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LPSI5 Development Update

Gawsworth Parish Council held a meeting with Redrow homes, Jones homes and their agents to find out more about the planned development behind the Rising Sun, known as LPS 15.

The Council was surprised to learn that the outline planning application was scheduled for 15th July with no chance for the usual pre-application consultation with the community. A leaflet from the developers about their proposal was circulated to many local homes the day after the meeting.

Responding to residents' requests, the Parish

Council requested a public meeting where members of our community could ask questions about the proposal and a date for a September meeting is being coordinated.

As the Gazette goes to press the application documents have been submitted but are yet to appear on the Cheshire East planning portal.

The development forms part of the Cheshire East Local Plan so we can try to influence the details but not whether or not the development will go ahead. The imminent application will include the masterplan for the whole site, which is needed for the access



roundabout on the A536 to be approved. There will be outline plans for the first 92 of around 300 houses in the south-west of the site. No details of the 'employment land', the remainder of the site or specifications for the first houses are being submitted at this stage. It transpired that the LPS15 site is owned by several landowners and several developers are involved. [cont...]

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LPSI5 Development Update (cont.)

The Parish Council will seek to meet with other key players. The master plan included many elements required by the Local and Neighbourhood plans. Nevertheless, Parish Councillors did raise a number of questions. These included:

How can we ensure that the community facilities eg orchard, playground and Multi-Use Games Area, none of which are sited in the Phase 1 area, will be delivered?

Are the wildlife barriers

that separate the development from Hillcrest road wide enough to be effective? Are the ecological provisions adequate for this area which was, not so long ago, Green Belt?

Can we ensure that Gawsworth residents are given priority on the affordable housing the site delivers?

Can the required new footpaths and cycleways enhance connectivity with the rest of Gawsworth – not just with Macclesfield?

Will appropriate contributions be ensured towards mitigating traffic effects on the busy A536?

Can water supply be made to the site without further compromising the problems we currently experience in Gawsworth?

More queries will no doubt arise when details of the planning application are posted and residents can then 'have their say' through the Cheshire East Planning Portal.

A-maze-ing Sunflowers

Libby's pumpkin and sunflower patch at Lowes Farm, Shellow Lane will be open again during the summer holidays.

New for 2021 are a sunflower maze and a pick your own sunflower patch.

There's 4 acres of

sunflowers to wander around and take pictures. A bbq and drinks will be available.

Look out on social media and their website for ticket information.

Dan & Bethan Thornicroft will also be raising money for East Cheshire hospice.



Gawsworth WI news

What a lovely first meeting we had after so long away. It was nice to see so many of the old members and we welcomed seven visitors to our meeting. Jerusalem was sung with gusto followed by a round of applause to ourselves!

There was no speaker for this first meeting and ladies enjoyed a good old chat over tea coffee and biscuits.

The Cloud Group Autumn meeting is Wednesday 1st September at the New Life Church Congleton the speaker is Adam Smith with a talk entitled West End to Broadway. Jackie and Ros are arranging a trip to Bents Garden Centre at Warrington for Thursday 25 November

and the ladies that lunch will be dining at the The Churchill room which is a semi private dining room at AZ on Wednesday 1st September at 12.30 Lynn Turner is now the organiser of this group. Our Crafty Ladies are also meeting again on Thursday 19 August 10 – 3pm at the Church meeting room.

Our speaker for next month is Eddie Tarry – Living in Styal, in October we will be entertained by Leek Guild of Weavers and November is the AGM and will be a quiz night.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall Church Lane at 7.30 please come along and join us, you will be made to feel very welcome.

Where in Gawsworth?

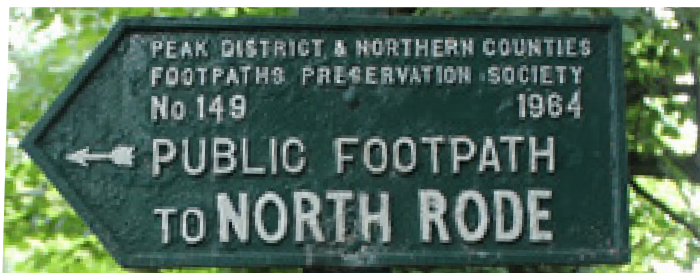
This cast iron footpath sign is in Church Lane, opposite the steps to the footpath to North Rode. It signals the start of a popular circular walk down to North Rode and back via the canal and Danes Moss nature reserve.

The sign was erected in 1964 by the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society who have been active for well over 100 years, promoting the interests of public footpath users in the North Midlands and North-West of England.

The provision and maintenance of cast iron signposts like this example is one of their most noticeable activities.

There are currently around 500 – but only one in this area.

You'd have to travel as far as Hurdsfield to spot a similar one.



Chairperson needed for Hub

As many of you will have seen the local press, Ray Shaw, the longstanding and acclaimed Chairman of Gawsworth Community Shop, has stepped down from his role.

Under Ray's guidance, Gawsworth Community Shop celebrated its tenth anniversary in March. More recently, the shop has been transformed into a community hub with a bright future which will deliver a wide range of new benefits to the local community.

Ray will continue to assist the Board with the implementation of a new IT infrastructure comprising electronic point of sale hardware and software and a modern website to help the shop run more effectively.

Ray feels that now is the right time to handover to a new chairperson to deliver the Board's vision for the next phase. I look

forward to working with them to ensure a smooth transition", said Ray Shaw.

A committee of GCSL Directors has reviewed the role of Chairperson and that of other Directors and recognising of the enormity of the role undertaken by Ray, have restructured the Board with individual Directors each taking responsibility for a specific area of the business. The arrangement has been designed such that the new Chairperson will fulfil an oversight role rather than a management role.

Could you be our new Chairperson and provide inspirational leadership to guide us on the next phase of our journey? If you share our ambition of providing essential services to

support our community, where our volunteers are proud to assist us to make a tangible difference to others, we welcome your application. Further details can be found on our website www.gawsworthshop.co.uk

Interested candidates should email volunteering@gawsworthshop.co.uk with a covering letter outlining their suitability for this volunteer-based role or contact HR coordinator Daryl Williams for an initial discussion on 07967 408865. The closing date for applications is 31 August.

