

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of the council meeting held*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (via Zoom)**

- 20/095 Present**  
Cllrs Richards (*presiding*), Briercliffe, Briggs, Clarke, Mitchell, Parry, Shepherd, Tyrrell and Woods.
- A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)
- 20/096 To receive apologies for absence**  
All members were present.
- 20/097 To note the declaration of members' interests**  
No member declared an interest in any item on the agenda.
- 20/098 Public Participation**  
No members of the public wished to speak.
- 20/099 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.
- 20/100 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)**  
Cllr Smetham joined the meeting and reported that repairs would be undertaken to Benbrook Way following surface damage caused by Cadent; that the Active Travel proposals had been scaled back in urban areas due to opposition but no update has been provided on rural areas; that the council would be discussing the detail of the proposed change to a committee system later in the month and that the council was consulting on the changes to winter gritting routes. The Clerk reported that he would respond to the consultation as per the council's previously resolved position on the changes.
- 20/101 To receive reports of Parish Matters**  
The damage to the Lowes Lane verges during the main road traffic diversion was noted and the Clerk undertook to contact Cheshire East Highways regarding undertaking a proper repair, investigating designating the lane as a 'quiet lane' and investigating undertaking the major works under traffic lights rather than a

full closure to prevent the issue recurring.

It was noted there was a serious accident on the A536 in October, and the Clerk was requested to obtain information on this from Cheshire Police.

It was noted that a Halloween gathering in Maggoty Wood resulted in a large amount of litter/decorations being left behind; the thanks of both the council and National Trust were recorded to the residents who cleared the wood up the following day.

It was reported that the cabling to the Christmas lights was damaged and require repair in advance of the switching on of the lights.

It was noted that complaints had been received from residents regarding the number of dogs in the park and that the 'no dogs' signs were persistently being removed. Cllr Woods undertook to install a more robust sign.

It was reported that some visitors to the village hall had struggled to locate the park and noted that quotes were being obtained for an illuminated noticeboard for the Village Hall.

It was reported that the hole in the park hedge was growing larger the faded stop line at the crossroads was continuing to get worse.

A blocked grid on Church Lane at the entrance to Gawsworth Hall was reported.

Thanks were noted to Simon Tuke for cleaning the war memorial and Cllr Richards reported a wreath had been laid on behalf of the council on Remembrance Sunday.

**20/102 To consider planning matters**

- a) To consider application 20/4730M – Parkmount, Marton Lane**
- b) To consider application 20/4408M – Paddock House, Woodhouse End Road**
  - a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objection subject to the new driveway being designed to be suitably permeable to allow surface water to drain and the planning officer being satisfied that the loss of the chimney and differing roof heights will not be detrimental to the architectural merit of the original building.
  - b) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of the impact on the environment and ecology and to support the points raised by the Nature Conservation Officer in particular it is considered the pond should be restored on the site and that additional hedging be planted both for ecology and to provide greater screening of the site.

**20/103 To consider arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch On and associated celebrations**

It was agreed that Lightech undertake whatever repairs necessary to the Christmas lights and that they be switched on as soon as possible.

It was noted that an electrical supply would be required for any illuminations at Penningtons Lane and agreed this be explored for 2021 and agreed to install some decorations/solar lights on the green this year.

It was agreed to organise a Christmas trail to raise funds for local charities and Cllr Clarke undertook to arrange this.

Cllr Briercliffe left the meeting.

**20/104 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. Cllr Briercliffe re-joined the meeting.

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

**20/105 To consider a response to the Cheshire East Council Corporate Plan consultation**

It was agreed that the Clerk submit a response to the consultation based on the comments circulated by Cllrs Woods and Briercliffe.

**20/106 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs**

The logs were noted.

**20/107 Member questions to the clerk**

No questions were raised.

**20/108 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**

The dates were noted.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payee	Detail	Amount
Northwich Town Council	October Parish Maintenance	646.80
TR Aindow Ltd	Repairs to Bus Shelter	432.00
P Woods	Reimbursement – new sanitiser dispenser	18.48
A Keppel-Green	Nov/Dec Salary and Reimbursements	937.91
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,035.19</b>