

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 11th August 2020 (via Zoom)

20/049 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

20/050 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briggs and Tyrrell.

20/051 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item.

20/052 Public Participation

A resident thanked the council for its work in relation to the proposed EE mast, noting that planning consent had been given for its installation at the Congleton Road Playing Fields, an in particular thanking Cllrs Woods and Shepherd and borough councillor Jeuda.

A resident noted the imminent gas works on Benbrook Way, and enquired if the council had received any information on when the works would be undertaken.

20/053 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 14th July

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to the addition of Cllr Tyrrell to the attendees list.

20/054 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Puddicombe joined the meeting and highlighted that the council had commenced work on its active travel plans, noting that he was hoping improvements to the route past Gawsworth to Macclesfield would be included but that it was not in the first tranche.

Cllr Smetham joined the meeting and in reference to the minutes of the previous meeting stated that she understood that if there was an elected mayor/chairman for a combined authority there could be additional powers; that in relation to the

flooding on Pexhill Road it could be either the tenant or landowner that is responsible, depending on the contract and that she understood that Jodrell Bank determines whether to comment on planning applications using algorithms based on keywords.

Cllr Smetham further stated that it was expected that the parish work under the active travel plans would follow the work at the towns and that the council was now distributing the third tranche of business support grants. Cllr Smetham also highlighted the spotting of hedgehogs and polecats within the parish.

20/055 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Briercliffe reported that the footpath from Warren Barn to Lancaster cottage was overgrown and impassable.

Cllr Shepherd noted that the proposal for a new dwelling in the garden of 27 Surrey Road had been given consent.

Cllr Parry expressed concern about the volume of traffic speeding and exceeding the weight limit on Dark Lane.

Cllr Woods highlighted that one of the 40 mph signs is entirely obscured north of the crossroads; that residents calling 999 to report disturbances in Nancy's Wood had noted that there had been no police response and reported on discussions with a disabled resident concerned about pavements being blocked with parking and a lack of dropped kerbs. Cllr Woods reported he had spoken with a director at the shop regarding COVID risk on Longbutts Lane and no additional shop actions could be identified to assist with the issues at school drop of and pick up times; that he was awaiting a reply from the school headteacher and that he was concerned that without mitigation the area presents a higher risk of transmission in the parish. It was agreed to press the school and Cheshire East Council for a response.

Cllr Mitchell highlighted that the path all the way down to the Harrington Arms is overgrown or in need of siding out and highlighted a recent near miss at the crossroads due to a car pulling out.

Cllr Richards reported that water was flowing down Gawsorth Road near the speed limit sign.

20/056 To consider undertaking a broadband survey

It was **RESOLVED** to approve undertaking a survey and that it be professionally printed and distributed using a combination of Royal Mail and a local distribution company.

20/057 To consider planning matters

- a) **To consider application 20/2978M – Highfield, Woodhouse End Road**
- b) **To consider application 20/3152M – Land at Dark Lane**

- c) **To consider application 20/3297M – Wastewater Treatment Works, Harbour Lane**
 - a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
 - b) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that the development is not in accordance with the emerging neighbourhood plan by virtue of being development outside the defined infill boundary which does not meet the requirement of Local Plan Policy PG6; to challenge the comparisons in the planning statement to other Inspector decisions for sites which form gaps in developments as they are not of a directly comparable nature and to otherwise support the previous reasons for refusal given by Cheshire East Council on applications at this site.
 - c) It was **RESOLVED** to object to the proposed temporary access on the grounds that the application fails to provide a justification as to its necessity and accordingly identifies no benefit to the loss of a hedgerow and development within the green belt.

20/058 To consider actions under the Park Management Plan

- a) **To commission an ecological survey**
- b) **To consider whether to renovate the tennis court vs installation of a MUGA**
 - a) Cllr Parry left the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to commission Cheshire Wildlife Trust to undertake an ecological survey at the park. Cllr Parry returned to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to commission Cheshire Wildlife Trust to undertake an ecological survey at Nancy's Woodland.
 - b) It was **RESOLVED** that under the park management plan to renovate the tennis court and not to convert it to a MUGA.

20/059 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.

20/060 To consider matters related to a review of the Conservation Area

It was **RESOLVED** not to progress a review of the Conservation Area but to encourage Cheshire East Council to implement the boundary review identified in the 2007 appraisal.

20/061 To consider holding a virtual parish meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to hold a virtual parish meeting using Zoom and Facebook in September.

20/062 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

The logs were noted.

20/063 Member questions to the clerk

The clerk responded to a question in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, stating

that the plan as submitted to Cheshire East Council was the version incorporating the changes agreed by the Neighbourhood Plan committee following the Regulation 14 consultation.

20/064 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Detail	Amount
RBS Software	VAT on payment (missed from original payment)	24.20
Mark Bullock and Co	Bus Shelter Survey	222.00
A Keppel-Green	Salary and Reimbursement	555.81
Northwich Town Council	July Parish Maintenance	1089.60
	Total	1,891.61