

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 12th November 2019

19/102 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

19/103 To receive apologies for absence

All members were present.

19/104 To note the declaration of members' interests

Cllr Woods declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 19/4823M on the grounds of being friends with the applicant.

19/105 Public Participation

A resident outlined despair at Cheshire East Council continuing to progress the housing project on Dark Lane, noted that the new document featured the wrong plot of land on the cover and expressed concern that the development could lead to flooding.

19/106 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 8th October 2019

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

19/107 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr Puddicombe highlighted the consultations on the council's environmental strategy, budget and community governance review.

19/108 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Shepherd reported that the mast at Henshaws had now been removed, with the temporary one remaining in place. Cllr Shepherd further highlighted issues on the unmade section of Penningtons Lane.

Cllr Parry highlighted the continuing issues of the stones on Dark Lane, the Clerk provided an update that Cheshire East Highways were reviewing recently received land ownership information.

Cllr Tyrrell reported that a band had been confirmed for the Christmas Light switch-on. Cllr Briercliffe highlighted the recent changes to bin collection days.

Cllr Woods reported that the gullies on Woodhouse Lane had been emptied. It was also reported that the Village Hall had purchased a demountable stage with donations from the Fun Run and GASS and that it was looking to create more storage in the hall.

19/109 To consider issues of anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping and littering in laybys on Congleton Road

It was noted that PCSO Short had arranged a walkabout to review issues, Cllr Woods agreed to attend.

19/110 To agree the commencement of the Regulation 14 consultation on the Gawsforth Neighbourhood Plan

It was **RESOLVED** to commence the Regulation 14 consultation.

19/111 To agree the purchase of replacement street signs

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase new street name signs for Longbutts Lane, Moss View Road, Pexhill Road and Penningtons Lane and that the Clerk would investigate options for the signs on Shellow Lane and Lowes Lane which are currently cast iron. It was **RESOLVED** that the signs include council branding where appropriate.

19/112 To consider matters related to highways including level 2 road repairs, the safer roads fund, gritting and illegible signage

The Clerk was requested to chase Cheshire East Highways on a response to the paper submitted earlier in the year. It was noted that the changes to gritting routes would not be implemented until 2020.

19/113¹ To consider planning applications

- a) **18/5544M – Land at Dark Lane**
 - b) **19/4875M – Old Police Cottage, Dark Lane**
 - c) **19/4823M – Oak Lodge, Marton Lane**
- a) It was **RESOLVED** to highlight the errors in the report.
 - b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
 - c) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

19/114² To consider the Cheshire East Community Governance Review

It was **RESOLVED** to circulate a short survey to the residents of the Gawsforth Moss ward to inform discussion on the consultation.

19/115 To approve the clerk's attendance at the SLCC Practitioners Conference

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the clerk's attendance.

¹ Cllr Richards arrived during the discussion of 18/5544M.

² Cllr Tyrrell left the meeting at the beginning of this item. Cllr Briercliffe left the meeting during the discussion. Cllr Briggs left the meeting at the end of this item.

- 19/116 To consider replacement fencing for the Pleasance**
It was **RESOLVED** to authorise expenditure of £150 to remove the fencing, subject to confirmation that the scouts do not wish to undertake the work.
- 19/117 To discuss priorities for 2020**
It was noted that a new strategic plan would be discussed in 2020 and projects to review the Conservation Area and develop a green action plan were discussed. It was agreed to defer this item to January.
- 19/118 To consider financial matters**
- a) **To consider the Council’s financial position year to date**
 - b) **To note and approve payments**
 - c) **To agree a donation to the Parish Magazine**
 - a) The council’s financial position was noted.
 - b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below.
 - c) It was **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £100.
- 19/119 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs**
The logs were noted.
- 19/120 Member questions to the clerk**
The Clerk answered a question providing an update from Cheshire East Highways on the removal of the stump on Woodhouse Lane, stating they were continuing to look at options.
- 19/121 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**
The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
Tuke Joinery	300342	Repair to Park Equipment	314.00
Northwich Town Council	300343	Hedge Cutting and Bin Emptying	537.60
A Keppel-Green	300344	Nov/Dec Salary and November Reimbs.	974.16
Total			1,825.76