

# Gawsworth Parish Council

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## Minutes

*of the Council Meeting held*

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the Gawsworth Village Hall**

### **24/020 PRESENT**

Cllrs Shepherd (*presiding*), Hardy, Kinsey, Woods and Wright.

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

### **24/021 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke, Dempsey, Mitchell and Richards.

### **24/022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest in any item.

### **24/025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **24/024 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hardy be elected Deputy Chair.

### **24/025 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### **24/026 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Smetham provided an update on local ward budgets for highways explaining that to date no projects had been brought forward with the current term's funding. Cllr Smetham further reported that decisions on closures of libraries had been deferred due to the general

election and that underground surveys for the crossroads works were still being undertaken. The issue of queuing at the tip was raised and it was noted this had increased since other tips were closed resulting in a risk to road users from dangerous overtaking.

#### **24/027 CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the consultation response with the following amendments:

- Amend 2.2 to refer to borough not county
- Under Q3E demand that reference to Gawsorth be removed
- Under Q3F refer to the importance of effective communication
- Under Q4A add the importance of early engagement with parish councils in both the master planning and detailed design stages
- Under Q6B require equal priority to affordable housing on strategic development sites be given to residents of surrounding parishes

#### **24/028 PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Cllr Hardy reported that tendering had now commenced with a number of price points. The returns would be due on 12<sup>th</sup> July following which the working group would shortlist for a public consultation. It was noted there may be competition within the parish for a Tarmac grant and it was suggested it be applied for with haste.

#### **24/029 PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr Kinsey raised the issue of needing more dog waste bins in key locations and that the snicket from Benbrook Way to the field was overgrown.

Cllr Hardy reported the moss growth on signage on the A536.

Cllr Shepherd raised a request from Cllr Richards that the council consider meeting on Wednesdays, it was noted that the Village Hall was not available on nights other than a Tuesday or Friday and consensus was that meetings remain unchanged.

Cllr Woods raised the issue of parking during events at the church which often resulted in obstruction to the pavement along Church Lane, Cllr Hardy undertook to raise this with the PCC.

#### **24/030 FINANCE**

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

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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JDH Business Services	Internal Audit 2023/24	369.60
A Keppel-Green	June Salary and Reimbursements	818.00
Milton Garden Products	Replacement Picnic Tables – Nancy’s Wood	500.00
HMRC	Q1 PAYE	538.95
Gort and March	Q1 Payroll	47.63
Northwich TC	May Contract	900.00
A Keppel-Green	Reimburse: MOT1/ Bark Mulch / Grit Sand	296.92
NPower	May Streetlighting	35.31
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,506.41</b>

**24/032      AUDIT**

The internal auditor’s report was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the annual governance statements.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the annual accounting statements.

**24/033      STRATEGIC PLAN, PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS**

It was noted the sign at Harrington Drive had been fixed and that the surfacing issue at the A536 should be removed from the log.

It was noted that the sign at Surrey Road required replacement.

**24/034      QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK**

The Clerk was requested to publicise the change in polling station for Gawsworth Moss voters in the upcoming general election.

**24/035      PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**24/036      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.