

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 12th June 2018

18/025 Present

Cllrs Woods (*presiding*), Briggs, Lawton, Shepherd, Smetham, Richards and Tyrrell.

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

18/026 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briercliffe and Simpson.

18/027 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item.

18/028¹ Public Participation

A resident sought an update with respect the proposed mast on Pennington's Lane stating they had no new information.

A resident asked if the council had received information on the Cheshire East farms policy questioning why Cheshire East was selling off farms.

18/029 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held May 8th 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to a correction to the apologies.

18/030 To consider matters related to the affordable housing project on Dark Lane

It was reported that the road had been marked up and it appeared to have space for a 5m carriage way with a 0.9m pavement which is below the standards expected.

The compliance and ethics report prepared by Cllr Woods (in a personal capacity) was discussed and it was **RESOLVED**² that it be published on the website after four weeks to give Cheshire East Council time to respond or sooner if the planning application is submitted.

¹ Cllr Tyrrell arrived during this item.

² Cllrs Woods and Smetham abstained from voting.

18/031 To consider matters related to the proposed mast on Pennington's Lane

Cllr Jeuda was invited to address the meeting and she stated she had written to planning officers but had not yet received a reply.

It was noted that a petition was being prepared and the clerk reported that Cheshire East had confirmed that a formal planning application would not be required but it would be subject to a prior approval application, giving residents an opportunity to object.

18/032 To consider planning applications

a) **18/2719M – Chestnut Cottage, Lowes Lane**

b) **18/2264M – Cherry Tree Cottage, Shellow Lane**

a) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that Chestnut House is of local character and the proposed extension would be out of character by virtue of the size, detrimentally affecting the amenity of the area.

b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to the appropriate materials being used for the windows, roof tiles and windows/doors to match the existing.

18/033 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Shepherd stated she was enquiring with Cheshire East as to how the junction and road layout for the SMDA would work.

The lack of attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting was noted and it was agreed that an informal open meeting be held on 18th September.

18/034 To consider matters related to road safety

It was noted that an accident had occurred near Marton Lane which was fortunately not as serious as it might have been. It was noted that the council had still not received a response from Cheshire East on what matters would be taken forward following the spring 2017 meeting.

It was noted that Cllr Briggs was attending the Cheshire East Highways Group meeting in September and agreed that a list of desired improvements be prepared and sent to Cheshire East in advance of this.

18/035 To discuss the Cheshire East Council farms policy

It was reported that the current policy at Cheshire East is to grant 10-15 year leases with a focus on providing farms for new farmers to get started. Cheshire East is consolidating farms to reduce the overall number focusing on larger farms and that it had been reported that they have no plans to sell any land. Cllr Smetham left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to enquire as to Cheshire East Council's policy on managing maintenance and upkeep of council farms and to query if there are discretionary extensions to leases.

18/036 To approve the purchase of a new printer

Cllr Smetham returned to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the

purchase of a new laser printer.

18/037³ To consider an update from the Park and Woodland working group including to discuss the need for a hand rail on the steps in Nancy's Wood

Cllr Tyrrell reported that the windflower seeds had been planted in the wood. The background to the idea of a handrail was discussed and it was agreed that it was not necessary or desirable to install a handrail on the steps.

18/038 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.

18/039 To consider audit matters

a) To note the internal auditor's report

b) To approve the Annual Governance and Accounting Records

a) The clerk read the comments provided by the council's internal auditor and confirmed recommendations had been implemented

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the annual Governance Statement.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the annual Accounting Records.

18/040 To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Smetham's report had been circulated in advance and reported therein:

Cllr Smetham had been elected as Mayor of Cheshire East at the annual meeting of the council following which the council had awarded 4 bronze medal winning Paralympian Menna Fitzpatrick from Prestbury as a Freewoman of the Borough.

That a file regarding a historical contract award had been passed from the Police to the CPS and that other police investigations were continuing.

That less than 5% of rubbish is now going to landfill and that wholly-owned company Civicance had won five awards at regional events.

18/041 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log

It was reported that the ginnels from Benbrook Way to the fields and Woodhouse Lane to Warren Drive needs clearing due to being overgrown.

18/042 To consider the Actions Log

The log was noted.

18/043 Member questions to the clerk

The Clerk responded to questions to confirm the number of responses to the Neighbourhood Plan survey and insurance details for the park.

³ Cllr Tyrrell left the meeting at the end of this item.

18/044 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings
The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
Rialtus Business Solutions	300218	Finance Software Annual Licence	139.20
Cheshire County Playing Fields Association	300219	Membership Subscription	20.00
Northwich Town Council	300220	Park and Handyman April / May	1512.00
Royal Mail	300221	NP Survey Returns	27.30
A Keppel-Green	300222	May Salary and Expenses	500.80
JDH Business Services	300223	Internal Audit	164.40
		Total	2,363.70