

## Gawsworth Parish Council

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### Minutes

*of the council meeting held*

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the Gawsworth Village Hall**

#### **23/148 PRESENT**

Cllrs Shepherd (*presiding*), Hardy, Clarke, Kinsey, Mitchell, Richards and Woods

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

#### **23/149 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wright.

Cllr Dempsey was in attendance remotely.

#### **23/150 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest in any item.

#### **23/151 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

#### **23/152 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Cllr Kinsey joined the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January subject to two corrections.

#### **23/153 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Smetham reported that gully emptying had been taking place and that parishes are able to fund additional gully emptying.

Cllr Clarke joined the meeting.

Cllr Smetham further reported that enforcement was still in progress at a number of sites. A brief discussion was held in relation to the issuing of an s215 notice at the Old Post Office and the clerk was requested to obtain clarity from Cheshire East on what the notice requires.

**23/154            LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND REVIEW OF CHESHIRE EAST**

It was noted that there was some benefit to the parish being split across two borough wards noting that it meant the parish council had a greater number of councillors to engage with on matters and noting that the Gawsworth Moss area was less rural than the remainder of the parish. It was discussed that the council did not have the views of residents as to whether they would wish for the Gawsworth Moss ward to remain in Macclesfield South or be reunited with the remainder of the parish in Gawsworth ward. It was noted that some found that the ward being named Gawsworth caused confusion in how it related to the parish.

A motion to urge the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to include the entirety of Gawsworth parish within a single borough ward was proposed and seconded but failed.

It was **RESOLVED** not to make a submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission on the review of Cheshire East.

**23/155            PLANNING**

24/0405M – Land off Shellow Lane to the South of Swindells Farm

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

**23/156            LITTER / DOG WASTE BINS**

A motion to explore the installation of additional bins within the parish was proposed and seconded but failed.

**23/157            PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr Dempsey reported an excessive store of manure off Woodhouse End Road expressing concern for leachate from the pile. It was agreed Cllr Dempsey would provide photos to the clerk to report to the Environment Agency.

Cllr Woods reported that green bin collections had thus far been intermittent and highlighted a number of outstanding maintenance issues at the park and Nancy's Wood which the Park and Woodland working group undertook to progress.

Cllr Richards reported that standing water remained on the main road and that water was flowing on Pexhill Road.

Cllr Clarke reported that a significant pothole remained on Longbutts Lane despite other potholes on the road being repaired.

Cllr Shepherd enquired as to the status of the repair to the Penningtons Lane noticeboard, it was noted it was damaged in the storm and the clerk was pursuing an insurance claim for replacement. Cllr Shepherd further requested that progress be made on improved lighting displays for Penningtons Lane and that the matter be discussed in the coming months.

### **23/158 FINANCE**

The financial position year to date was noted.

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
M Herring	Jan/Feb Ranger Contract	807.70
Northwich TC	Dec/Jan Contract Works	702.00
A Keppel-Green	February Salary and Reimbursements	765.01
Gawsworth Scouts	Donation for electricity for Christmas Lights	30.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,304.71</b>

### **23/159 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS**

The logs were noted. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Ranger and volunteers for their work siding out the hedge at the village hall.

### **23/160 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK**

Cllr Richards requested that an item be tabled at the next meeting to consider funding a survey in connection with the extension of the churchyard.

### **23/161 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

### **23/162 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.