

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Wednesday 6th 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 9th March and 13th 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 Gawsforth” to objective GPC3.

21/112 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
R Allen	Removal of Christmas Tree	80.00
ChALC	Annual Membership	506.16
Northwich Town Council	Jan/Feb Parish Maintenance	1,698.00
	Total	2,284.16

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 11th May.