

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Tuesday 14th September 2021 in Gawsworth Scout Hall

21/009 PRESENT

Cllrs Richards (presiding), Briercliffe, Briggs, Parry, Shepherd and Woods

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

21/010 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke and Mitchell.

Noting that due to the suspension of formal meetings Cllrs Clarke and Mitchell has been unable to attend a formal meeting within the prior four months it was **RESOLVED** to approve the reasons for absence.

21/011 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

21/012 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

21/013 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held 5th May 2021 subject to a correction to add Cllr Briggs to the attendance list.

21/014 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllrs Jeuda, Puddicombe and Smetham had tendered apologies.

21/015 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Shepherd reported that the Penningtons Lane ginnel required attention and that footpaths in the area were in need of weed removal; asked that information be obtained from Cheshire East Council about the reported compulsory purchase of verges on Congleton Road and enquired if any news had been received concerning the mast.

Cllr Woods reported that the hedge at the Village Hall required a drastic reduction and it was noted the Clerk was in the process of arranging this. Cllr Woods further highlighted that the council was still awaiting a response to its request for data on the speed review of the A536 and it was requested that the clerk report the damage to the play area to the Police.

Cllr Briercliffe reported that the footpaths along the A536 from Forge Close to Lowes Lane were overgrown with brambles constituting a tripping hazard.

Cllr Richards reported that there was often standing water on Woodhouse Lane before the bridge (around the corner at the farm) and enquired as to the status of the Conservation Area Review.

21/016 PLANNING MATTERS

21/4113M Land North of Congleton Road

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application in its current guise on the grounds of the prematurity of the application; the lack of pre-application consultation; concern over a portion of the site coming forward without the remainder; the size, location and design of the roundabout; the location of the employment land; the lack of agreement to the masterplan from all landowners; the width of the main road and the proposal to front properties onto it and the lack of detail of heights within the masterplan.

21/4723M 6 Harrington Drive

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to the planning officer being satisfied that the proposed scale of the extension is in keeping with the neighbouring properties and street scene.

21/4274M 47 Woodhouse Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to a condition that the garage remain ancillary to the main dwelling.

21/017 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was **RESOLVED** that a leaflet be delivered to all homes encouraging residents to respond and providing a prepaid postage form to make responding easy.

21/018 IMPROVEMENTS TO PENNINGTONS LANE GREEN

It was agreed that the existing shrubbery should be removed and the plans for the improvements for the area reviewed. It was noted the Clerk would bring costed proposals to the next meeting.

21/019 PARK REPAIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

It was **RESOLVED** not to progress the commissioning of a new village hall noticeboard/sign and to explore alternative options.

The Clerk reported that further quotations were awaited for repairs to play equipment and the village hall gate post.

21/020 FUTURE MEETINGS

It was **RESOLVED** to resume holding meetings in person and that the meetings be livestreamed but that should the situation with regard to the coronavirus pandemic worsen the council would revert to holding informal meetings to provide guidance to the Clerk to act on delegated authority under the arrangements approved in minute 21/008.

21/021 FINANCE

The council's financial position year to date was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:

Payee	Detail	Amount
Northwich Town Council	July / August Parish Maintenance	1,913.40
A Keppel-Green	September Salary and Reimbursements	520.72
P Woods	Reimbursement - Sanitiser	15.95
HMRC	Q2 PAYE	329.80
ChALC	Chairmanship Training (PS)	25.00
	Total	2,804.87

The Internal Auditor's report was noted.

21/022 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted.

21/023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present and there had been no comments online.

21/024 NEXT MEETING DATES

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 19th October.