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

held **on the 14th of November 2022 in the Garnier Hall, Eccles.**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: David Wright (DW) Chairman; Simon Lee (SL) Vice-Chairman; David Hunt (DH); Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL); Nick Newson (NN); Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk to the Council.

**1. Apologies for absence.** No apologies had been received.

**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 meeting of the 10th of October 2022 as a true record.

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

 **BDC Sites for development.** NN had heard nothing further but would ask if there was anything further to report. **NN**

 **White gateways.** These have now been erected by Rob Breakwell, SL, DH and NN at the entrance to Eccles from the southern end. The village name sign is to be repositioned. Thanks to Phillip and Beverley Lee for storing these gates.

 ‘**Hot Spots’.** Unfortunately it was decided that to set up such a project would need too much of an ongoing commitment.

 **Snetterton Circuit Liaison Committee.** DW and PH had attended a meeting with the management. Very few complaints about noise have been received recently.There is to be a new Circuit manager appointed.

 **Safer Neighbourhood Attleborough (SNAP).** A meeting was held on the 26th of October which DH and KL attended. DH reported that a Speedwatch group has been set up in Eccles village. Awaiting Minutes.

**Finance. 5.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclays at today’s date is £18,585.49p.

 **5.2.** No cheques had been signed since the last meeting. Cheque no. 101287 has not yet been presented.

 **5.3.** Cheques to be signed. KL’s salary Month 7: £280.00; HMRC KL’s tax month 7:

£70.00; Mandrake payroll services: £26.40.

 **5.4.** Proposed budget for 2023-2024. The Clerk presented her forecast for the financial year 2023-2024 a copy of which had been sent to the Councillors. After making some adjustments at the suggestion of BL the Council agreed to an increase of 5% over the 2022/23 Precept. Proposed by SL and seconded by DH.

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**6. Planning. 3PL/2022/1161/HOU** The Council raised no objection. **3PL/2022/1188/LB** The Council raised no objection. **3PL/2019/0582/F** The Council raised no objection. **TRE/2022/0272/TCA Received after posting of agenda.** The Council raised no objection.

**3PL/2020/0043/F** Restrictions noted.

**7. Local Plan Sites.** Nothing to report at present.

**8.** Notification has been received from the agents of UK Power Networks of the intention to carry out alterations to the high voltage cables at Station Road, Eccles. DW signed a certificate indicating that the council had no objection to this work being carried out.

**9.** This item was not discussed.

**10. Clerk’s Report.** KL had received a complaint regarding the overgrowth of a hedge owned by the Council on Quidenham Village Green parts of which are beginning to encroach onto the fence behind. She had spoken to the owner of the fence and after taking several photographs sent them to Messrs. CGM. A quotation of £330 plus VAT has been received. The Council agreed to this and the work will go ahead shortly.

Parish Council elections will take place in May 2023. Further instructions are awaited.

**11. Correspondence.** Apart from advertising literature nothing other than electronic mail has been received.

**12. Meeting open to the public.** There were no members of the public in attendance.

**13. Any other business. DW** thanked PL and Carol his wife for their hard work and enthusiasm in keeping the Eccles Road Station so attractive with floral arrangements.

**DW** asked the Clerk to find prices of dog Refuse bins as more are needed in the Parish. **KL**

**PL** asked the Clerk to enquire as to the length of time needed to retain Parish records as

storage space is at a premium at the Garnier Hall where many past records are at

present kept**. KL**

**14.** **The date of the next meeting.** The date of the next meeting is the 12h of December 2022 in the Garnier Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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