

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held
Tuesday 14th January 2020

19/122 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

19/123 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tyrrell.

19/124 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

19/125 Public Participation

A resident spoke strongly in favour of the Gawsworth Moss area remaining part of Gawsworth parish and highlighted a petition which demonstrated this feeling in the community.

A resident reported she would be speaking at the Northern Planning Committee against 18/5544M.

19/126 To consider the Cheshire East Community Governance Review

Cllr Woods provided a background to the community survey and the Clerk provided information on the process and the warding of the parish in 2010.

It was **RESOLVED** to comment that whilst it is not a strong feeling, the council considers the number of councillors in the two wards should be rebalanced.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit comments that there should be no change to the parish boundary, the two wards should be reunified or the existing Gawsworth Moss ward be expanded to include LPS15 and the extent of LPS19 currently within the parish within the ward, that the community be given the opportunity to propose an alternative name for the ward and that there should be no increase to the total number of parish councillors.

19/127 To consider matters related to the Dark Lane development including to consider the responses to FOI requests to Jodrell Bank and Cheshire East Council
It was **RESOLVED** to appeal the refusal of the Jodrell Bank FOI request outlining the principal of challenge in science.

It was agreed to drop comments challenging Jodrell Bank's position in the speech to the Northern Planning Committee and to labour the affordability issues.

19/128 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 12th November 2019
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.

19/129 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors
Cllr Smetham reported that former Cheshire East Councillor Barry Harden had passed away, that a service was being held in Sandbach for Holocaust Memorial Day and that the council was undertaking a peer review process. Cllr Smetham reported that there had been no update with respect enforcement at the Chain and Gate. Cllr Smetham was asked about the recent fatality on the A536, with concern expressed about the road surface. Cllr Smetham reported that it was suspected that drugs and speed were the cause of the accident.

Cllr Puddicombe reported that there had been no progress on the development of the South Macclesfield Development Area, and that he would seek to be part of any pre-planning discussions with respect the EE mast.

19/130 To consider a response to the consultation on the proposed EE Mast at the Congleton Road Playing Fields
It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections to the proposal and express that the council is pleased to see the proposal come forward.

19/131 To receive reports of Parish Matters
Cllr Woods requested that broadband be placed on the next agenda.

It was reported that due to a blocked grid, there was frequent flooding of a property on Rising Sun Road. It was reported that Woodhouse End Road had a potentially blocked gully resulting in flooding.

19/132 To consider planning application 19/5784M - 19 Wardle Crescent
It was **RESOLVED** to object to the front extension which would be discordant with the iconic row of housing, but raise no objections to the rear extension.

19/133 To award the Park and Parish Maintenance contract(s)
It was **RESOLVED** to award the contract to Northwich Town Council and that the contract specify that reports of works are sent by email to the Clerk and copied to Cllr Briggs.

19/134 To discuss priorities for 2020
It was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

19/135 To agree the 2020/21 budget and precept

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget and set the precept to keep a Band D at £34.

19/136 To consider financial matters

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

b) To note and approve payments

a) The council's financial position was noted.

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below.

19/137 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

The logs were noted.

19/138 Member questions to the clerk

The following items were requested for future agendas: holding council surgeries at the hub and offering trees through the shop for planting in the parish.

19/139 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
St James' PCC	300345	Donation to Parish Magazine	100.00
W and S Riley	300346	Christmas Tree	230.00
Knutsford Town Council	300347	Printing (Neighbourhood Plan / Survey)	134.25
RBL Poppy Appeal	300348	Wreath	17.00
HMRC	300349	Q3 PAYE	321.00
Gort and March	300350	Q3 Payroll	43.20
A Keppel-Green	300351	January Salary and Reimbursements	641.06
EoN	DD	November Street Lighting	16.10
EoN	DD	December Street Lighting	16.63
Jolt	DD	Website SSL Certificate	9.60
Jolt	DD	Website Hosting	115.06
		Total	£1643.90