

# Gawsworth Parish Council

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## Minutes of the informal meeting of the members of Gawsworth Parish Council held Tuesday 11th May 2021 and broadcast on Facebook.

### 1 PRESENT

Cllrs Richards (presiding), Briercliffe, Clarke, Mitchell, Parry, Shepherd and Woods

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

### 4 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Apologies had been received from the three Cheshire East Councillors.

Cllr Smetham had sent in a report highlighting that Cllr Sarah Pochin (Bunbury) had been elected Mayor of Cheshire East at the annual meeting held the week prior and that a formal ceremonial Mayor Making would be held later in the year and that the council was now operating a committee system.

### 5 PARISH MATTERS

It was reported that the bench on Church Lane required revarnishing and that the dropped kerbs near St James' Avenue had been installed by Cheshire East.

It was requested that the council discuss creating a 'Green Gawsworth' strategy and consider setting up a working group to lead on footpath issues at its next meeting.

Cllr Woods reported on a meeting with Cheshire East Council regarding asset transfer, suggesting the council discuss taking on the open space land near St James' Avenue and the former materials store on Maggoty Lane.

It was noted that proposals under the Safer Road Fund had been circulated but there was no information on whether speed limit changes were proposed on the A536.#

It was noted that surveys were being undertaken on the LPS15 site, and the Clerk undertook to enquire if any pre-application engagement had taken place within Cheshire East Council.

It was noted the noticeboard councillors list and tennis court contact notice needed updating.

## **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*21/2362M Shellow Lane Farm, Shellow Lane*

Members expressed concern regarding the safety of the access from Shellow Lane, and sought assurances of the Highways Officer that it presents no safety issue. It was further requested that it be clarified whether the access is truly permitted development.

*21/1543M Agricultural Land off Shellow Lane*

Members expressed the view that if the development goes ahead there should be a removal of permitted development rights to prevent conversion to residential.

## **7 PLANNING POLICY**

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan had been approved at referendum, but members reflected that more could have been done to promote the plan in advance of polling.

It was agreed that the council should comment on the Cheshire East Council Housing SPD stating that it should be stronger on what 'in conjunction with Parish Councils' with respect to housing need surveys and that this should include the right to interrogate the data.

## **8 NANCY'S WOOD**

It was noted that the impact of the recent tree works was severe and it was felt the arboriculture survey was difficult to follow/understand. It was noted that replanting would be undertaken in the tree planting season and that Cllr Woods was beginning to prepare a plan.

It was agreed that in future contractors should be asked to refer any questions from the public in relation to work they are undertaking to the clerk.

## **9 CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW**

It was noted that further quotes were awaited and agreed it be discussed at the next meeting.

## **10 BROADBAND SURVEY**

The results of the survey were noted. It was agreed that a broadband page should be added to the website to share the data and information on local connection/suppliers.

**11 SHELTER IN THE PARK**

The idea of a shelter in the park was discussed. It was noted it needed thorough consideration as to the potential locations one could be installed and the likely cost and specification of any shelter.

**12 FINANCE**

The council's financial position was noted and it was noted that the clerk would authorise the following payments:

Payee	Detail	Amount
ChALC	Annual Membership	514.80
Northwich TC	Maintenance + Park Hedge Repair	1,474.80
GM Accounting	Q4 and YE Payroll	86.40
A Keppel-Green	May Salary and Reimbursement	501.27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,577.27</b>

**13 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS**

The logs were noted. It was reported that issue 2001 (Congleton Road surface) and 1805 (highway by the Lych Gate) had deteriorated.

The lewd behaviour in the layby was noted and it was agreed the clerk raise this with the PCSO to see what can be done to prevent its recurrence.

**14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Clerk read a comment from Facebook highlighted the hedges on the double bend at Church Lane require cutting.

**15 NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.