

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of the council meeting held*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (via Zoom)**

**20/128 Present**

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

**20/129 To receive apologies for absence**

All members were present.

**20/130 To note the declaration of members' interests**

Cllr Woods declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 21/0326M on the grounds of being known to the applicant.

**20/131 Public Participation**

A resident raised concern at the condition of Wardle Crescent at the junction of Church Lane with a number of shallow potholes.

**20/132 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject a correction to 20/115 to remove duplicate words and an addition to the same to note that the frame to the sign also required replacement.

**20/133 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)**

Cllr Smetham joined the meeting and reported that the proposed budget would see the Cheshire East Council Tax would be increasing by 4.99% of which 2.99% is for social care. Cllr Smetham highlighted the census would be taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Cllr Woods enquired whether Cheshire East Council was aware of any fraud in respect of the COVID grants, it having been highlighted as an issue nationally. Cllr Smetham stated she did not have any information on the matter.

Cllr Briercliffe highlighted the poor condition of roads such as Woodhouse Lane

where the number of potholes are significant and enquired as to the service standards Cheshire East Highways was expected to maintain the roads; Cllr Smetham stated there will be standards set out in the contract.

**20/134 To receive reports of Parish Matters**

Cllr Shepherd reported that a fallen streetname sign on Hillcrest Road had been repaired and that the Penningtons Lane sign and legs at the junction with Gawsforth Road required replacement. Cllr Shepherd reported that the Highburch Wood prior approval application had been refused and that the plot of land at Penningtons Lane which had secured consent for a three-bedroom detached house was being marketed as a four-bedroom property; the Clerk undertook to raise this with planning enforcement.

Cllr Woods reported a resident complaint of dog mess on the pavement outside Nancy's Wood. Cllr Woods reported on an incident where an articulated lorry got stuck on Lowes Lane which had been reported to Cheshire East Highways, and that via Cllr Smetham it was reported that no engineering works were planned to Lowes Lane in the future.

Cllr Woods requested that quotes be obtained for the reinstatement of the stepping stones in Nancy's Wood for the next meeting.

It was noted that the Community Shop was celebrating its 10-year anniversary and had been featured on BBC Northwest Tonight the preceding evening. The Council noted its appreciation of the work of the volunteers who have made the shop so successful.

**20/135 To consider planning matters**

- a) **To consider application 21/0326M – Sunny Croft, Church Lane**
- b) **To consider application 20/5311M – 32 Hillcrest Road, Gawsforth**
  - a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
  - b) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to the local highways officer having no concerns the fence will impact on safety at the junction.

**20/136 To consider creating a community orchard in Gawsforth Park**

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with developing a community orchard at the park and for the Clerk to make arrangements alongside arranging for works to be undertaken to remove the poor-quality shrubs/trees near the space.

**20/137 To consider reinstating a pond in Gawsforth Park**

It was **RESOLVED** not create a new pond in the previous wetland area.

**20/138 To consider schemes to put forward to Cheshire East Council under their '20s Plenty' and Active Travel schemes**

It was agreed that the Clerk obtain further information from Cheshire East Council as to how the '20s Plenty' scheme will be implemented and what infrastructure is

required to do so.

It was agreed that the council would not submit any proposals to Cheshire East Council on specific schemes at this stage but that individual councillors could do so.

**20/139 To consider whether the Parish Council should lease land at Moss Terrace, Penningtons Lane for some use**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should not be directly involved in the use of the land and to refer the matter back to the John Upton charity.

**20/140 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.

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

**20/141 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs**

The logs were noted and Cllr Clarke reported a blocked gully at the corner of Wardle Crescent and Woodhouse Lane.

**20/142 Member questions to the clerk**

It was requested that quotes be circulated to members for planned works in addition to any report.

**20/143 Public Participation**

The Clerk read a comment submitted via Zoom during the meeting from a resident of Moss Terrace who stated he would be willing to maintain the land as a public garden at his own cost; the clerk undertook to pass the details of the offer to the clerk of the charity.

A representative of the Community Shop thanked the council for the positive comments on their BBC coverage and noted that due to COVID the celebrations would be muted; it was further stated that they were keen to work with other community groups in coordinating any post-lockdown celebrations.

**20/144 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings**

The dates were noted.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Payee	Detail	Amount
GR Bayley	Repair of Streetlight (Penningtons Lane)	343.24
P Woods	Reimbursement: Outdoor Dispenser Box (x2)	24.72
A Keppel-Green	February Salary and Reimbursements	775.22
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,143.18</b>