

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held
Tuesday 10th March 2020

19/159 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

19/160 To receive apologies for absence

All members were present.

19/161 To note the declaration of members' interests

Cllr Richards declared a pecuniary interest in application 20/0773M as the applicant. Cllr Tyrrell declared a personal interest in 20/0739M on the grounds of living two doors away from the property.

19/162 Public Participation

A representative of the scouts raised the need for an assembly point sign to be installed in the car park, it was agreed that this was acceptable and that Cllr Woods would raise the need for a separate assembly point for the village hall with the committee. It was agreed it was not necessary to have 'slow, children' signage at the entrance.

A resident thanked the council for the work opposing the Dark Lane development and concern about Cheshire East's slow progress repairing highway defects.

19/163 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 11th February 2020

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

19/164 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Shepherd enquired if there had been an update with respect the installation of the mast at the Congleton Road playing fields.

Cllr Woods reported he had received a letter concerning an overgrown hedge on Woodhouse Lane.

It was noted there was a water leak on Pexhill Lane that had not yet been repaired.

It was noted that there was a hole around the bus shelter foundation and agreed that a survey was required.

19/165 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillors

Cllr Smetham reported that: the safer roads funding had been received for the A536; the council was reviewing the responses received to the community governance review consultation; that CVSCE had lost a service contract with the council resulting in a loss of jobs within the borough and that a new CEO was being appointed.

19/166 To consider changes to the Cheshire East Council winter gritting routes

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Cheshire East Council's Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee to express that:

- a) The Well Managed Highways consultation did not suggest changes to gritting routes and that there had been a lack of consultation with parish councils
- b) The council is concerned the shop and school are not included in gritting routes
- c) The council is concerned that Gawsorth Road and Dark Lane have been removed as key entries to the village and liable to flooding.

19/167 To review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the revised documents.

19/168 To consider planning applications

- a) **Application 20/0885M - The Den, Shellow Farm, Shellow Lane**
- b) **Application 20/0773M -The Gate House, Church Lane**
- c) **Application 20/0638M - Land East of Leagate, Congleton Road**
- d) **Application 20/0739M - 8, Warren Drive**
- e) **Application 20/0550M - 15, Harrington Drive**
- a) It was **RESOLVED** to comment that notwithstanding the council's previous objections it raises no objections to the variation.

Cllr Richards left the meeting.

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

Cllrs Briggs and Tyrrell left the meeting. Cllr Richards re-joined the meeting.

- c) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to the building remaining ancillary to the main property and a condition removing permitted development rights for conversion to non-agricultural uses.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

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

19/169 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.

19/170 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

The logs were noted.

19/171 Member questions to the clerk

The Clerk undertook to chase Cheshire East Council on the removal of the Dark Lane stones and to challenge the University of Manchester on their refusal to provide further information with respect their decision not to comment on the Dark Lane housing proposals.

19/172 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

| Payee | Chq Ref | Detail | Amount Paid |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Northwich Town Council | 300356 | January and February Contract | 382.20 |
| A Keppel-Green | 300357 | March Salary + reimbursements | 696.77 |
| SLCC | 300358 | Practitioners' Conference | 339.00 |
| Zurich Municipal | 300359 | Insurance 2020/21 | 577.64 |
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| | | Total | £ 1,995.61 |