

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of the council meeting held*

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**18/000 Present**

Cllrs Woods (*presiding*), Briggs, Briercliffe, Simpson, Shepherd, Smetham and Tyrrell.

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

**18/001 To elect the Chairman and receive their declaration of acceptance of office**

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Woods as Chairman and he signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

**18/002 To elect the Deputy Chairman and receive their declaration of acceptance of office**

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Richards as Chairman and that he sign his declaration of acceptance of office before the next meeting.

**18/003 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawton and Richards.

**18/004 To note the declaration of members' interests**

Cllr Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/016 on the grounds of having a family member employed by a potential contractor.

**18/005 To appoint representatives to outside bodies**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint the following representatives:

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Cllrs Briggs and Smetham  
Village Hall Committee – Cllr Woods  
Cheshire Community Action – Cllr Smetham  
Danes Moss Liaison Group – Cllr Briercliffe

**18/006 To appoint members to committees and working groups**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Smetham, Shepherd and Woods to the Neighbourhood Plan committee, Cllrs Simpson and Tyrrell to the Park and

Woodland working group and Cllrs Briggs, Shepherd and Woods to the Communications working group.

**18/007<sup>1</sup> Public Participation**

Four residents raised their objections to the proposed mast installation on Pennington's Lane expressing their concerns about the location and the severe detrimental impact it would have on the amenity of the area.

A resident sought an update from Engine of the North in relation to the issues raised at the previous meeting.

A resident raised concerns that a Cheshire East Farm tenant was being evicted, questioning Cheshire East's motive and noting rumours circulating that the site would be developed. Cllr Smetham stated that it was Cheshire East policy that they are starter farms; it was agreed the Clerk would seek clarification from Cheshire East.

**18/008 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to the correction of typos.

**18/009 To consider matters related to the affordable housing project on Dark Lane**

Cllr Briggs reported she had spoken to Peter Yates and that he was on standby for when an application is submitted. The Clerk read the response from Engine of the North which stated they felt the consultation was undertaken in line with standard practice.

**18/010 To consider the proposed mast on Pennington's Lane**

Cheshire East Macclesfield South Ward Councillor Laura Jeuda was invited to address the meeting and stated she had not been informed about the proposal. It was **RESOLVED** to express objections to the proposals questioning the suitability of the site, why alternatives have been dismissed and what criteria is used to determine suitability.

**18/011 To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)**

Cllr Jeuda provided an update in respect of planned bypass road in South Macclesfield noting it had been announced at Cabinet that the route would be over the railway line but that the timetable was still uncertain.

Cllr Jeuda responded to a question regarding the stopping of development in the South Macclesfield Development area stating that whilst there were many rumours nothing had been confirmed but it may have been lost footings.

Cllr Smetham highlighted that Cheshire East was continuing to work on its culture review, had received an award for securing better outcomes for young people with special educational needs in the youth justice system and had been highly

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<sup>1</sup> Cllr Tyrrell arrived during this item.

commended at a national award event for their work on healthy school sites.

**18/012 To consider planning application 18/1869M – 1 Harrington Drive**

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

**18/013 To receive reports of Parish Matters**

Cllr Shepherd reported that a streetlight on Congleton Road was out and had been reported. Cllr Shepherd further reported she had attended the Gaw End Lane development consultation event and that none of the proposed development fell within the parish.

Cllr Briggs reported on emails with a resident concerning the potential of land off Congleton Road being contaminated from the tip. It was commented that workmen sampling from boreholes during studies at the area alongside Congleton Road had stated the only readings were from the development of peat; it was noted that this was not a formal reporting of findings.

**18/014 To consider relocating the old noticeboard from Pennington's Lane**

The idea of relocating the noticeboard to Nancy's Wood was discussed and it was agreed to leave it in place until the Park and Woodland working group were ready to progress.

**18/015 To consider issues highlighted in the Parish Walkabout**

The issues report was noted and the issue of leaves on the pavements around Church Lane was raised. It was discussed that the council could apply for a grant from the John Upton Charity for disposal of soil from siding out.

**18/016<sup>2</sup> To consider an update from the Park and Woodland working group**

Cllrs Simpson and Tyrrell provided an update that wildflower area had been cleared and was being planted by the end of May. It was agreed there should be a small notice at the end of the council owned section of woodland to advise users.

**18/017<sup>3</sup> To consider the tender for the Park Maintenance and Handyman contract**

It was **RESOLVED** to advertise the tender with the addition of the following: treatment of benches on the Pleasance with clear preservative, treatment of the fencing on Memorial Green/ The Pleasance, specifying the number of bins to be emptied, sweeping tennis courts in March, July and October, removal of repairing the wall in the park and specifying the location of the bus shelter.

**18/018 To consider supporting David Rutley MP's submission to the review of Mental Health Services in Cheshire East**

It was **RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation supporting David Rutley MP's position and highlighting the council's concern that the increased distance for relatives to visit inpatients would be especially detrimental to patients' recovery.

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<sup>2</sup> Cllr Simpson left at the end of this item.

<sup>3</sup> Cllr Tyrrell left at the end of this item.

**18/019 To consider the adoption of a Data Protection Policy**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy, to move all councillors to gawsworthpc.org.uk email addresses and to look at a shared cloud storage system which councillors can access.

**18/020 To consider financial matters**

**a) To consider the Council's financial position year to date**

**b) To note and approve payments**

a) The council's financial position was noted.

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments listed below.

**18/021 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log**

It was agreed to write to Cheshire East regarding the delayed issues on the log.

**18/022 To consider the Actions Log**

It was noted that an update on the Chain and Gate enforcement was needed.

**18/023 Member questions to the clerk**

It was agreed that an attendance log would be put on the website. Cllr Woods suggested a plaque on the Pleasance to thank the school for their work which was agreed to.

**18/024 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**

The dates were noted. Cllrs Briercliffe and Smetham tendered apologies for the June meeting.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
TechnoType	300215	A1 Exhibition Boards (Neighbourhood Plan)	54.58
No Graffiti Ltd	300216	Qualgex Algae and Moss Treatment	360.00
A Keppel-Green	300217	Salary and Expenses	631.93
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,046.51</b>