

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of a meeting of the council held*

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April in the Gawsworth Scout Hall**

#### **21/103          PRESENT**

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

#### **21/104          APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wright.

Cllr Woods was in attendance virtually.

#### **21/105          DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an in interest in any item under discussion.

#### **21/106          PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

#### **21/107          APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to and confirm the minutes of the meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 subject to the addition of “with support from the John Upton Charity” to minute 21/094.

Cllr Clarke arrived.

#### **21/108          CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Puddicombe provided an update on the programme for the Community Governance Review, stating that the Full Council would make a final decision at the end of April but that the revised recommendations saw the parish council's views taken into account. Cllr Puddicombe further reported that a meeting between the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Leader of the Council had discussed the SMDA development and it was noted that there is now a greater knowledge of peat and the impact of development than at the outline application stage.

## **21/109          PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr Woods reported that he had been in discussion with a reporter from the BBC Politics Today programme about the Community Governance Review but that it was unlikely to proceed now the review outcome was likely to not go against community wishes. Cllr Woods highlighted that the council's updated objection to the SMDA application was not on the planning portal and requested it be circulated to members.

Cllr Woods further reported he had attended two briefings on affordable housing; one with Cheshire East Council and one with Cheshire Community Action but that he was left uncertain of the policy on allocation of affordable housing in LPS15 due to apparent conflicts in policy.

Cllr Shepherd expressed the thanks of the council to all residents who responded to the consultation on the Community Governance Review.

Cllr Parry reported that the Dark Lane sign at Pexhill Road was now illegible. It was noted it was outside the parish boundary.

Cllr Hardy reported that the stop sign at Dark Lane was still broken and questioned when the speed cameras along the A536 would become operational.

Cllr Clarke reported that the pavement along Church Lane required siding out again.

Cllr Richards encouraged all members to give consideration to putting themselves forward to serve as Deputy Chairman at the annual meeting.

## **21/110          PLANNING MATTERS**

### Application 22/0705 – High Lane Farm, Congleton Road

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that it is not considered the application meets the criteria for class Q permitted development criteria as the building has not been in constant agricultural use. The council is uncertain of the feasibility of conversion due to the lack of height measurements shown on the plans.

The latest decisions were noted.

**21/111 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027**

It was **RESOLVED** to consult on the draft vision and objectives subject to typographical corrections and the addition of “and protect the rural identity of Gawsorth” to objective GPC3.

**21/112 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>
R Allen	Removal of Christmas Tree	80.00
ChALC	Annual Membership	506.16
Northwich Town Council	Jan/Feb Parish Maintenance	1,698.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,284.16</b>

**21/113 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS**

The logs were noted and it was reported that maintenance issue 2205 had been fixed.

**21/114 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK**

No questions were raised.

**21/115 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**21/116 NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was noted that annual meeting of the council would be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.