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

**held on the 11th of September 2023**

**at 7.30 p.m. in the Garnier Hall, Eccles**

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

Those present: Simon Lee (SL) Chairman; David Wright (DW); 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 other than those declared on becoming councillors and reported to the Elections Officer.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.** The Minutes of the meeting of the 10th of July 2023 were signed as a true record.

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

 **Surveillance Cameras.** Details of the two chosen locations have been sent to Breckland District Council i.e. approximately 200 metres from the new railway bridge on its eastern side and approximately 500 metres from Bryant’s bridge on its eastern side.

 **Defibrillator Fund**. Nothing has been received in reply to the email sent to Quidenham Village Society.

 **Highway Rangers’ Visit.** The Clerk has sent via email details oftasks which the Council would like carried out.

**5. Finance. 5.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay’s at today’s date

 Is £14,151.52p.

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

 **5.3**. Cheques to be signed. Nos. 101328 to 101339. K. Lloyd reimbursement of External Auditor’s fee £85.00p; Norfolk Ass’n of Local Councils, Subs. and website £375.76p; Mandrake, payroll services £26.40p; CGM Group, Grounds Maintenance £407.32p;

Garnier Hall. Rental of hall £180.00p; CGM Group, Grounds Maintenance £407.32p;

Mandrake, payroll services £26.40p; Mandrake, payroll services £26.40p; CGM Group, Grounds maintenance £407.32p; K. Lloyd, salary months 3,4 and 5 £720.00;

HMRC, KL’s tax months 3 and 5 £105.00; K. Lloyd, reimbursement of HMRC month 4 KL’s tax;

**6. Planning.** 3/PL/2023/0134/F – approved; 3PL/22023/0081/VAR – withdrawn; 3PL/2023/0172/F – objection; 3PL/2023/0720/F – no objection; TRE/0215/TCA – no objection; 3PL/2023/0440/F –no objection; 3DC/2023/0205/DOC – no objection;

3PL/2023/ 0820/HOU – no objection; 3PL/2023/0844/HOU – no objection;

3PL/2023/0859/F – the Parish Council is in complete agreement with the Historic Buiidings Consultant’s comments.

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**7. Clerk’s Report and Comments.** Nothing other than reported in Matters arising.

**8. Correspondence.** Other than electronic correspondence which is sent on to the Council

 only advertising material for outdoor gymnastic equipment has been received.

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

**10. Any other business. DH and KL** were unable to attend last SNAP meeting, no Minutes have yet been received. **DH** the Eccles Speedwatch group reported that 40% of motorists going through the village were recorded as exceeding 40 mph. **PL** requested a grant of £200 towards flowers for the Eccles Road Station and for help towards rewilding an area behind the station. **PL** alsorequested a grant of £50 to pay for a sign to point out that glass may also be recycled at the facility at the Garnier Hall. Both requests were approved by the Councillors.

He also suggested that the proceeds from the bottle bank go towards the renewal of play equipment at the Hall. After discussion the Council agreed and in addition also agreed that £5000.00p should be ringfenced for renewal of the equipment. **PL** is concerned that the conifers on the back fenceline of the Garnier Hall are posing a problem in that their height throws that part of the playing field into permanent shadow. He will seek Breckland District Council’s Planning Dept’s advice re their removal. **KL** suggested the Council review the number of meetings it has each year. After discussion it was decided not to meet in January, May and August of 2024. Proposed by BL and seconded by HD.

**11. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be on the 9th of October 2023 and will be held in the Garnier Hall, Eccles at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

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