

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of a meeting of the council held*

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Gawsworth Scout Hall**

#### **21/053 PRESENT**

Cllrs Richards (presiding), Hardy, Parry and Shepherd.

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

#### **21/054 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mitchell and Wright.

Cllr Woods was in attendance virtually.

#### **21/055 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest in any item.

#### **21/056 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to address the council.

#### **21/057 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 subject to the addition of the council expressing thanks to the third co-option candidate.

#### **21/058 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Smetham reported that there was an increase of two in the number of areas within Cheshire East which are in the top 20% most deprived in England, which include parts of Crewe, Macclesfield, Wilmslow, Alsager and Congleton. Cllr Smetham further reported that the number of children in care in Cheshire East has also increased over the past five years. Cllr Smetham reported that the council tax was set to increase 4.99%.

Cllr Parry raised a query about the allocation of a county farm, Cllr Smetham undertook to look into it.

#### **21/059 PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr Shepherd highlighted the new consultation on updated plans for the South Macclesfield Development Area, it was agreed that the Clerk submit updated comments based on Cllr Shepherd's feedback on the revisions.

Cllr Woods expressed concern that there had been another accident at the crossroads, stated it was important to progress the improvements at the Penningtons Lane green now the shrubbery had been removed and expressed thanks to the numerous volunteers who supporting the planting of trees, bulbs and whips at Nancy's Wood. Cllr Woods further stated that he had reported a fallen branch on the A536 for which Cheshire East Council disclaimed responsibility.

#### **21/060 JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk work with Cllr Woods to submit a response to the consultation.

#### **21/061 REPLACEMENT STREET NAME SIGNS**

It was **RESOLVED** to install a new sign at Moss Terrace and undertake work to make the Cowbrook Lane sign legible.

#### **21/062 MEETING STREAMING EQUIPMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase equipment for the streaming of meetings at a cost of £1,088.

#### **21/0463 FINANCE**

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

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lightech	Replacement Light Arch	2,064.00
F Morrey and Son	Trees for Nancy's Wood	257.70
Northwich Town Council	November Works	887.10
Gort and March	Q3 Payroll	43.20
Ivy Cottage Tree Farm	Pleasance Christmas Tree	280.00
Royal Mail	Response Services (42)	26.83
HMRC	Q3 PAYE	329.80
Jolt	Website Hosting and SSL	159.60
A Keppel-Green	January Salary and Reimbursements	593.20

R Richards	Reimbursement: Wreath	18.50
Groundwork UK	Return of unspent Neighbourhood Plan Grant	1033.28
A Leigh Grounds Contractors	Removal of Vegetation at Penningtons Lane	500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,193.21</b>

**21/064          2022/23 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget and set the precept at £28,186.

**21/065          SUPPORT OF DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE SCOUT HALL**

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange the installation of the defibrillator and monthly checks.

**21/066          TRAINING**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk attending the SLCC Virtual Practitioners' Conference and Virtual Community Engagement Seminar.

**21/067          PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS**

The logs were noted.

**21/068          QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK**

Cllr Parry enquired what could be done to encourage attendance of all members at council meetings and the Clerk explained the statutory position. Cllr Hardy sought an update on the Community Governance Review which the Clerk undertook to obtain.

**21/069          NEXT MEETING DATES**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.