

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Tuesday 19th October 2021 in Gawsworth Scout Hall

In advance of the meeting, the Chairman expressed the congratulations of the Council to the Clerk on being named Clerk of the Year in the NALC Star Council Awards 2021.

21/025 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

21/026 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briggs and Clarke.

21/027 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Richards declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 21/4658M on the grounds of being well known to the applicant.

21/028 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

21/029 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held 14th September 2021 subject to the following corrections: removal of Cllr Mitchell from the attendance list, removal of 'required' in reference to the mast near Penningtons Lane in 21/015, addition of reference to the condition of footpaths in the Penningtons Lane area in 21/015 and amendment to 21/017 to refer to delivering leaflets to all homes in the parish.

21/030 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham reported that works to install the average speed cameras on the A536 was ongoing and that no highway work was undertaken at Dark Lane as the signs inferring works were to be undertaken were supposed to be installed at Dark Lane, Henbrury. Cllr Smetham noted that the Community Governance Review consultation was ongoing, that it was important that residents respond and highlighted that Eaton Parish Council had produced a good response to the consultation. Cllr Smetham further highlighted that Dark Lane and Gawsorth Road would not be gritted in the winter due to the changes to gritting routes.

Cllr Jeuda spoke remotely stating that she had returned to council duties after a short break due to caring duties and responded to questions stating that she had no update on the progression of a mast at the Congleton Road playing fields.

21/031 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Parry reported she understood that builders had stated they would need access to land outside the development boundary of the development site at Congleton Road.

Cllr Shepherd reported that Macclesfield Town Council had responded to the LPS15 outline application and the Clerk read the comment for members, Cllr Shepherd enquired as to why the application was down for a delegated decision rather than committee decision and the Clerk undertook to raise this with Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Mitchell enquired if Cheshire East Council had provided the output of the speed review for the A536, the Clerk advised that no response had been received to his requests for the information.

Cllr Woods advised that works to clear and replant at Nancy's Wood would be undertaken in November and raised the issue of the change in gritting routes, noting that publicity would be included in the *Gawsorth Gazette* to promote changes to residents.

21/032 PLANNING MATTERS

21/5155M 25 Sussex Avenue

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

21/4997M Hillside, Gawsorth Road

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.

21/4658M Millend Farm, Harbour Lane

Cllr Richards abstained from discussion and voting on this application.

It was **RESOLVED** to seek clarity with regard to the existing track on the site and that no objections would be raised to the application if it proposed a single track on site but that if the proposal was for a second track the council would object on the grounds of inappropriate development.

21/033 IMPROVEMENTS TO PENNINGTONS LANE GREEN

It was **RESOLVED** to remove the overgrowth at Penningtons Lane ready for improvements to the area.

21/034 CHESHIRE EAST MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Woods draft a response to the informal consultation on the new Cheshire East Council Member Code of Conduct and circulate to all members prior to the Clerk finalising a submission to ChALC on the code.

21/035 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
A Keppel-Green	October Salary and Reimbursements	525.31
Leander Architectural	2 x Cast Aluminium Street Name Signs	582.00
Northwich Town Council	September Maintenance Works	617.40
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit 2020/21	240.00
GM Accountancy	Q2 Payroll	43.20
	Total	2,007.91

The External Auditor's report was noted.

21/036 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted. The obstruction of a claimed PROW was discussed and it was agreed this be reviewed by the footpaths working group. It was reported that benches required re-treatment.

21/037 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

21/038 NEXT MEETING DATES

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 9th November.