

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 13th April 2021 (via Zoom)

20/163 Present

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

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

20/164 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Clarke.

20/165 To note the declaration of members' interests

No member declared an interest in any item.

20/166 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

20/167 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 9th March

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes subject to a correction to 20/150 to refer to Hollands Nursery.

20/168 To receive a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Smetham joined the meeting and highlighted the forthcoming consultation on the community governance review proposals and the national online condolence book for HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Cllr Smetham further reported that enforcement was ongoing at the Chain and Gate, that Cheshire East Council were looking to create a borough wide TRO to enable enforcement of speed limits in the areas they were missing and that the litter picking equipment that the community had use of was only on loan from ANSA.

Cllr Tyrrell joined the meeting.

Cllr Puddicombe joined the meeting and reported that the link road is not on the Strategic Planning agenda for April and likely deferred until May or later. Cllr Puddicombe further thanked Cllr Woods for his paper on active travel and that

the Cheshire East Cabinet met that day and deferred the decision on the Congleton Household Waste Recycling Centre.

20/169 To receive reports of Parish Matters

Cllr Parry reported she had received an enquiry regarding rubbish at Lodge Farm, Pexhill Road which they suspected was contaminated waste, requesting Cheshire East Council inspect it. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of Henbury Parish Council as the land was within their area.

Cllr Shepherd raised a query regarding a request for a media comment; it was agreed that the clerk would draft a short policy / standing order on the subject.

Cllr Woods reported that as a member of the Ramblers Association he was attending a meeting with a Cheshire East PROW officer and asked if the council had any points for him to raise. Cllr Woods further noted that a number of people were undertaking litter picks in the community and highlighted a recent social media post concerning littering and young people meeting in the village hall car park, suggesting that the council should discuss what, if anything, should be done to deter this. Cllr Woods further suggested the installation of a shelter within the park and requested it be considered at a future meeting.

Cllr Briercliffe highlighted the recent accident on Woodhouse End Road and enquired if any further information had been supplied to the council, which it had not and reported that the seat outside the shop required refurbishment.

20/170 To consider arrangements for meetings during the pandemic post 7th May

It was noted that in the event of the forthcoming High Court case determining that virtual meetings would not be lawful under the Local Government Act 1972 the May meeting would be brought forward to 4th May to allow a virtual annual meeting to be held under the regulations in force under the Coronavirus Act 2020 and that the meeting would determine how to conduct business whilst the pandemic continues.

20/171 To consider planning application 21/1847M - 2 Brookhouse Barn, Congleton Road

It was **RESOLVED** to comment that the council requires clarification as to whether the proposal is for a triple or double garage and clarification as to the ground levels and consequent height of the development before it can articulate a view on the application.

20/172 To consider financial matters

a) To note the council's financial position to 31st March

b) To note and approve payments

a) The council's financial position was noted.

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

20/173 To consider the Parish Maintenance and Actions Logs

It was noted that the bus shelter opposite Penningtons Lane had been repaired but the shelter at Penningtons Lane had not. The faded stop lines at Dark Lane were highlighted as a particular safety concern.

20/174 Member questions to the clerk

The Clerk responded to questions stating that there had been no update on the safer roads fund works and that he would chase Cheshire East for a reply; that a meeting of the community governance review committee would be convened and that he had been awaiting the outcome of the CEC Constitution Committee meeting and that he was awaiting a third quote for a review of the conservation area.

20/175 Public Participation

Read comments.

20/176 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

Noted

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Detail	Amount
Northwich Town Council	Contract, Woodland and Tennis Court works	2,612.70
ChALC	Councillor Training	115.00
G & G Roadsigns	Replacement Street Name Signs (Longbutts, Moss View and Penningtons)	559.20
A Keppel-Green	April Salary and Reimbursement	483.72
	Total	3,770.62