

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 12th March 2019

18/186 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

18/187 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hyde, Tyrrell and Smetham.

18/188 To note the declaration of members' interests

Cllr Woods declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 19/0790M on the grounds of being a friend of the next-door neighbour.

18/189 Public Participation

A resident sought an update in respect of the Dark Lane affordable housing application. The Clerk confirmed that the decision had been deferred by Cheshire East Council as the applicant was looking to address concerns raised by the public through the planning consultation.

18/190 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 12th February 2019

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

18/191 To receive reports of Parish Matters

It was reported that a new masterplan for the Gaw End Lane development site had been submitted.

It was noted that the Penningtons Lane mast application had been refused on the grounds of the detrimental affect it would have on the amenity of the area.

Cllrs Woods and Briggs reported meeting with Robin Johnson of Cheshire Police to discuss highway safety who had stated that the most dangerous stretch of the A536 is opposite the Flowerpot by Congleton. It was reported that there is not a requirement for two lanes of traffic on Dark Lane as it is considered a country lane with no minimum width other that traffic can use it.

It was noted the wreaths had not yet been removed from the war memorial, that the waste bin at the entrance to Danes Moss was overflowing and that a resident had fallen over the stump on Woodhouse Lane.

18/192 To consider matters related to highway safety

It was agreed that councillors would submit any comments on the document to Cllr Woods after which it would be sent to Cheshire East Council and a meeting arranged to discuss its contents.

18/193 To consider a response to the Macclesfield Town Centre Regeneration Consultation

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the response as drafted.

18/194 To note the forthcoming Parish Council elections which take place on Thursday 2nd May and that the deadline to stand as a councillor is Wednesday 3rd April.

It was noted that Cllrs Smetham and Hyde would not be seeking election in May, leaving two vacancies.

18/195 To consider financial matters

- a) **To consider the Council's financial position year to date**
- b) **To note and approve payments**
- c) **To consider the appointment of Zurich Municipal as the council's insurers 2019-2022**

- a) The council's financial position was noted.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Zurich Municipal as the council's insurers 2019-2022

18/196 To consider planning matters

- a) **To consider application 19/0790M – Brereton Farm, Cowbrook Lane**
- b) **To consider application 19/1097M – The Rectory, Church Lane**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections but ask the Conservation Officer to ensure that she is happy with the materials with reference to the Conservation Area and this building as a heritage asset.

18/197 To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

It was noted that Cheshire East Council had approved its budget and that at a special meeting it had resolved to remain with a Leader/Cabinet model of governance.

18/199 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log

It was noted that a sign reported as leaning had now fallen completely.

18/200 To consider the Actions Log

The log was noted

18/201 Member questions to the clerk

No questions were raised.

18/202 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
SLCC	300306	Practitioners Conference	358.80
A Keppel-Green	300311	Feb and March Salary, Gazette Printing, Stamps and Mileage	1,102.59
St James' Church PCC	300307	Donation	100.00
Zurich Municipal	300309	Insurance	569.73
Rialtas Business Solutions	300310	Annual Finance Software Licence	142.80
		Total	2,273.92