

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of the council meeting held*

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**18/085 Present**

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

**18/086 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briercliffe and Richards.

**18/087 To note the declaration of members' interests**

Cllr Smetham declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/095 on the grounds of her husband being a director of the community shop.

**18/088 Public Participation**

A resident expressed frustration that the EE mast meeting had been cancelled at short notice.

A resident suggested that the Pennington's Lane area be given more coverage in future editions of the Gawsworth Gazette and enquirer how it was being distributed. The Chairman responded stating it was available in the pubs, shop and from a dispenser on the Pennington's Lane noticeboard.

A resident reported the bus shelter at Pennington's Lane had been smashed again, shortly after it had been repaired.

**18/089 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held August 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.

**18/090 To consider matters related to the affordable housing project on Dark Lane**

It was noted that no news had been received from Cheshire East since July.

**18/091 To consider matters related to the proposed mast on Pennington's Lane**

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Harlequin about a new community meeting which would be a round table stakeholders meeting. It was

agreed the meeting should be open to anyone wishing to attend even if a limited delegation of residents are able to speak. Cllr Smetham undertook to ascertain whether Cheshire East Council would financially benefit from the mast.

**18/092 To receive reports of Parish Matters**

Cllr Woods noted the resignation of Cllr Alison Simpson and recorded the council's thanks for her contributions over the past years.

Cllr Briggs reported on attending the Cheshire East Macclesfield Area Highways Group explaining it had a small budget for minor highway improvements and that bids for works under £10,000 could be submitted. It was reported that there were currently no proposals for the parish and the group next meets in February 2019.

Cllr Briggs further reported that she had spoken with a highways officer and had agreement that the stop line on Dark Lane would be repainted by the weekend. Cllr Briggs reported that Cheshire East would be receiving a government grant to improve safety on the A536 and was awaiting confirmation on approval of the specifics.

The Clerk was requested to chase Cheshire East Council on the removal of the grit from the car park. It was agreed to review winter gritting arrangements at the next meeting with the option of providing grit bins in key locations being highlighted.

Cllr Lawton stated his intention to resign from the council at the end of the meeting and was thanked by the Chairman for his contributions to the council over a number of years.

The Clerk was requested to write to the owner of the Old Post Office requesting the hedge be cut back.

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee was looking at options of replacing the container, with one option being explored being using part of the park shrub area.

**18/093 To consider matters related to the Park and Woodland**

Cllr Tyrrell reported she was meeting with three companies about potential equipment replacements at the park.

**18/094 To consider an update from the Communications working group**

Cllr Woods reported that the working group was looking at an annual Gawsworth Directory of community information.

**18/095<sup>1</sup> To review the first edition of the *Gawsworth Gazette* and consider its monthly production**

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<sup>1</sup> Cllr Lawton left the meeting at the end of this item.

It was **RESOLVED** to fund the Gazette to the end of the financial year, sharing costs with the community shop.

**18/096 To consider an interpretation board for the Pleasance**

The Clerk reported he was awaiting information and it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

**18/097 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 detailed below.

**18/098 To consider arrangements for the Parish Get Together**

The Parish Get Together is planned for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Briggs volunteered to provide refreshments.

**18/099<sup>2</sup> To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)**

Cllr Smetham highlighted that her Civic Service is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> October and her Civic Ball 24<sup>th</sup> November inviting councillors to attend.

Cllr Smetham reported that the SADPD was out for consultation and that work had been undertaken to extend the Platts' farm tenancy to allow the family to make arrangements.

**18/100 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log**

The log was noted.

**18/101 To consider the Actions Log**

The log was noted.

**18/102 Member questions to the clerk**

No questions were raised.

**18/103 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**

The dates were noted.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
A Keppel-Green	300233	Mileage and Reimbursements	227.16
Treesure Consultancy	300234	Tree Survey	475.00
Northwich Town Council	300235	August Park and Handyman	964.80
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,666.96</b>

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

