

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 12th May 2020 (via Zoom)

20/000 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

20/001 To elect the Chairman and receive their declaration of acceptance of office

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Richards as Chairman. Cllr Richards signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

20/002 To elect the Deputy Chairman

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Shepherd as Deputy Chairman.

20/003 To receive apologies for absence

All members were present.

20/004 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item.

20/005 To appoint representatives to outside bodies

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Briggs as representative to ChALC, Cllr Woods as representative on the Village Hall Committee and Cllr Shepherd to the Danes Moss Liaison.

20/006 To appoint members to working groups

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Woods, Shepherd and Parry to the Communications working group and Cllrs Tyrrell and Briggs to the Park and Woodland working group.

20/007 Public Participation

A resident thanked those who sent commiserations on the loss of his sister-in-law.

20/008 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 10th March

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to a correction to 19/168 to record Cllrs Briggs and Tyrrell leaving the meeting.

20/009 To consider matters related to the proposed EE mast on Congleton Road

Cllr Jeuda reported that contrary to reports, the borough council assets department had not said no to a mast being installed at the playing fields. It was noted that this is what Harlequin had reported.

It was agreed to write to David Rutley MP and Cheshire East Council to highlight the importance of resolving the issue and ascertain what the correct position is and to coordinate a meeting between the councils and Harlequin to resolve any problems.

It was also noted that there was no resident pre-application consultation undertaken for the site and agreed to query this with Harlequin.

20/010 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Jeuda advised she had no matters to report.

Cllr Smetham highlighted the work undertaken by Cheshire East Council in response to COVID-19 and that the council had held its first virtual cabinet meeting with planning committees due to meet soon. Cllr Smetham further reported that the council had agreed to revisit the winter gritting policy with further consultation to be undertaken, had approved the procurement of a housing development framework and had expressed the wish for more affordable housing in the north of the borough.

20/011 To consider matters related to COVID-19 and support for the Gawsworth Community

Cllr Woods highlighted the community information section on the Gawsworth Life website which was summarised in the latest edition of the Gawsworth Gazette. It was noted that around 80 volunteers had come together, led by Rachel Wilson, to support those in the community requiring assistance. It was further noted that Charlotte Percy had coordinated a 'Gawsworth Heroes' scheme to thank the keyworkers in the parish, of which Cllr Tyrrell was one.

It was agreed that the council should consider some permanent reminder of the support given by the community, after the pandemic is over.

It was **RESOLVED** to install banners thanking the community on the pleasance and at Penningtons Lane within a budget of £150.

It was **RESOLVED** to send a letter of thanks to the businesses and organisations supporting the community.

20/012 To receive reports of Parish Matters

It was noted that the benches on the Pleasance and the fencing on the memorial green had been stained and agreed that the contractor be asked to reinstate them to natural wood.

The hole in the boundary to the park from Church Lane was noted and it was agreed to consider the options, including reinstatement of the gate, at the next meeting.

It was noted that the verges on Penningtons Lane had not been reinstated following gas works at the end of 2019.

It was noted that the construction at the Chain and Gate was continuing to grow.

20/013 To consider planning applications

a) 20/1167M – Shayes Farm, Pexhill Road

b) 20/1443M – 43 Hillcrest Road

c) 20/1643W – Danes Moss Landfill Site

a) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that the development will be detrimental to the rural character of the area, in particular by virtue of the loss of a chimney which is characteristic of rural properties as defined in the Silk, Cotton and Market Towns area of the Cheshire East Design Guide (which Gawsworth is within) and the excessive scale of the development.

b) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that the proposed development would create cramped development with rooms sizes which are not in accordance with national standards and with a tight access close to the junction.

c) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections but query the impact of the changes to noise pollution.

20/014 To approve the submission of the Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan to Cheshire East Council

It was noted that clarification was awaited on how the neighbourhood plan would progress post-submission given the implications of social distancing regulations on the consultation and the deferral of all elections and referenda until May 2021. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the submission of the plan.

20/015 To consider financial matters

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

b) To note and approve payments

c) To approve the annual governance statement and annual accounting statement

a) The council's financial position was noted.

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

c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Accounting Statements.

20/016 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

The logs were noted and the following issues reported:

- a) A tree in the hedge line at the top of the park appeared to be dangerous and requires works to make safe.
- b) Numerous trees along Church Lane have excessive ivy growth which requires attention.
- c) A footpath sign on Lowes Lane has become uprooted
- d) Water is pouring from somewhere at the junction of Woodhouse Lane and Lowes Lane.
- e) Two road signs require straightening on Penningtons Lane, one speed limit sign at the junction with Congleton Road and a no parking sign in the bus stop.

20/017 Member questions to the clerk

The Clerk responded to a question explaining the digital payment process.

20/018 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Detail	Amount
RBS Software	Finance System Licence 2020/21	121.00
Northwich Town Council	Works – March and April 2020	2869.20
EoN	March Streetlighting	16.63
A Keppel-Green	April/May Salary and Reimbursement	998.41
A Keppel-Green	Reimbursement (Gazette Printing)	64.95
Gort and March	Payroll Q4 and Year End	86.40
HMRC	Q4 PAYE	320.80
	Total	4,477.39