

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of the council meeting held*

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**18/151 Present**

Cllrs Woods (*presiding*), Briggs, Hyde, Parry, Richards, Shepherd, and Smetham.

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

**18/152 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briercliffe and Tyrrell.

**18/153 To note the declaration of members' interests**

No interests were declared.

**18/154 Public Participation**

A resident requested that the council discusses the general condition of Dark Lane at a future meeting.

A resident expressed concern that the statement contained in the Dark Lane application that a car could pass a lorry with the proposed footpath is misleading.

A resident asked if the council had determined who would speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Cheshire East Council Planning Committee meeting.

A resident enquired if the Parish Council would be arranging a gift for Bishop Williams to mark his retirement, the Chairman explained that councillors had agreed to make contributions personally.

**18/155 To consider the co-option of two Parish Councillors**

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt David Hyde and Margaret Parry; both councillors signed their declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

**18/156 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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

**18/157 To agree a response to the consultation on planning application 18/5544M -**

**development of 10 dwellings and associated infrastructure, land off Dark Lane**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the draft response as amended.

It was agreed that Cllr Woods attend the Cheshire East Council planning committee meeting when the application is discussed to speak on behalf of the council.

**18/158 To consider matters related to the proposed mast on Pennington's Lane**

The Clerk reported a letter had been received from Harlequin stating that Cheshire East Council required them to demonstrate the Pennington's Lane mast was not possible before they would consider the playing field site. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Cheshire East Council expressing the council's dismay at its position.

**18/159<sup>1</sup> To receive reports of Parish Matters**

It was reported that the grit bin at the top of Pennington's Lane does not appear to have been replenished.

Concern was expressed that cyclists at Danes Moss would damage the footpaths, it was agreed to contact Cheshire Wildlife Trust about the issue.

PCSO Julia Short reported that there had been few incidents in the ward and that she was pleased that people are phoning issues in.

**18/160 To consider the draft 2019/20 council budget**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget with the following amendments:

- a) Include costs for the publication of an annual directory
- b) Create a cost centre for communications
- c) Split out the costs of the park, woodland and general parish maintenance
- d) Move the Parish Plan reserve into the Parks reserve
- e) Setting the precept at £27,640 (£34 for a Band D)
- f) Setting the reserve values as follows: General Reserve £25,000, Planning Reserve £5,850, Recreation Reserve £17,495, Elections Reserve £5,000 and Village Hall Reserve £10,000.

**18/161 To approve tree works**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk seek additional quotations and determine the most appropriate company to undertake the works.

**18/162 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 year to date was noted.
  - b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below.

**18/163 To consider planning matters**

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

- a) To consider application 18/5638M – Cowley Farm, Cowbrook Lane
- b) To consider application 18/5521M – Silver Beech, Tidnock Lane
- c) To consider application 18/6088M – Fodens Farm, Woodhouse End Road
- a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to adequate screening.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

**18/164 To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)**

Cllr Smetham reported that the number of children in care within the borough has increased by 200 over the past few years and that the council would soon be considering the Macclesfield Local Development Order its 2019-2022 medium term financial strategy and the adoption of Community infrastructure levy.

**18/165 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log**

It was noted that the kerb on Church Lane had now been repaired and the grit still required removal from the village hall car park.

**18/166 To consider the Actions Log**

The log was noted.

**18/167 Member questions to the clerk**

It was requested that making a donation to the Church Magazine be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**18/168 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**

The dates were noted.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
HMRC	300246	PAYE Q3	313.20
Gort and March	300247	Payroll Q3	38.79
A Keppel-Green	300248	Dec Salary and Mileage	468.38
John Upton Charity	300249	VAT	122.51
		<b>Total</b>	<b>942.88</b>