

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the council held

Tuesday 11th April 2023 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

In advance of the meeting Cllr Shepherd noted that Cllr Parry had not sought re-election and thanked Cllr Parry for her service to the community.

22/160 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

22/161 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Clarke.

22/162 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

22/163 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

22/164 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 8th March.

22/165 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham reported that due to the pre-election period, there was not a significant amount to report. Cllr Smetham highlighted that Macclesfield Town Council has sown wildflowers on verges.

22/166 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Parry reported that land was for at the former filling station on Shellow Lane and it was agreed this should be highlighted to Cheshire East Council as a potential starter home site.

Cllr Hardy noted that speed limit signs on Church Lane required cleaning and queried if the speed cameras on the A536 were yet operational.

Cllr Dempsey reported a resident has spoken to her regarding an un-answered email, which the Clerk undertook to look into.

Cllr Shepherd asked for an update on the Penningtons Lane planting and the Clerk advised he was waiting for final feedback from members.

Cllr Woods enquired if there any been any update on the A536 Safer Roads Scheme, the status of repairs to the stepping stone in Nancy' Wood, repairs to park equipment and the tendering of the parish maintenance contract.

22/167 PENNINGTONS LANE NOTICEBOARD

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a recycled plastic two-bay replacement noticeboard for the Penningtons Lane, noting it would have a notice advising how public notices can be displayed.

22/168 VILLAGE HALL ENTRANCE SIGN

It was **RESOLVED** to commission an oak sign, with parking symbols at "Play Area and Park" rather than "Park and Play Area"

22/169 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027

The draft plan was reviewed and a number of minor amendments discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk revise the plan, circulate to the council in advance of the Parish Meeting and present on the draft plan at the meeting before the council considers its adoption in May.

22/169 MEADOW AND TREE PLANTING AT WOODHOUSE LANE

It was **RESOLVED** to approve to sow a perennial and annual mix in Autumn for a 2024 display and that the meadow include wildflower bulbs for spring colour.

22/170 PLANNING

23/1250M - Fodens Farm, Woodhouse End Road

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application for retention of the farm house.

23/1251M – Fodens Farm, Woodhouse End Road

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to the ancillary use of the property being retained by condition or s106 agreement.

22/171 FINANCE

The Clerk reported he was in the process of completing the financial year end.

Cllr Mitchell left the meeting.

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
Northwich TC	Feb/March Parish Maintenance	1,177.20
Maple Leaf Design	Repairs to play area	2,754.00
Bob Allen Trees	Removal of Christmas Tree	80.00
HMRC	Q4 PAYE	364.00
Rialtas	Annual Finance Software Licence and Support	216.20
Gort and March	Q4 Payroll Services	45.36
ChALC	Annual Membership	520.22
	Total	5,156.98

Cllr Mitchell re-joined the meeting.

22/172 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted and it was agreed that the parish accessibility audit should be undertaken before installation of a handrail at the Woodhouse Lane steps, to ascertain if a more accessible solution could be found.

22/173 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk responded to a question advising he was raise the littering of the laybys with Cheshire East Council.

22/174 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

22/175 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 16th May.

Cllr Wright submitted her apologies and Cllr Hardy advised he would be late arriving.