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

**held on Monday the 13th of November 2023**

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

The meeting opened at 7.35 p.m.

Those present: Simon Lee (SL) Chairman; Peter Lotarius (PL); David Wright (DW); David Hunt (DH); Beverley Lee (BL); Nick Newson (NN); Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk to the Council.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Apologies had been received from Heather Doig.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest apart from those declared on becoming Councillors and reported to the Elections Officer.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.** The Minutes of the 9th October 2023 were signed as a true record after recording that Nick Newson was not present but had sent his apologies.

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

After sending a report to Breckland D.C. (BDC) regarding the missing Quidenham village name sign on the entrance to the village from the direction of East Harling the Clerk received a reply from BDC telling her that there had never been a sign in that area. The Councillors disagreed but a decision was taken to let the matter rest.

**5. Finance. 5.1.** The status of the current account as Messrs. Barclays at today’s date is £18,924.89p.

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

 **5.3.** Cheques to be signed. Mandrake (UK) Ltd. Payroll Services for Sept. 2023 £26.40p.; Mandrake (UK) Ltd, Payroll Services for Oct.2023 £26.40p. BDC Election 2023 expenses £75.00; KL salary month 6 £120.00; HMRC KL’s tax month 6 £30.00; KL salary month 7 £ 240.00; HMRC KL’s tax month 7 £60.00. P. Lotarius’ Grant for flowers for Eccles’ Road Station.

 **5.4.** The Clerk had circulated a budget comparison for information. Councillors had no queries.

 **5.5. Approval of Financial Regulations.** The Clerk had made two minor changes to bring the Regulations up to date and had then posted them on the website. The Council then approved them.

**6. Planning.**

**3PL/2023/0890/F** nothing yet heard from BDC Planning Dept.

**3PL/2023/1032/F** undecided

**3PL/2023/0172/F** Permission given

**3PL/2023/0415/F** Permission given

 Received since the agenda was posted. **3PL/2023/0820/HOU Refused.** Quidenham Parish Council had made no objection.

Also received since the agenda was posted. **3PL/2023/0925/O Undecided.**

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**6a. Clerk’s Report and Comments.** KL had contacted the Highway Rangers to ask if they had carried out any works in the villages. The Officer in charge replied telling her that as she had not followed the proper procedure for requesting tasks no work was carried out. As most of the works that they are prepared to do usually fall into the emergency category she deals with them on an as and when needed basis. Despite sending the Agenda to our District and County Councillors she had not received any acknowledgment nor had the District Councillor replied to a query about Weekly Planning Lists.

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**7. Correspondence.** Nothing other than electronic mail had been received.

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

**11. Any other business. PL** requested the Council’s approval to meet the cost of a Christmas Events list to be delivered to all parishioners. Approval was granted. **PL** A group of local ladies were intending to form a ladies darts team and had completed a Grant Form. The Council agreed to fund one third of the total needed with the proviso that as this was a grant from the parish then ladies from all four villages should be invited to join. **DW** He and PL had attended a Snetterton Circuit Liaison Meeting. There had been an increase in the numbers of complaints. There had been discussion around the way in which complaints were handled. Two Officers from the Breckland District Council were to be invited to attend the next meeting. **DH** had recently attended a SNAP meeting. Two constables were intending to accompany a future Speedwatch session in this parish. It was proposed to hold ‘drop in’ sessions at village halls by the constabulary at some future dates.

**12.** The date of the next meeting is the 11th of December 2023.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

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