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

**held on the 12th of September 2022 in the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

The Chairman requested that His Majesty King Charles lll and his family be sent the condolences of the Parish Council on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth ll.

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

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

An additional item to the Agenda, 7a, will be discussed after the Clerk’s Report.

**1. Apologies for absence**. Apologies had been received from Peter Lotarius.

**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 Chairman signed the Minutes of the 8th of August 2022 as a true record.

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

* **Damaged chevron sign near Eccles Hall School.** Highways have now repaired the damage.
* **Anvil Stud retrospective planning applications.** No further information has been received from Breckland District Council Planning Department.
* **Flytipping on the Hargham Road.** Having discovered that the contents of the rubbish bags contain rubble and are behind the remains of fencing the Clerk has contacted the owner of the land again.
* **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 still too hard to work.
* **Overgrown Public Footpaths no. 3 Quidenham.** The Clerk has contacted Stephen Askew, our County Councillor but has not received any response**. KL**
* **50/50 Partnership Scheme.** Nothing further has been decided. Item to be brought forward to October’s meeting.

**5. Finance. 5.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclays at today’s date is £14,042.18p. One cheque of £72.00 has not yet been presented and a VAT claim of £220.70 has been credited.

  **5.2.** Cheques signed since the last meeting. HMRC KL’s tax month 5: £56.00; KL’s salary month 5: £224.00; Garnier Hall 50% of agreed grant monies: £3000.00;

Messrs. PlayQuest Adventure Play Ltd. £1,170.00 for remedial work to the play equipment at the Garnier Hall. This was paid on behalf of the Garnier Hall and will be deducted from the remainder of the agreed grant monies.

 **5.3.** Cheques to be signed. Mandrake payroll services month 5: £26.40: CGM grass cutting September: £307.20.

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 **Action**

**6. Planning. 3AG/2022/0012/AG** Prior approval required. Awaiting archaeological survey.

**3PL/2022/0907/F** No objection. **3PL/2022/0709/F** No objection. **3PL/2022/0043/F** Anvil Stud. Deferred. Retrospective application.

**7. Clerk’s Report.** The Clerk had received from the SAAA {Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments} information relating to the appointment of the external auditors to be used for the next five years’ financial and governance audits of smaller authorities.

A two-hour session is being held each Thursday from 10 am to Noon at Attleborough Town Hall by Citizens’ Advice.

An Eccles resident had contacted the Clerk regarding a pond in Eccles which has been filled

In. She has given him the planning application number and asked Councillor Hunt to be a point of contact.

She will present the 6 monthly budget comparison at the next meeting.

**7a. Visit by the Highway Rangers.** The Highway Rangers, a Highways work party, is to visit

the Parish during the two weeks from September 19th. The Clerk has been asked to forward a list of jobs for them to undertake but which have to conform to certain criteria. She compiled a list of Councillors’ requests which she will pass on. **KL**

**8. Correspondence.** Only electronic mail has been received. This has been passed on to the Council as it has been received.

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

**10. Any other business. NN** reported that after speaking to Messrs. Greenbarnes and being quoted an even higher amount to make the necessary amendment to the name board on Wilby’s notice board, he has enlisted the help of another Wilby resident and hopes to make the change ‘inhouse’. **DH** reported a problem which had arisen with the verge at the Sandfield Lane-Wilby Road junction. KL asked if he could send her a photo which she can use to send a Highways problem report. **DH**

**11. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on the 10th of October 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Garnier Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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