

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Wednesday 13th July in the Gawsworth Scout Hall

In advance of the meeting, Cllr Shepherd announced the resignation of Cllr Evelyn Briggs.

22/037 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

22/038 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Richards.

22/039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

22/040 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative of the Safe Danes Moss Community Group gave an update report on their activity which included the publication of new literature, a leaflet campaign in Macclesfield and obtaining over 17,000 signatures on a Change.org petition against the development. It was further reported that the group was raising funds for a potential legal challenge and had established a GoFundMe. The representative noted the existing water pressure issues in the area and questioned the responsibility of ensuring a sufficient supply for the development; the clerk responded advising that United Utilities, as statutory undertaker, would have a responsibility for ensuring a sufficient water supply to the new properties, it was agreed the clerk write to United Utilities about the issues.

22/041 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June.

22/042 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham highlighted that she had attended a presentation with United Utilities where they provided an update on their work in the region which included a £234 million investment in Cheshire East. Cllr Smetham reported that the Interim Head of Highways was leaving and a new Head of Highways has been appointed.

22/043 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Hardy reported that the St James Church cemetery was likely to be full in five to ten years and that it was presently uncertain if the diocese would permit the church to operate an extension.

Cllr Woods reported that the steps in Nancy's Wood were degrading, with one urgent repair needed and an upgrade required in due course. The clerk would arrange a repair and obtain quotes for an upgrade and was requested to chase the contractor for the re-sanding of the paths.

Cllr Wright reported that a council surgery would be held in the Hub on 6th August from 10:30 to 12pm.

Cllr Shepherd noted that the process for filling the casual vacancy would now commence and the clerk advised the detail of the process.

22/044 COMMUNITY GARDEN PROPOSAL

A proposal from the Gawsorth Hub Gardening Club was received and it was **RESOLVED** to support the principle of permitting a community garden to be created within the park. It was agreed that the Park and Woodland working group would work with the club on proposals and that final proposals would be presented to the council for approval.

22/045 PLANNING MATTERS

22/2289M – Unit 9 Start Business Park, Congleton

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

22/1473M – 20 Woodhouse Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to raise concern that the two driveways in close proximity, which would be created by this application, would present a highway risk and suggests that pruning of the adjacent hedge be undertaken instead.

22/046 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

It was **RESOLVED** to write to Cheshire East Council questioning their policy on the allocation affordable housing in new developments seeking that the need from Gawsworth should be prioritised in the LPS15 allocation.

22/047 APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES TO THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr Woods provided an update following the Village Hall Committee AGM advising that a new committee and officers had been appointed with the meeting giving its thanks to John Truman who stepped down after many years of service.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Tom Aindow, Brenda Hughes and David Hyde as trustees of the Village Hall Committee. The clerk undertook to confirm with Evelyn Briggs if she wished to remain as a trustee.

22/048 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
Npower	December Street lighting	£34.64
Cheshire Community Action	Annual Membership	£50.00
A Keppel-Green	July Salary and Reimbursements	£767.02
HMRC	Q1 PAYE	£335.40
Royal Mail	Prepaid Postage Replies	£2.05
Simon Peake Planning	Conservation Area Appraisal (2/2)	£750.00
ChALC	Roles and Responsibilities Training (JW)	£25.00
Gort and March	Q1 Payroll	£43.20
Northwich TC	May Contract Works	£940.80
B Allen	Treeworks	£860.00
	Total	£3,808.11

22/049 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted. It was agreed that councillors would review items and advise the clerk which were outstanding.

22/050 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

No questions were raised.

22/051 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident asked if the council was aware of the repairs required at the play area; the clerk confirmed the council was aware and was seeking quotations for works.

22/052 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10th August.

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