

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held
Tuesday 8th October 2019

- 19/089 Present**
Cllrs Woods (*presiding*), Briercliffe, Briggs, Parry, Richards, Shepherd and Tyrrell.
- A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)
- 19/090 To receive apologies for absence**
All members were present.
- 19/091 To note the declaration of members' interests**
No members declared an interest in any item under discussion.
- 19/092 Public Participation**
A resident sought an update in respect of the planning application for affordable homes on Dark Lane.
- 19/093 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 10th September 2019**
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.
- 19/094 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors**
Cllr Jeuda had submitted a report that there was no update with respect the mast at Penningtons Lane. It was agreed to discuss the planting in the area at the January meeting.
- 19/095 To receive reports of Parish Matters**
It was reported that trees were being cut down at the wood on Gawsworth Road and that it was believed these were subject to preservation orders.
- It was reported that the road by the lych gate was still in need or repair and that the lime trees on the avenue were overhanging at the rectory.
- It was requested that the new parish maintenance contract include frequent strimming at Nancy's Wood.

Ideas for the scouts to undertake some maintenance tasks were discussed and included laying hardcore and wood chip in Nancy's Wood.

It was noted that no information had been provided by Cheshire East Council with respect changes to winter gritting routes, despite requests from Cllr Smetham.

The new bus timetable was noted and members were encourage to promote its use to ensure its viability.

It was reported that the road surface by the chain and gate was in poor condition.

19/096 To agree arrangements for the Christmas Light Switch On

It was agreed to get further quotations for the installation of a tree support pole but **RESOLVED** to authorise a cost of up to £550.

Cllr Tyrrell reported on arrangements for the switch on event and it was **RESOLVED** that should the event generate a profit, that a donation of up to £100 would be made to the Salvation Army.

19/097 To consider tree planting in Nancy's Wood

It was agreed to get further advice from Cheshire East Council.

19/098 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 issues.

19/099 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

The logs were noted, it was noted that the bus shelters at Penningtons Lane had now not been repaired for almost 12 months.

19/100 Member questions to the clerk

The Clerk provided an update on the FOI requests submitted to Cheshire East Council and Manchester University regarding the Dark Lane development. It was agreed to challenge Manchester University's response and specify a tighter timescale for the Cheshire East Council request.

19/101 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The following items were requested for future agendas: making a donation to the parish magazine and agreeing new fencing at the Pleasance. The dates of future meetings were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
Gort and March	300336	Q2 Payroll	43.20
HMRC	300337	Q2 PAYE	320.80
Tunncliffe Signs	300338	New Park Sign	255.77
PKF Littlejohn	300339	External Audit 2018/19	240.00
Northwich Town Council	300340	Pothole Repair, bin emptying and grass cutting	1,591.20
A Keppel-Green	300341	Salary and Reimbursements	556.10
		Total	3,007.07