

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Wednesday 8th February 2023 in the Gawsworth Scout Hall

22/131 PRESENT

Cllrs Shepherd (*presiding*), Clarke, Dempsey, Richards, Parry and Woods.

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

22/132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy, Mitchell and Wright.

22/133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

22/134 ALTERNATIVE VISION FOR DANES MOSS NORTH

The council received a talk on an alternative vision for Danes Moss North (the South Macclesfield Development Area), noting it was backed by Macclesfield Town Council and Cheshire Wildlife Trust. The talk highlighted the environmental value of the land and significant peat deposits; the group was lobbying Natural England to extend the boundary of the existing SSSI.

It was **RESOLVED** to endorse the plan.

22/135 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident spoke in relation to planning application 22/4988M noting they had engaged a planning advisor and that they had spoken with the family of the former landowner who had conveyed their apologies for the way the land was being proposed to be used.

22/136 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January subject to a typographical correction to 22/118 and the addition of a note that it was agreed that the weekly planning lists from Cheshire East Council would be reviewed by the Clerk to ensure the council was able to review all planning applications in the parish, including the determinations which it is not formally notified of.

22/137 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham reported that the council would be agreeing its budget and setting the council tax at a meeting later in the month and that it was facing significant challenges in delivering a balanced budget.

Cllr Puddicombe referenced the chronic underfunding of local government by the central government noting the council was forced to make significant cuts but was seeking to minimise the impact on vulnerable people. Cllr Puddicombe further reported that no-one in the current administration had been able to see the legal agreement agreed by the previous administration with respect the South Macclesfield Development Area and noted that Barratt Homes were looking at a separate application for their part of the site.

22/138 PLANNING MATTERS

23/0066M – Woodhouse Green Farm, Woodhouse End Road

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to Natural England being consulted and the objections from the PROW department being satisfied; it was noted that the council believes the actual path through the site is not as depicted on the plan submitted by PROW and that it is not affected by the proposals.

22/4988M – Land at Woodhouse End Road

It was **RESOLVED** to raise strong objections to the proposal citing its discordance with development plan policies, the lack of waste management provision, the impact on residential and public amenity, incorrect statements in respect of trees in adjoining land, the impact of cattle grazing in the field on the SSSI, the design of the barn not being in keeping with the rural area, that intensive farming in this location is not acceptable and that the intensity of farming would result in an inappropriate increase in traffic through the village.

23/0126C – Shellow Farm, Shellow Lane

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

The latest decisions were noted.

22/1389 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Clarke reported a pothole near the shop, that the stop sign at the crossroads had now gone entirely and noting the impact of inaccurate signage with respect the road closures for the Broken Cross works.

Cllr Woods reported that the Village Hall Committee had discussed replacing the noticeboard at the entrance to the car park and requested the council discuss this at the next meeting with a view to contributing toward the cost. Cllr Woods further noted the bank between the pool and the roadside on Church Lane had degraded and required remedial action and that the path opposite was impassable due to overgrowth.

Cllr Shepherd reported the Sussex Avenue was no longer attached due to the backing board degrading and that she had the sign. Cllr Shepherd further reported that there were a variety of potholes the entire length of Penningtons Lane.

22/140 20 IS PLENTY

It was noted that there were generally two different positions with respect 20mph speed limits with some calling for a blanket reduction of all 30mph zones to 20mph and others calling for them on a case by case basis. It was noted that not all members had seen the presentation circulated by email to some members and that the views of the community should be sought before agreeing a position or where 20mph zones could be introduced.

22/140 REGULAR MEETING DAY

It was **RESOLVED** to return to holding meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from April. It was noted that the May meeting may be held later if the elections are contested due to the timing of the declaration of the poll.

22/141 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	February Salary and Reimbursement	643.89
P Oulton	Repair/Replacement of village hall gates	1024.00
N Power	January Streetlighting Costs	21.24
GritBins.net	Telescopic Shovel (for grit bin)	23.87
SLCC	Practitioners' Conference	375.00
	Total	2,088.00

22/142 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

It was noted the actions relating to signage need reviewing.

22/143 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk responded to questions advising that the tendering for the maintenance contract would commence shortly, that the Friends of Gawsworth Park could request the council funds a new bench for the park, that the council would be considering tree surveys at its next meeting.

It was reported that a new petition against the SMDA development had been created which requires solely residents from Cheshire East to sign.

22/144 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to address the council.

22/145 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 8th March.