

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held
Tuesday 11th February 2020

19/140 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

19/141 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briggs and Tyrrell.

19/142 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

19/143 Public Participation

A resident congratulated the council on securing the refusal of the Dark Lane planning application.

19/144 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 14th January 2020

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes subject to a correction to 19/129 to refer to the South Macclesfield Development Area and a typographical correction to 19/126.

19/145 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr Smetham reported that enforcement officers had ordered a stop to works at the Chain and Gate. Cllr Smetham further reported the Cabinet had approved changes to winter gritting routes which remove Dark Lane and Gawsworth Road from the routes.

19/146 To note the refusal of application 18/5544M (Land off Dark Lane) and to consider matters arising from the refusal

It was noted that the application had been refused by the Northern Planning Committee. It was reported Cllr Toni Fox, Portfolio Holder for Planning, had stated the council would not be appealing the decision.

It was noted that the discussion at committee had highlighted the issue that the affordable housing at LPS15 would prioritise Macclesfield residents over

Gawsworth residents.

It was **RESOLVED** to request clarity from Cheshire East Council on their policy for allocating affordable housing on LPS15, whether Gawsworth residents would be lower priority than Macclesfield and the policy basis for the same.

Cllr Woods reported he had written to Cllr Craig Browne requesting information on the Safer Roads Fund project but had received no response.

19/147 To consider improvements to the Penningtons Lane Green

It was **RESOLVED** to defer a decision until it is confirmed that the mast will be installed on the playing fields site.

19/148 To consider the adoption of a Park Management Plan and commission shockwaving of the playing field

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the management plan.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the shockwaving of the park.

19/149 To consider planning applications

- a) 20/0409M – New Barn Farm, Dark Lane
- b) 20/0113M – Hawkshead Quarry, Leek Road, Sutton
- c) 20/0132M – 27 Surrey Road

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

b) It was **RESOLVED** to request that a full traffic/highways assessment is undertaken to assess the impact of the development, screening and effect on the landscape.

c) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of the proposed development being out of character with the existing streetscene, introducing a discordant feature to the street and resulting in a terracing effect. The council is also concerned that the room sizes are not in accordance with national standards.

19/150 To consider matters related to broadband in the parish

It was noted that a small group of dwellings were not benefiting from access to fibre broadband and that there is no funding to deliver it. It was noted that if a collection of homes are not on the rollout plan there is a community fibre scheme to secure a fibre connection. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Woods and Shepherd would meet to promote the scheme.

19/151 To receive reports of Parish Matters

The clerk reported that Cheshire East Council had stated they would not install an 'ignore satnavs' sign at Penningtons Lane as they are only installed for temporary road works.

It was reported that the Hillcrest Road sign had fallen and required replacement. It was noted that there had been no substantive update in respect of the stones on Dark Lane. It was noted that ivy was protruding into the bus shelter and that

debris from the Old Post Office was falling onto the pavement. Cllr Woods undertook to get quotes for a new sign/noticeboard for the Village Hall.

Cllr Briercliffe left the meeting.

19/152 To discuss priorities for 2020

It was agreed to explore a new strategic plan for the council, a 'Green Gawsorth' strategy, investment in improved maintenance of roads/hedges/infrastructure and reviewing the Conservation Area.

19/153 To approve the relocation of the old noticeboard from Penningtons Lane to Nancy's Wood

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the relocation of the noticeboard.

19/154 To approve the corporate risk register

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the register with the following amendments: Increasing the impact of 'risk to public from trees' to 5 and likelihood to 2; reduce the impact of 'failure to meet obligations as trustee to JUC' to 2 and to insert three a new risks in respect of the management of the Village Hall (impact 4, likelihood 2)

19/155 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 below.

19/156 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

The logs were noted.

19/157 Member questions to the clerk

No questions were raised.

19/158 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
P Woods	300352	Reimb. Christmas Tree Lights	215.40
A Keppel-Green	300353	Feb salary and reimbursements.	603.15
EoN	DD	January Street lighting	16.63
Northwich TC	300354	Installation of Christmas Tree socket	660.00
B Williams	300355	Reimbursement Bugler (Rem Sunday)	20.00
		Total	£1,515.18