

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 13th October 2020 (via Zoom)

20/080 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

20/081 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mitchell and Tyrrell

20/082 To note the declaration of members' interests

Cllr Richards declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 20/3972M on the grounds that the applicant was a former employee at Gawsworth Hall.

20/083 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

20/084 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 8th September

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

20/085 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Woods praised the headmaster of Gawsworth School for the work the school has done on COVID safety and noted that there had been no further engagement from Cheshire East Council on the matter. Cllr Woods further highlighted the confusion over the A536 roadworks.

Cllr Shepherd noted that whilst the planning application for the power generation had not yet been determined, there were cranes on Danes Moss. Cllr Shepherd advised the council on the PC and PCSO assigned to the Macclesfield South ward.

Cllr Clarke stated that she had reported potholes on Benbrook Way and Farfields Close to Cheshire East Council which had been exacerbated by the recent heavy machinery for the gas works.

Cllr Richards highlighted the need for repairs to the tennis court fencing and that

the PCC had continued to raise the need for repairs to the road surface by the Lych Gate.

20/086 To consider planning matters

- a) **To consider application 20/4384M – 16 Longbutts Lane**
- b) **To consider application 20/1443M – 43 Hillcrest Road (amended plans)**

To consider application 20/3972M – Middle Moss Farm, Lowes Lane

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections but raise concern that the proposals will result in a cramped form of development.
- c) It was **RESOLVED**¹ to support the application.

20/087 To consider responses to government consultations

a) Pavement Parking

b) Planning White Paper

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to submit comments supporting a change in legislation to give local authorities greater power to enforce obstructions caused by pavement parking recognising it would change the mindset of individuals that pavement parking is acceptable.
- b) It was noted the changes to the planning system were substantial and the consultation complicated. It was agreed not to submit any comment on the consultation.

20/088 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Smetham highlighted that Cheshire East Council was consulting on its corporate plan and that further consultations were live on HS2 and the Waste Strategy. It was further reported that a new mobile parking payment system had been implemented for town centre car parks and that a COVID testing centre had opened in Crewe.

Cllr Smetham further reported that there was no update on the Safer Highways Programme nor the COVID safety mitigation Active Lives programme for rural areas.

20/089 To consider new fencing for the Pleasance

It was **RESOLVED** to commission replacement fencing at a cost of £1,825.

20/090 To consider matters related to trees in the parish

It was agreed that a tree management plan should be created for the council's trees and that the council would discuss preservation of trees in the parish at a future meeting.

20/091 To consider financial matters

- a) **To note the council's financial position year to date**
 - b) **To note and approve payments**
- a) The council's financial position was noted.

¹ Cllr Richards abstained from voting.

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

20/092 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

The logs were noted and it was noted that the planned member review of outstanding parish maintenance items had not yet been undertaken.

20/093 Member questions to the clerk

No questions were raised.

20/094 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Detail	Amount
Gort and March	Q2 Payroll	43.20
Tuke Joinery	Fence works (park) and relocation of noticeboard	558.00
ChALC	Roles/Responsibilities Webinar - MP	25.00
HMRC	Q2 PAYE	338.60
Treestyle Consultancy	Tree Surveys	730.00
A Keppel-Green	Salary and Reimbursements	906.29
Northwich Town Council	August and September Maintenance Contract	2,206.80
	Total	4,807.89