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

**held on the 8th of August 2022 in the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: David Wright (DW) Chairman; Simon Lee (Vice-Chairman);

Peter Lotarius (PL); David Hunt (DH); Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL); Nick Newson (NN); Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk.

**1. Apologies for absence**. Apologies had been received from Sarah Suggitt, District Councillor.

**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. Minutes of the last meeting.** The Clerk had discovered some repetition in Item 5 of the Minutes but this did not alter its meaning. However, she had corrected the error and the Chairman was able to sign the Minutes as a true record.

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

* **The planting of a tree to commemorate the life of David Cummin.** NN will liaise with David’s family.
* **Damaged chevron sign near Eccles Hall School.** KL will chase Highways re this.
* **DW’s meeting with the Chair of Roudham and Larling Parish Council.** Both Councils are awaiting Breckland District Council’s decision regarding the holiday cabins at the Anvil Stud site for which retrospective planning permission was refused. DW questioned whether an appeal had been lodged.
* **Flytipping on the Hargham Road.** The Clerk has once again requested Breckland District Council to remove this.
* **Breckland District Council Consultation re sites for Development and Local Green Spaces**. No further information has been received.
* **Erection of white ‘gateway’**. At present the ground is too hard to work.
* **Overgrown Public Footpaths no. 3 Quidenham** connecting with **no**.**8. Banham.** KL has been told by the Footpaths Officer that these do not meet the criteria needed forthe Council’s intervention. The District Councillor has told the Clerk that the land is owned by the Norfolk County Council. Kl to ask our County Councillor Stephen Askew if he can help or advise. **KL**
* **50/50 Partnership Scheme.** It was decided to pursue the suggestion that an electric vehicle charging point be installed at or near the Garnier Hall. NN suggested a survey of the electrical capacity at the Hall be undertaken. SL to ask a local electrician for advice on the way forward. Another suggestion was to ask Highways what their stand on ‘rumble’ strips at the entrance to villages would be.

DW reported that the money for the purchase of SAM2s will not be released until next month.

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* **Play Area Equipment.** PL reported that all repairs have now passed inspection. A fortnightly inspection log is to be kept. At least one person from the Garnier Hall committee is to undergo formal training in play equipment inspection.
* **Public Transport.** A Flexibus service is available. See Flexibus website.
* **Finance.**

**5.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclays is £19,079.08 at today’s date. One cheque of £210.00 has not yet been presented and £180.00 HMRC VAT claim has been credited.

**5.2.** Cheques signed since the last meeting. There have been no cheques signed since the last meeting.

**5.3**. Cheques to be signed. HMRC KL’s tax month 4: £44.80; KL’s salary month 4:

£179.20; Mandrake payroll services Month 4: £26.40; Norfolk Ass’n of Local Councils Councillor training £72.00; CGM grass cutting August: £307.20; Information Commissioner’s Office, Annual fee: £40.00.

**Planning. 3/AG/2022/0012/AG. A**pplication to construct a reservoir. PL reported that an an archaeological survey is to take place.

**7. Play area equipment at the Garnier Hall.** This item has been covered in Matters Arising.

**8. Report from the SNAP meeting of the 26th of July 2022.** DH and KL attended a meeting at the Attleborough Town Hall. Notes from the meeting are filed with these Minutes. The main topic was, as usual, speeding. DH reported that a Speedwatch Group has been set up in Quidenham village and plans for one in Eccles village are in progress.

**9. Chairman’s Report.** DW had covered all points earlier in the meeting.

**10. Clerk’s Report.** KL continues to track progress of the request to trim back the hedge on Station Road, Eccles, re-erection of the chevron sign at the Eccles Hall School bend and damage to the footway on Station road, Eccles. The matter of the flytipping on the back road to Attleborough has not yet been resolved. She is comparing the latest, 2020, Standing Orders with those presently used by the Council and will report back when she has finished doing so.

**11. Correspondence**. Apart from electronic mail which she passes on to the Council nothing has been received.

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

**13. Any other business.** NN asked if anything could be done to change the name `Quidenham’ on Wilby’s notice board to `Wilby’. PL reported that a quotation had been sought from the suppliers but at £200.00 it was felt to be too expensive. Other options should be pursued. **KL** was askedto pursue the owners of the development land on Station Road with regard to trimming back the hedge which is causing problems to pedestrians. **KL**

**SL** asked if our District Councillor had been able to find whether the owners of the Anvil Stud were paying business rates on the holiday cabins. KL to enquire of her. **KL**

**14. Date of the next meeting.** This will take place on the 12th of September 2022 in the Garnier Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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