

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of a meeting of the council held*

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Gawsworth Scout Hall**

#### **22/020 PRESENT**

Cllrs Shepherd (*presiding*), Hardy, Parry, Richards and Woods

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

#### **22/021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke, Mitchell and Wright.

#### **22/022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

#### **22/023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to speak.

#### **22/024 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **22/025 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING WORKING GROUPS**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Clarke and Hardy to the Park and Woodland working group and Cllrs Shepherd and Woods to the Communications working group. It was agreed that the Clerk email all members for them to advise which groups they wish to serve on.

#### **22/026 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Puddicombe spoke in relation to the South Macclesfield Development Area, advising that it

continued to be a major part of his casework and that he was pleased to see the Parish Council's support of the Danes Moss. Cllr Puddicombe outlined that the challenge in opposing the development is that it has outline permission but that he was arguing that there has been a material change in understanding in relation to the importance of the peat.

Cllr Smetham highlighted that the council was preparing for the new Integrated Care Systems, reviewing the Special Educational Needs Green Paper noting that what the council currently legally has to provide in this service is unaffordable. Cllr Smetham further reported that there is a rationalisation of taxi fares across the borough providing greater flexibility to taxi drivers and that there was an upcoming Clean Air Day.

Cllr Woods enquired as to the status of the *Safer Roads Scheme* improvements.

## **22/027          PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr Parry reported that there had been a number of accidents at the junction of Dark Lane and Gawsworth Road due to drivers stopping suddenly at the junction; it was suggested that the 'Give Way' be changed to 'Stop'.

Cllr Richards raised the issue of the standing water and large pothole on Gawsworth Road. The Clerk undertook to raise this with the Local Highways Officer.

Cllr Hardy enquired as to the status of repairs to the stepping stones in Nancy's Wood, the Clerk advised he was struggling to get contractors to quote for the job.

Cllr Woods expressed thanks to those in the community who led on the organisation of the jubilee celebrations. Cllr Woods requested an item at the next meeting regarding Cheshire East Council's affordable housing allocation policy.

Cllr Shepherd highlighted that the pavements around Rising Sun Road were still weedy, that the ginnel from Penningtons Lane required maintenance and noted the need to hasten the planting of the green space.

## **22/028          PLANNING MATTERS**

### To consider application 22/1894M – 5 Forge Close

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to the planning officer being satisfied that the proposals will be constructed so as not to damage/affect the sewerage pipe.

### To consider application 22/1473M – 20 Woodhouse Lane

The plans were not available to view on the Cheshire East Council planning portal, the application was therefore deferred.

## **22/029          VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Cllr Woods reported that members of the committee and trustees had resigned as had the booking secretary but that 2-4 new volunteers had come forward. Cllr Woods explained the hall would be looking to work more closely with the Gawsorth Hub and was exploring improving booking systems. Cllr Woods reported that the AGM was being held on 6<sup>th</sup> July and that the members now looked to have a plan to get management back on track and a new committee established.

Cllr Woods outlined that there were a number of odd jobs at the hall which could be undertaken by a parish ranger if the council introduced on.

The Clerk advised that under the Village Hall License and Management Agreement, the trustees of the hall are to be appointed by the Parish Council, with the AGM determining the elected members for the committee and user groups appointing representatives. Cllr Woods undertook to report to the next meeting, following the AGM of the village hall committee, as to the necessity for the Parish Council to appoint new trustees.

**22/030 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTING REVIEW**

The internal auditor's report was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounting Statements 2021/22

**22/031 REPLACEMENT OF VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK GATE POSTS**

It was noted that only one quote had been received to date despite a number of companies being contacted. It was agreed to defer consideration pending further quotes being received and agreed that alternative options (steel posts) be investigated and that replacing the posts at the other entrance also be explored.

**22/032 FINANCE**

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
A Keppel-Green	June Salary and Reimbursements	531.20
Defib Warehouse	Case, Battery and Pads	913.19
Simon Peake Planning	50% Fee – Conservation Area Appraisal	1,250.00
JDH Business Solutions	Internal Audit 2021/22	237.60
ChALC	Induction Training (JW)	25.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,956.99</b>

**22/033 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS**

The logs were noted.

**22/034            QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK**

The Clerk responded to questions advising that the tree surgeon had attended to trees which he considered required attention in Nancy's Wood and that the Conservation Area appraisal was currently with Cheshire East Council to provide feedback.

**22/035            PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**22/036            DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.