

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the Annual Council Meeting held

Tuesday 13th May 2024 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

24/000 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

24/001 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Shepherd as Chair.

24/002 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

It was agreed to defer the election of a Deputy Chair to the next meeting.

24/003 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy and Richards.

24/004 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Woods as the council's representative to the Village Hall Committee and agreed not to appoint a member to the ChALC AGM but to a deputy a member at the appropriate time.

24/005 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING WORKING GROUPS

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint members to working groups as follows:

- Park and Woodland WG – Cllrs Clarke, Hardy and Kinsey
- Communications WG – Cllrs Hardy, Shepherd, Woods and Wright
- Green Gawsworth Strategy WG – Cllrs Dempsey, Hardy, Mitchell and Shepherd

- Footpaths WG – Cllrs Kindsey, Mitchell and Woods

It was agreed that a schedule of working group meetings should be set with working groups meeting at least four times per year and appointing a lead member responsible for ensuring groups meet and reporting to the council.

24/006 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

24/007 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance.

24/008 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 9th April subject to a correction to 23/185 to delete “traffic” in reference to the surveys being undertaken.

24/009 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllrs Puddicombe, Smetham and Wilson had sent apologies.

24/010 PLANNING

24/1445M – New Venture Farm, Marton Lane

It was noted that the appendices to the application were not available and agreed to raise this issue with Cheshire East Council.

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

24/1327M – 27 Hillcrest Road

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

24/011 STRATEGIC PLAN

It was agreed that progress against achieving agreed actions should be reviewed each month. It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following actions for the civic year:

- Submit proposals for additional buildings on CEC Local List of heritage assets
- Finalise update of Park Management Plan
- Consult on an improvement scheme for the play area upgrade
- Establishing the Green Gawsorth Strategy working group commence work on the strategy

- Developing the business case for acquiring the land at Maggoty Lane for a new open space
- Hold a meeting with representatives of community organisations to understand what/how they need support
- Develop a directory listing of community groups on the Gawsworth Life website
- Identifying areas for councillors to further their understanding on issues that may benefit the parish council
- Submit response to CEC Local Plan issues consultation
- Conclude the survey of public rights of way
- Develop PROW improvement plan
- Identify desirable permissive path routes
- Develop an options paper to inform decisions on an extension to burial provision
- Develop a communications strategy
- Revamp the Gawsworth Life website
- Undertake an accessibility audit of the parish

24/012 DOG POO BAG DISPENSERS AND ANTI-FOULING NOTICES

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase “dog bone” bag dispensers and biodegradable bags to be installed at (to be confirmed) locations across the parish alongside appropriate notices to encourage responsible dog ownership.

24/013 PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Improvements to the football pitch were discussed in depth. The principle of installing sockets to enable the goalposts to be moved enabling wear of the grass to be repaired routinely was agreed. It was agreed that the working group review options, including obtaining a grant to fund the purchase of replacement goalposts with nets.

Cllr Clarke provided an update advising that the working group was developing a funding plan and would be tendering on multiple budgets to inform decisions.

24/014 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Mitchell highlighted the report prepared by Peter Hazelhurst concerning brownfield development, encouraging all to read it.

Cllr Woods suggested the school be contacted to plant the flower bed at the Pleasance and noted he had met with the PCSO inviting her to attend a meeting.

Cllr Kinsey highlighted a recent burglary on Lowes Lane, noting the perpetrators had been caught.

Cllr Shepherd reported residents had raised the issue of speeding along Penningtons Lane, noting that a 30mph repeater sign which used to be on the street had been removed some time ago.

24/015 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
M Bullock and Co	Churchyard Extension Survey	450.00
nPower	April Street Lighting	37.83
Gort and March	YE Payroll	45.36
Green Barnes	Replacement Noticeboard	2,228.04
M Herring	March/April Ranger Contract	1,418.04
Northwich TC	April Contract	915.00
Marmax	Benches x 2	757.20
A Keppel-Green	May Salary and Reimbursement	783.25
	Total	6,634.72

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Shepherd, Hardy, Kinsey, Wood and the Clerk as bank signatories.

The CIL monitoring report for the 2023/24 financial year was noted.

24/016 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted. It was agreed to raise the lack of repairs to the Penningtons Lane bus shelter with borough ward councillors.

24/017 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

No questions were raised.

24/018 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were in attendance.

24/019 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13th June.