

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the annual council meeting held
Wednesday 5th May 2021 (via Zoom)

21/000 PRESENT

Cllrs Richards (presiding), Briercliffe, Briggs, Clarke, Mitchell, Parry, Shepherd and Woods
A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

21/001 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Richards as Chairman and he signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

21/002 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Shepherd as Deputy Chairman and she signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

21/003 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following appointments:

Gawsworth Village Hall Committee	Cllr Woods
ChALC Meetings	Cllr Briggs
Danes Moss Liaison Meetings	Cllr Shepherd

21/004 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING WORKING GROUPS

It was **RESOLVED** to Cllrs Briggs, Clarke, Mitchell and Tyrrell to the Park and Woodland working group and Cllrs Parry, Shepherd and Woods to the Communications working group.

21/005 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of public were present on Zoom.

21/006 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held 14th April 2021.

21/007 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2020/21

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounting Statements 2020/21.

21/008 DISCHARGE OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS DURING PANDEMIC

It was noted that the ability to hold lawful formal meetings via Zoom expires on 7th May. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the council will not hold physical meetings until such time as the requirements for social distancing are removed and the majority of members are happy to attend physical meetings
- b) authority is delegated to the Clerk to make any decisions necessary to continue council business during this period.
- c) the Clerk only exercise this authority following counsel from members.
- d) monthly Zoom meetings will be held to:
 - i. Provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues with the council
 - ii. Provide an opportunity for the borough councillors to report to and take questions from parish councillors
 - iii. Provide an opportunity for councillors to discuss matters and provide advice to the clerk on any decisions that are considered necessary