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

**held on Monday the 12th of February 2024**

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

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Those present: Simon Lee (SL) Chairman; Peter Lotarius (PL); David Wright (DW); David Hunt (DH); Heather Doig (HD); Beverley Lee (BL); Nick Newson (NN); Sarah Suggitt, (SS) District Councillor; Kate Lloyd (KL) Clerk to the Council.

**1. Apologies for absence.** The full Council was in attendance.

**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 11th of December 2023 were signed as a true record.

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

 **Formation of a Ladies’ Darts team**. A report on progress has been received from Mr. Morter, the team secretary. Fund raising continues as some items of equipment have found to be costlier than anticipated.

 **2024/2025 Precept.** The Clerk has requestedBreckland District Council in the sum of £14,336.00 and has received confirmation. The first tranche will be received at the beginning of the new financial year.

 **Population and numbers of residential dwellings across the parish as per the 2023 Electoral Roll.**

**Eccles:** 234 electors and 109 houses. **Quidenham:** 118 electors and 52 houses.

**Wilby:** 41 electors and 28 houses. **Hargham:** 19 electors and 10 houses.

**5. Finance. 5.1.** The status of the current account at Messrs. Barclay’s at the 31st of January 2024 today’s date is £18,152.67.

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

 **5.3.** Cheques to be signed.

 Reimbursement to KL Mandrake (U.K.) Ltd. Payroll services for December 2023 and January 2024 £52.80; KL salary months 9 and 10 £420.00; HMRC KL’s tax month 9 £57.00 and month 10 £48.00; KL reimbursement of HMRC month 8 her tax: £57.00. P. Lotarius glass recycling bin sign. £50.00; M.Panks mole clearance £50.00.

After deducting the total amount of these payments the amount left at the bank will be

£17,417.87p. There is also one cheque for £228.00 which has not yet been presented.

**6. Planning. 3PL/2024/0093/HOU** The Council agreed that the proposed balcony was intrusive in that it overlooked a neighbour’s garden. PL to reply to the Planning Dept. accordingly.

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**7. Local Plan Update. PL** asked **SS,** our District Councillor, to explain the present situation with regard to the Local Plan. This she did comprehensively and a short summary will be filed with these Minutes.

**8. Clerk’s Report and Comments.** The Carr. KL together with other Councillors has on two occasions alerted Highways as to the danger posed by the now almost permanent flooding at this location. KL to contact Strutt and Parker, the Agents for the Quidenham Estate, the putative owners of the land, to see if anything can be done to clear the old pond nearby which may be causing the problem. **SL** suggested that owners of the land on which the same problem has arisen near the children’s nursery on the back road to Attleborough from Eccles be contacted too.

Commemorative bench at the Reading Room Quidenham village. This appears to be in a bad state of repair and may need replacing. For discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

**9.Correspondence**. Other than advertising matter none has been received. All electronic correspondence from various bodies is passed on to Councillors. This includes an email from the Chair of Snetterton Parish Council entitled Community Climate Action in South Norfolk regarding a local initiative by a Snetterton resident Tess Draper who is working with Snetterton Parish Council and Snetterton people to create a community climate plan.

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

**11. Any other business. PL** drew attention to the January report received from our County Councillor and which had been circulated to all Councillors on January 12th 2024. SS gave a short explanation of what this meant and its implications.

**DW** tendered his resignation to theChairman with immediate effect. **SL** accepted it with regret and spoke warmly of Diddy’s contribution to the Council’s business and activities over many years. The Clerk to inform the Electoral Officer of the vacancy**. DH** will be attending a SNAP meeting in the near future.

**12. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will take place on the 11th of March 2024 in the Garnier Hall at 7.30 pm.

As there was no other business the Chairman thanked Mrs. Suggitt for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

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