

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Wednesday 9th February 2022 in Gawsworth Scout Hall

21/070 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

21/071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke and Woods.

21/072 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

21/073 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PCSO Julia Short provided a brief policing update and, noting her impending retirement, the council expressed its thanks for her service to the community.

21/074 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January.

21/075 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham reported that the council had agreed an increase of 2.99% to council tax and noted that there were presently 9 applications in for the South Macclesfield Development Area. Cllr Smetham reported that three meetings had been scheduled to finalise the Community Governance Review on 4th April (sub-committee) 14th April (Corporate Policy Committee) and 27th April (Full Council).

Cllr Jeuda reported that both she and Cllr Puddicombe had received a high level of correspondence objecting to the SMDA applications; the council discussed the applications and it was agreed the clerk should prepare an updated response from the Parish Council in particular supporting the position of Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

21/076 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Shepherd reported that the groundworks for the new mast at the Congleton Road Playing Fields was progressing and the mast was expected to arrive shortly.

Cllr Parry reported that a resident had complained to her that the ‘your councillors’ posters in the noticeboards were outdated.

Cllr Mitchell questioned if any further response had been received from Cheshire East about a speed review of the A536.

The comments of Cllr Woods were read, asking if the council would be doing anything for the jubilee. It was noted that Gawsworth Hall was hosting a Young Timer Car Rally on the Friday but the council did not look to organise any activity.

21/077 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/6315M – Gawsworth Community Shop, 2-4 Longbutts Lane

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

22/0051M – 1 Manley Road

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections but question if the converted bathroom to bedroom is a sufficient size to meet national room standards.

21/078 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PENNINGTONS LANE GREEN

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a planting scheme for the green and review whether benches should be installed in the future.

21/079 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

It was noted that due to the number of non-elected (co-opted) councillors, the council was unable to seek re-accreditation at its Quality Gold level.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council confirms it meets the eligibility requirements for the Foundation level of the Local Council Award Scheme and to seek accreditation at this level.

21/080 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
SLCC	Clerk's Training Courses	144.00
ChALC	Councillor Training	30.00
Northwich TC	December Works	813.90
A Keppel-Green	Feb Salary plus reimbursements (inc audio equipment)	2,041.51
	Total	3,029.41

21/081 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted. It was noted that the pavement by the Rookery had been repaired, that there were several hanging branches in the avenue trees and that the stop sign outside the Old Post Office was flat against the building.

21/082 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The clerk responded to a question providing an update on the Conservation Area Review, stating the consultant would be contacting Cllr Richards to arrange a visit to Gawsworth Hall.

21/083 NEXT MEETING DATE

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 9th March.