

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 12th February 2019

18/169 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

18/170 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briercliffe and Hyde.

18/171¹ To note the declaration of members' interests

Cllr Smetham declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/174 and 18/180c that her husband was a director of the village shop. Cllrs Smetham, Woods, Briggs and Parry declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/174 and 18/180c on the grounds of being shareholders in the village shop.

It was noted that the shareholding does not pay dividends and can never increase in value.

18/172 Public Participation

A resident spoke in objection to application 19/0287M querying if it would be decided by a committee, it was clarified that it would be determined by planning officers.

A resident queried if the council had a position on winter gritting, noting that the road past the school is not gritted. The resident further stated that the school was investigating the feasibility of creating a preschool which would involve a small extension.

A resident queried who would be speaking on behalf of the council at the Northern Planning Committee when it considers the Dark Lane application, it was confirmed that Cllr Woods would be attending on behalf of the council and that Cllr Smetham would be speaking as ward councillor.

¹ Cllrs Parry and Tyrrell arrived during this item.

18/173 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 8th January 2019

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to the addition of the council's reserves to 18/160.

18/174 To receive a presentation on the proposals for a Gawsworth Community Hub

Chairman of the Directors, Ray Shaw, briefed the council on the proposals to purchase the next-door apartment and provide a café space served by the shop. It was noted that it would provide a venue for the community to meet informally, host PCSO surgeries and could feature facilities such as parcel drop-off, book exchanges etc.

18/175 To consider planning matters

a) **To consider application 19/0287M – Verge on Penningtons Lane**

b) **To consider application 19/0403M – Birch Bank, Gawsworth Road**

c) **To consider application 18/6316M – 2-4 Longbutts Lane**

a) It was **RESOLVED** to strongly object on the grounds of the significant detrimental affect on the amenity of the area and highway safety concerns.

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

c) It was **RESOLVED** to support the application subject to confirmation that the proposals include sufficient disabled access.

18/176 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Shepherd reported that she had met with Luke Burns, PCSO for Gawsworth Moss, noting that it was confirmed that PCSOs deal solely with the issues taking place in their wards and that he would be sending information to the Clerk.

Cllr Parry raised concern that the stones remain on Dark Lane. Cllr Tyrrell reported that a number of lorries were parking at the Chain and Gate, querying the status of the enforcement action.

Cllr Woods requested that the council advertise the opportunity for the community to train to use the speed gun in the Gazette and agreed to prepare a draft response to the Macclesfield Regeneration consultation for the next meeting.

18/177 To consider matters related to the condition of Dark Lane

It was noted that the quality of repairs to Dark Lane over the Christmas period was poor and that this was likely that being temporary repairs due to the poor weather. It was agreed to request that the police undertake enforcement of the weight limit.

18/178 To consider the draft Gawsworth Park Management Plan

Cllr Tyrrell reported that she had been speaking with ANSA, Kompan and Handmade Places to get quotes for additional items of equipment which would include a rope swing (bolted to the floor rather than free swinging), a large swing and a supernova. It was agreed to defer the management plan pending receipt of

the quotes.

18/179 To consider financial matters

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

b) To note and approve payments

c) To consider making a donation to the Parish Magazine

a) The council's financial position year to date was noted.

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment to Envirocare but to inform them that if they fail to provide the worksheets future payments may not be made.

A recorded vote was requested:

For: Cllrs Shepherd, Smetham, Woods, Parry and Richards

Against: Cllrs Briggs and Tyrrell

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the remainder of the payments detailed below.

c) It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £100.

18/180 To review the Council's Risk Register

It was noted that the council needed confirmation regarding the responsibility for the trees above the park and that the clerk should prepare a record of passwords and details of the location of records for business continuity. It was agreed the asset register should be published on the website.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the register.

18/181 To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Smetham reported that Cheshire East Council have announced that following the elections a Community Governance Review would be taking place, which may have implications for the south-west Macclesfield area. It was further reported that the Dark Lane application was now expected to go to the March Northern Planning Committee meeting.

Cllr Smetham further reminded councillors that full elections would be held in May and that all councillors would need to stand to ensure they continue to serve.

18/182 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log

The log was noted.

18/183 To consider the Actions Log

The log was noted.

18/184 Member questions to the clerk

No questions were raised.

18/185 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
ANSA	300301	Replacement of spider web	867.10
Cheshire Community Action	300302	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy	787.50
Peter Yates	300303	Advice on Dark Lane application	1,359.00
Envirocare	300304	Parish Maintenance Contract Oct, Nov, Dec	1,837.50
Jolt	DD	Website Hosting	115.06
A Keppel-Green	300305	Jan Salary plus reimbursements	626.77
		Total	5,592.93