

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 12th September 2023 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

23/085 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

23/086 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy and Mitchell

23/087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

23/088 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative of Gawsworth Scouts explained that the defibrillator installed on the Scout Hall was beyond economical require and enquired if the council would be replacing it.

23/089 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th August subject to typographical corrections to 23/073 and 23/081.

23/090 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham reported that the council continued to have financial difficulties, that it would shortly be adopting a new SUDs supplementary planning document and highlighted the

consultation on the FlexiLink service. Cllr Smetham further noted that the £56 green bin charge would be introduced soon.

23/091 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Dempsey raised the placement of the new village hall noticeboard, suggesting it be installed new the ladder sign to be installed, or the right side of the entrance, rather than the previously agreed position of on the hall. It was agreed that the ladder sign installation, hedge pruning and siding out take place first and then the location be determined. The location of the bin in the car park was also raised and it was noted it required relocation to near the grit bin.

Cllr Kinsey raised the need to review the number and location of dog poo bins, and a review of stiles the latter of which it was noted the Footpaths WG would be considering.

Cllr Richards arrived.

Cllr Woods raised the issue of the slippage of land by the Church Lane pools, and discussed RAAC with respect to the village hall noting it was not thought to be present but further advice was being sought. Cllr Woods further reported the new Head at Gawsorth School was keen to engage more with the parish, Cllr Clarke agreed to lead on liaison.

Cllr Richards reported the village fete had raised £1,700, that the gully on Church Lane was still blocked and noted the increase in hedgehogs within the village.

Cllr Shepherd thanked Cllrs Wright, Hardy and Woods for their hosting of the council stall at the village fete and reported that the planting at Penningtons Lane would be taking place before the next meeting and would be promoted to encourage residents to join. Cllr Shepherd reported a letter concerning holiday activity at the school playing fields, stating she had advised the resident to liaise directly with the school. Cllr Shepherd further reported concern seeing a gentleman on a mobility scooter on the main road due to the condition of the pavement.

23/092 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK DEFIBRILATOR

It was **RESOLVED** in principle to replace the defibrillator.

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for a grant from the John Upton Charity for 50% of the cost of a new defibrillator, to include paediatric pads with the new defibrillator, encourage donations from other organisations but that in the event of not securing funds to fund the full cost of the replacement.

23/093 FINANCE

The financial position year to date was noted.

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

| Payee | Detail | Amount |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| PKF Littlejohn | External Audit 2022/23 | 252.00 |

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| ChALC | Roles and Responsibilities Webinar (AH) | 25.00 |
| NPower | July Streetlighting | 23.81 |
| Northwich Town Council | July Contract Works | 780.00 |
| NPower | August Streetlighting | 23.32 |
| A Keppel-Green | September Salary and Reimbursements | 720.21 |
| M Herring | Ranger Contract July/August | 1,025.61 |
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| | Total | 2,849.95 |

23/094 EXTERNAL AUDIT

The conclusion of external audit for the 2022/23 financial year was noted.

23/095 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted, it was noted the issues on the A536 were still outstanding and the overgrown verge on Moss View Road needed urgent attention.

The issue of parking deterrent signs near the school being left out all day was raised, Cllr Clarke undertook to raise it with the school.

It was noted that the community defibrillator training had been arranged for 27th October, it was agreed to offer it to local groups before opening it more widely.

23/096 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk advised that the print deadline for the Gawsworth Gazette is around the 20th of each month.

23/097 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

23/098 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 17th October.