doors, not yet fitted, is signed off and a written statement to that effect received from Mr. Marsh who has overseen the work. The Snetterton Circuit Liaison Committee, which DW and PL attend, had held a useful meeting recently. The number of complaints received about noise was low and amiably resolved. The owners are submitting plans to Breckland District Council for hotel and business units of which we will hear more in the coming weeks. He has had a meeting with the Chair of Roudham and Larling Parish Council. Both feel the main issue is the time Breckland District Council Planning Committee are taking to act in the matter of the Anvil Stud. A joint letter to the Planning Director is being drafted by both Parish Councils.

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**9a. District Councillor’s Report and comments.** Mrs Suggitt’s Report is filed with these Minutes.

She was asked if she could explain why many parts of the Parish had been without a rubbish collection for many weeks. A lively discussion followed and she took a reference number which HD was able to give her and on which she will follow up. She also will try to find why no site visit has yet been made by the Planning Committee to the Anvil Stud despite their strength of feeling about this flouting of the planning laws. She went on to outline to the Council the effect on planning and development with regard to a new initiative entitled Nutrient Neutrality. This is in an effort to lessen the pollution caused by runoff into our waterways from agricultural practices, sewage treatment plants, animal and human waste and detergents. In effect this means that every time new housing is built or existing houses extended the waste discharged from them leads to a rise in nutrient pollution in waterways with the resulting damage to the environment and to our health.

**10. Clerk’s Report.** The refurbishment ofQuidenham Reading Room is almost complete and the water supply will be turned on later this month. The documents for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return are almost completed and will be delivered to the Internal Auditor at the end of the month when she returns from holiday.

**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** asked if anything could be done with regard to the danger posed by the overgrown verge on the east side of the junction of Station Road Eccles with Sandfield Lane and Wilby Road. KL will send a report to Highways to include photographs of the verge and overgrown hedge beyond the old school towards Quidenham. **KL**

**14. Date of the next meeting.** This will take place on the 6th of June 2022 in the Quidenham Reading Room at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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