

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held
Tuesday 14th May 2019

19/000 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

19/001 To elect the Chairman and receive their declaration of acceptance of office

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Woods as Chairman. Cllr Woods signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

19/002 To decide when any declarations of acceptance of office and written undertakings to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council which have not been received as provided by law shall be received.

The Clerk reported that Cllrs Tyrrell and Richards had not yet given the declarations. It was **RESOLVED** to allow Cllrs Tyrrell and Richards until the meeting to be held on 11th June to give their declarations.

19/003 To elect the Deputy Chairman and receive their declaration of acceptance of office

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Richards as Deputy Chairman and that he give his declaration of acceptance of office by the next meeting.

19/004 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tyrrell, Briercliffe and Richards.

19/005 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

19/006 To appoint representatives to outside bodies

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Briggs as representative to ChALC, Cllr Woods as representative on the Village Hall Committee and Cllr Shepherd to the Danes Moss Liaison.

19/007 To appoint members to committees and working groups

- a) **To appoint members to the Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Committee**
- b) **To appoint members to the Park and Woodland working group**
- c) **To appoint members to the Communications working group**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Woods, Shepherd and Parry to the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee, Cllrs Woods, Shepherd and Parry to the Communications working group and Cllrs Tyrrell and Briggs to the Park and Woodland working group.

19/008 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

19/009 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held April 9th 2019

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

19/010 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllrs Laura Jeuda and Brian Puddicombe introduced themselves to the council.

19/011 To consider improvements to the land at the corner of Penningtons Lane

It was noted that a meeting was planned for the next evening to discuss ideas for improvements to make the land more of a community asset.

19/012 To consider planning application 19/1796M – Land East of Congleton Road

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk submit comments based on Cllr Shepherd's work.

19/013 To receive reports of Parish Matters including to note issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk circulated a report of the issues raised at the meeting.

It was agreed to defer any action in relation to repairing the gap in the fence at to the park until the council had decided whether to reopen the entrance as part of the management plan.

It was agreed to contact Cllr Smetham to request the installation of 'ignore satnav' signs at track section of Penningtons Lane and enquire if the speed limit can be reduced.

It was agreed to include a request for residents to cut back their hedges in the August Gazette and raise specific problems with homeowners as issues are reported.

It was agreed to raise the issue of damage to small verges by Cheshire East contractors with Cheshire East Council.

It was agreed to consider the installation of new signage for the park to make it clearer that dogs are not permitted.

It was noted that the village can be dark, but that to introduce lighting would be detrimental to its character. It was agreed to look at installing a solar light on the Woodhouse Lane stump.

It was noted that a number of signs in the parish had faded, it was agreed that members would advise the clerk of signs needing replacement.

The idea of extending Nancy's Wood was discussed and it was noted that the council had previously resolved not to pursue this.

19/014 To resolve that the Council continues to meet the requirements to exercise the General Power of Competence

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm that the council meets the requirements set out to exercise the power.

19/015 To consider planning applications

a) **To consider application 19/1634M – High Lane Farm, Congleton Road**

b) **To consider application 19/1599M – Old Police Cottage, Dark Lane**

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

b) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that the proposals are unsympathetic to the character of the locally listed building.

19/016 To consider the installation of Christmas Illuminations on the Pleasance

It was agreed that the Clerk investigate the costs for a large artificial or real tree and lights to be installed on the pleasance.

19/017 To consider the purchase of a bin to replace the damaged bin at the crossroads

It was felt the bin was not necessary and agreed not to replace the bin.

19/018 To consider how to find two residents to stand for co-option as councillors

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk prepare a leaflet for the Moss Ward for councillors to distribute.

19/019 To note and approve payments

It was **RESOLVED** that a formal complaint be submitted to Envirocare that worksheets are not being supplied, that the payment be withheld until Cllr Briggs has confirmed they are being received promptly and to approve the other payments detailed below.

19/020 To consider tree planting in Nancy's Wood following the recent tree works

It was agreed to enquire with the National Trust and arboriculturalist as to the species of tree to be planted.

19/021 To consider amending the parish maintenance contract to increase the frequency of grass cutting at the Pleasance

It was **RESOLVED** that the frequency for cutting the grass be the same as at the park.

19/022 To consider the Council's financial position year to date
The council's financial position was noted.

19/023 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs
The logs were noted.

19/024 Member questions to the clerk
No questions were raised.

19/025 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings
The date was noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
Robert Allan	300315	Treeworks 1/2	3525.00
JDH Business Services	300316	Internal Audit 2018/19	155.04
ChALC	300317	Annual Subscription and Councillor Guides	553.05
CCA	300318	Membership 2019/20	50.00
Robert Allan	300319	Treeworks 2/3	1875.00
Envirocare	300320	Jan-Mar contract works	1675.99
A Keppel-Green	300321	Apr/May salary and reimbursements	1224.36
		Total	9,058.44