

Gawsworth Gazette

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Dark Lane Housing Rejected

Cheshire East Council's Northern Planning Committee met on 15th January and refused permission for Cheshire East Council's own application for 10 houses on Dark Lane. Application 18/5544M had been recommended for approval by planning officers, but the committee refused it on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

There was a long and complex debate and Cllr Paul Woods, speaking on behalf of the Parish Council and resident Linda Miller were given a thorough grilling by committee members.

The committee seemed sympathetic with our positions around effects on countryside openness, extension of the settlement boundary and whether this project could really

deliver on current affordable housing need. Several councillors were energised by our highways safety concerns although in the end only 'inappropriate development' was recorded as the reason for refusal.

You can listen to the debate on the Cheshire East Council website.

New Location for EE Mast

The Parish Council was pleased to see proposals put forward for the installation of a new telecoms mast for EE at the Congleton Road Playing Fields.

The council had been waiting with bated breath for proposals to come forward as this site is the only viable alternative to their previous plan of the

Penningtons Lane green space.

The new site should have good natural screening and less of an impact on residential amenity.

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Community Diary

5th 2pm **M**

Pastimes
'Lyme Park and it's TV
Programme'
01625 420 829

4th 7:30pm **V**

Gawsworth WI
'Cartoonist'

6th 10am **M**

Coffee Morning

11th 7:30pm **V**

Parish Council Meeting

13th 10am **M**

Coffee Morning

15th 10:30am **H**

Christie Bearhunt

16th 9:30-10:15am

Mobile Police Van
Church Lane

20th 10am **M**

Luncheon Club
01625 433239

25th 7:30pm **C**

Gardening Club
'Pefect Pots'
01625 267342

27th 10am **M**

Coffee Morning

Regular Groups

Monday

Beavers 5:30pm **S**
Cubs 6:45pm **S**
(2nd) Church Study
Group 2pm **C**

Tuesday

Girls Brigade 6pm **M**
Yoga 7pm **S**
(3rd) Ramblers: 9:30am **C**

Thursday

Scouts 7:00pm **S**
Bridge Club 7:15pm **C**

Sunday

See the Parish and Village
News magazine for details
of church services.

*S = Scout Hall V = Village Hall
M = Methodist Hall C =
Church Hall H = Harrington
Arms*

**Submit your events to
Jane Robertson:
01625 267 342**

Gawsworth Parish Precept

Parish Councillors voted
in January to maintain a
level precept (the parish
council share of Council
Tax) at £34 for a Band D
property.

Community Cars

The Cinnamon Trust
is the national charity
whose volunteers help
people over retirement
age and those in the
latter stages of a terminal
illness by offering all
kinds of pet care to help
prevent owners needing
to give up their pets.

They are looking to
welcome new dog
walking volunteers
to help a resident of
Gawsworth and their
adorable dog who would
just love to go for a good
walk.

Our volunteers help
in the way most
appropriate to them,
which may including
walking a dog for a
housebound owner,
foster pets when owners
need hospital care, or
fetch the cat food and
clean out the bird cage.

If you would like to
find out more just call
direct on 01736 758707
or email [appeals@
cinnamon.org.uk](mailto:appeals@cinnamon.org.uk)

Maggotty's Murmurings

A large number of residents took the time to express their views on the proposed, but now refused development in Dark Lane. This meant your representatives could be confident they were reflecting an overwhelming majority parish view when they raised your concerns about road and pedestrian safety, effect on the green belt etc.

And the Committee listened. Democracy in Action.

But, ... there's always a 'but'. We need clarity on the need for affordable housing for Gawsworth families.

And we should try to overturn the council position that when the affordable homes are built in Gawsworth behind the Rising Sun someone living across the other side of Macclesfield would get preference over a Gawsworth resident living maybe a matter of yards away.

Also, good to start the year knowing that funding has been secured for a community hub manager and that the job advert is out there. Here's hoping news of an appointment follows soon.

They'll certainly get a warm welcome from the shop and hub team and from everyone in Gawsworth.

Maggotty's fiddle has been hanging on the wall for some time now. Any chance of fiddling lessons at the hub, do you think?

Community Governance Review

The Parish Council discussed the findings from the Gawsworth Moss resident's survey on the forthcoming Cheshire East Community Governance review.

Overwhelming majorities stated they felt part of Gawsworth and would oppose becoming part of Macclesfield Town. There was support for a change in the name of the Gawsworth Moss

Ward to something more appropriate.

The council thanks all who had contributed and has resolved to adopt a position which aligned with your feedback. This will be communicated to Cheshire East Council.

There are currently two vacancies on the council. If you are interested in joining please contact the Clerk.

Where in Gawsworth?



Gawsworth Shop News

February already, how time flies. The fitting out of our hub is ongoing currently we are installing a new security system and customer wi-fi service.

With a new month we have a new offer, a hot drink and any traybake for just £2 so why not take your drink and traybake into the hub where you can test out our newly reupholstered chairs - the padding has been improved too!

Our range of sweets has recently been extended, including some vegan options! Along with the ever popular 50p bags of sweets we now have 50p bags of dolly mixtures.

One of our missions is to be greener and to sell products that will help you the customer to be greener. To start the ball rolling we will be getting a limited supply of Ecoleaf (environmentally friendly) products. If there is the demand they will become a standard product on our shelves. If you try any of the products please give us your feedback.

We listen to your requests and where viable act on them. We don't want to be a 'frozen in time' shop so keep your eyes open in both the Shop and Hub as new products may appear at any time.

One announcement to make is that the shop will not be cutting back it's opening hours during half term so weekday closing will be 4pm as usual.

If you would like to support the shop but don't want to be part of the sales team we do have other behind the scenes roles. Some will only take an hour of your time every now and then but others will be more involved. Our website www.gawsworthshop.co.uk has a list but if you would rather speak to someone leave your details with either a supervisor or volunteer so you can be contacted. No pressure will be put on you to do more than you want.

Gawsworth Bear Hunt

Can you find the bears in Gawsworth on Friday 15th February? The Bear Hunt is in aid of the new Christie Cancer Centre in Macclesfield and starts at 10:30am. Small bears will be hidden around the village which can be

found with the help of a clue sheet.

Tickets are just £8, which includes breakfast at the Harrington Arms and can be purchased from the shop or pub.

Where in Gawsworth?

Along the canal towpath, north of the Fool's Nook bridge. Great place for a stroll and to spot the local heron. The milestone points to 'Hall Green' where the Trent and Mersey Canal meets the Macclesfield Canal.