

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 8th September 2020 (via Zoom)

- 20/065 Present**
Cllrs Richards (*presiding*), Briercliffe, Clarke, Mitchell, Parry, Shepherd, Tyrrell and Woods.
- A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)
- 20/066 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Briggs.
- 20/067 To note the declaration of members' interests**
It was noted that the applicant for 20/3646M is a former clerk to the John Upton Charity of which the council is trustee.
- 20/068 Public Participation**
A resident highlighted the enjoyable songs of praise held in the village recently.
- 20/069 To consider the co-option of a councillor**
A signed ballot was requested, which was conducted via text message.
It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Emma Clarke to fill the vacancy on Moss Ward.
- 20/070 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 11th August**
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.
- 20/071 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)**
The three Cheshire East Councillors were unable to attend.
- 20/072 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs**
The Clerk read a response from Cheshire East Highways which explained their reasons that a number of items appeared on the maintenance log without resolution for over three years.

It was agreed that the council would explore what maintenance items it could undertake itself and seek to ascertain from Cheshire East Council which hedges

would be attended to in the autumn. It was further agreed that the items on the log be inspected prior to the next meeting.

20/073 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Parry highlighted the felling of trees at Highbirch Wood and it was noted a planning application for a log store had been submitted. It was agreed to request Cheshire East Council investigate the tree felling.

Cllr Woods noted that no reply had been received from Cheshire East Council on the coronavirus safety mitigation around the school. It was agreed to request Cllr Smetham press the senior officer for a response and action.

Cllr Shepherd queried whether the verge near 43 Hillcrest Road was owned by Cheshire East Highways which the clerk undertook to ascertain.

Cllr Tyrrell noted that the flooding on Pexhill Road/Dark lane had been repaired and praised Cheshire East council's swift repair of a pothole on Dark Lane. Cllr Tyrrell further thanked the Newtons for their work attending to a mudslide on Dark Lane which followed the heavy rain.

Cllr Briercliffe reported that a second wasp nest had appeared in the park again in the hedge near the scout hut.

Cllr Clarke reported that the hedge growing into the park behind Warren Cottage required cutting and that the fence around the Pleasance required replacement.

20/074 To consider planning matters

- a) To consider application 20/3577M – Pine Lodge, Church Lane
- b) To consider application 20/3646M – 17 Hillcrest Road
- c) To consider application 20/3140M – Chestnut Cottage, Lowes Lane
- d) To consider application 20/3479M – 44 Penningtons Lane
- e) To consider application 20/3414M – Thornton, Congleton Road

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of inappropriate development within the greenbelt constituting development 'by the back door'.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

20/075 To consider financial matters

- a) To note the council's financial position year to date
 - b) To note and approve payments
 - c) To note the Internal Auditor's Report
- a) The clerk reported that the position was similar to the previous month and that the second instalment of the precept had been received.
 - b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below.

c) The internal auditor's report was noted.

- 20/076 To consider works to the Bus Shelter**
It was **RESOLVED** to commission the works.
- 20/077 To consider repairs to park equipment**
It was **RESOLVED** to commission the repairs.
- 20/078 Member questions to the clerk**
No questions were raised.
- 20/079 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**
The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Detail	Amount
JDH Business Services	Internal Audit 2019/20	178.80
GM Accounting	Preparation of P11D 2019/20	114.00
Northwich TC	ROSPA Inspection	210.00
P Woods	A5 Leaflet Holder	13.44
A Keppel-Green	Salary and Reimbursement	503.95
	Total	1,033.63