

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Tuesday 16th November 2021 in Gawsworth Scout Hall

21/039 PRESENT

Cllrs Shepherd (presiding pro tempore), Clarke, Hardy, Parry, Richards, Woods and Wright.

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

21/040 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briggs and Mitchell.

21/041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

21/042 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to address the council.

21/043 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 19th 2021.

21/044 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Three candidates had applied to be co-opted for two seats.

A signed ballot was held for the first vacancy and it was **RESOLVED** by the Chairman's casting vote to co-opt Adam Hardy to the council. Cllr Hardy signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

A signed ballot was held for the second vacancy and it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Julia Wright to the council. Cllr Wright signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

Thanks were expressed to the third candidate for their interest in joining the council.

21/044 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Referring to discussion at the previous meeting, Cllr Smetham confirmed that the LPS15 application would be determined by the Strategic Planning Board and not by delegated decision. Cllr Smetham further highlighted the Community Governance Review consultation and that Dark Lane would remain on the gritting route due to the potential for traffic signals at the crossroads.

Cllr Puddicombe noted that the letter submitted by one of the landowners of the LPS15 sight was an interesting read and reported that Cheshire East Council has two preferred bidders for the SMDA site.

21/045 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Hardy reported that a number of signs required cleaning across the parish.

A brief discussion was held on arrangements for switching on of the Christmas Lights and it was agreed that no event should be held due to the pandemic but noted that the Hub was holding a Christmas event, that there would be carol singers from the Church and the sleigh tractor would be going through the village.

Cllr Woods reported planting in Nancy's Wood was planned for the coming weekend following clearance works.

Cllr Shepherd reported that there was no sign at Moss Terrace and requested it be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Richards joined the meeting and assumed the chair.

21/046 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Cllr Puddicombe was invited to address the meeting and stated that whilst he and Cllr Jeuda supported the principle of transferring part of Gawsworth Parish into Macclesfield Parish they would not be lobbying on the issue, do not consider the area ill served by the Parish Council and that they would consider all points raised by the council and residents.

It was **RESOLVED** that subject to inclusion of reference to Friends of Gawsworth School, the 'convenience' of the current governance arrangements, highlighting errors in the consultation documents and the inappropriate justification for revised boundaries that the draft consultation submission outlining the council's objections to the proposed transfer of part of Gawsworth Parish to Macclesfield Parish be approved.

21/047 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident reported she had volunteered to coordinate the dissemination of poppy wreaths

for the parish on behalf of the Royal British Legion and requested that when removed from the memorial that they are appropriately disposed of.

21/048 PLANNING MATTERS

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections to application 21/5587M - 29 Surrey Road.

21/049 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
A Keppel-Green Nov/Dec	Salary plus reimbursements (inc printing and postage of CGR survey)	1,394.38
Northwich Town Council	October Parish Maintenance	927.30
Bob Garner	Installation of Street Name Signs	150.00
Paul Bethell Electrical	Repair to Bus Stop Light	60.00
Royal Mail	Response Services Licence	119.40
A Keppel-Green	Reimbursement of Nancy's Wood Planting	691.45
	Total	3,342.53

21/050 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted.

It was reported that the footway opposite the Rookery is in a poor and deteriorating condition.

21/051 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk was requested to circulate the planning officer's report for 21/2919M and obtain an update on the review of the Conservation Area.

21/052 NEXT MEETING DATES

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 11th January 2022.