

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 13th November 2018

18/122 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

18/123 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Smetham.

18/124 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

18/125 Public Participation

A resident expressed concern about the proposed roundabout on the A536 Road, stating that it was close to their house which they would not have purchased had they known it was proposed.

A resident expressed concern at the increase in the number of trailers parked at the land at the Chain and Gate.

A resident enquired whether the A536 would be widened when the proposed houses are built. It was noted that Cheshire East Council had received funding to make the road safer.

A resident enquired if the council had heard anything further since the meeting with Harlequin concerning the proposed mast.

18/126 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 16th October 2018

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

18/127 To consider matters related to the affordable housing project on Dark Lane

It was noted that the planning application had been submitted but not yet validated. It was further noted that Engine of the North had stated their recalculation of the affordable housing requirement in Gawsworth, excluding

Gawsworth Moss, was a need for 14 homes.

It was agreed not to publish the Compliance and Ethics report prepared by Cllr Woods (in a personal capacity) but noted that it would be published by the Save Gawsworth Greenbelt group. It was noted that the council would hold an extraordinary meeting to consider the application once it was validated and that the council would meet with Peter Yates in advance of this to draft a response.

18/128 To consider matters related to the proposed mast on Pennington's Lane

It was noted that a meeting had been held with Harlequin, councillors and around 20 residents to discuss the proposals and that Harlequin had indicated that the site near the playing fields on the A536 could be suitable. It was agreed to write to Cheshire East Council asking them to hasten their efforts in granting consent for Harlequin to investigate the site further.

18/129 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Woods reported that a team of residents had cleared the ginnel from Benbrook Way to the field and the council recorded its thanks to all those who volunteered. Cllr Woods reported he would next be looking to arrange volunteers to repair the edging on the paths in Nancy's Wood.

Cllr Briercliffe reported that larger stones had been installed on Dark Lane.

Cllr Shepherd was reported that the bus shelter at Pennington's Lane had been fixed and the road surface on Manley Road repaired.

Cllr Richards noted that Bishop Williams's final service would be on January 20th. It was agreed that a letter from the council be sent, thanking him for his dedication to the community. It was noted that members could contribute individually to the collection for his leaving gift.

It was noted that the contractor reporting system for the maintenance contract was not yet in place.

It was reported that the streetlights would be upgraded to LED in 2019 and that Cllr Smetham was getting a cost for the three parish lights to be upgraded too.

It was agreed to include gritting and a thank you to Bishop Williams in the next Gazette.

18/130 To consider planning matters

- a) To consider application 18/5128M – Underbank Farm, Pexhill Road
- b) To consider the submission of an appeal in respect of 18/2976M – Fodens Farm, Woodhouse End Road
- c) To consider application 18/5490M – 21 Woodhouse Lane
- d) To consider the submission of an appeal for non-determination in respect of 17/2206M – Creation of a roundabout at Congleton Road
- a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the appeal and support Cheshire East Council's refusal.

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of the detrimental visual impact of the extension resulting from the building line being brought forward from the upper extension replacing the less intrusive roof of the existing car port.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to reinforce the council's previous objections, noting that the suggestion of a larger roundabout gives the council greater concern of prematurity due to it not being accompanied by a plan for the development of the area. The Council further comments that the prematurity of the roundabout would result in an unnecessary increase in air and noise pollution due to the resultant deceleration and acceleration. It was further noted that it appeared the proposals encroach onto adjacent land where the owner was not aware of the proposals.

18/131 To review feedback from the Cheshire Community Pride Competition

It was noted that Gawsworth came 4th in its category and that judges had reported that the scores were extremely close. It was further noted that Gawsworth had won the Best Improvement Award, which was displayed on the Pleasance.

18/132 To agree arrangements for the switching on of the Christmas Lights

Cllr Tyrrell reported that the switch on was planned for Saturday 24th November and that Bollington Brass Band would be playing and had agreed to do so for the proceeds from the tombola but for future years would require a fee between £150-£175. It was reported that there would be mulled wine, a tombola and festive stalls. It was **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £150 for the event.

18/133 To consider financial matters

- a) **To consider the Council's financial position year to date**
 - b) **To note and approve payments**
 - c) **To note the conclusion of audit**
- a) The council's financial position was noted.
 - b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below.
 - c) It was noted that the external auditor had raised no comments.

18/134 To consider updates from the working groups

- a) **To consider an update from the Communications working group**
 - b) **To consider an update from the park and woodland working group**
- a) Cllr Woods reported that the communications group had met and were working on the content for the annual directory.
 - b) Cllr Tyrrell reported she had met with two further contractors who would be preparing a quote shortly.

18/135 To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Smetham's reported was noted.

18/136 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log

The log was noted.

18/137 To consider the Actions Log

The log was noted.

18/138 Member questions to the clerk

The Clerk responded to a question stating that there had been no applications for the councillor vacancies to date.

18/139 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
PKF Littlejohn	300240	External Audit	240.00
		Total	240.00