

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of the council meeting held*  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (via Zoom)**

- 20/034 Present**  
Cllrs Richards (*presiding*), Briercliffe, Mitchell, Parry, Shepherd, Tyrrell and Woods.  
  
A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)
- 20/035 To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Briggs.
- 20/036 To note the declaration of members' interests**  
No member declared an interest in any item.
- 20/037 Public Participation**  
Cllr Woods declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 20/2704M on the grounds of being friends with a neighbour.
- 20/038 To consider the co-option of a councillor**  
It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Gordon Mitchell to fill the vacancy on Village Ward. Cllr Mitchell signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.
- 20/039 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to a typographical correction to 20/026.
- 20/040<sup>1</sup> To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)**  
Cllr Smetham reported that Cheshire East Highways staff were assisting with the day-to-day impact of COVID and that the flooding issue on Pexhill Road was not a Cheshire East responsibility.  
  
Cllr Jeuda stated she understood that Cheshire devolution had been on the cards for a number of years but no decisions were set to be made quickly and that the

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<sup>1</sup> Cllr Briercliffe joined the meeting during this item.

county would not have an elected mayor.

**20/041<sup>2</sup> To consider matters related to the proposed EE mast**

Cllr Jeuda reported there had been little progress and stated she supported the planning application. Mr Garlick was invited to address the meeting and requested the continued support of the council against the mast on Penningtons Lane and for the mast on the playing field.

It was **RESOLVED** to challenge the comments of the Cheshire East Council Assets Department.

**20/042 To consider planning matters**

- a) **To consider application 20/2248M – 38 Church Lane**
- b) **To consider application 20/2346M – Congleton Road Playing Field, Macclesfield**
- c) **To consider application 20/2704M – The Farmhouse, Brereton Farm, Cowbrook Lane**

- a) The council **RESOLVED** to raise no objections but request the planning officer ascertain whether the balcony would result in an unacceptable loss of privacy to the neighbouring property due to overlooking.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to support the application and challenge the comments lodged by the Cheshire East Council Assets Department but note that since the pre-submission consultation the proposed mast is not as slimline due to the inclusion additional equipment which the council questions the necessity of.
- c) The council **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

**20/043 To receive reports of Parish Matters**

Cllr Woods undertook to discuss COVID safety around the school and shop with the two organisations.

Cllr Parry highlighted the ongoing issue of the stones on Dark Lane which Cllr Smetham reported was now with the Legal Department for enforcement. Cllr Shepherd highlighted that the old plans for 27 Surrey Road had been removed from the planning portal making it difficult to interpret the revised plans. Cllr Briercliffe reported works being undertaken on land on Dark Lane. Cllr Tyrrell highlighted the flooding on Dark Lane/Pexhill Road which Cllr Smetham stated was a tenant responsibility.

**20/044 To consider matters related to broadband**

It was agreed it would be beneficial to better understand and build a map of the broadband issues in the parish. It was agreed that Cllr Woods would prepare a survey for approval at the next meeting.

**20/045 To consider financial matters**

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<sup>2</sup> Cllr Tyrrell joined the meeting at the start of this item.

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.

**20/046 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs**

It was noted the bus shelters near Penningtons Lane had still not been repaired.

**20/047 Member questions to the clerk**

Cllr Woods responded to a question in relation to Jodrell Bank, noting that Manchester University provided no information on why they did not comment on the Dark Lane application.

**20/048 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**

The dates were noted.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payee	Detail	Amount
HMRC	Q1 PAYE	320.80
Gort and March	Q1 Payroll	43.20
A Keppel-Green	Salary and Reimbursement	969.83
Northwich Town Council	June Park and Parish Maintenance	1175.70
CCA	Annual Membership	50.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,559.53</b>