

# Gawsworth Parish Council

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## Minutes

*of the Council Meeting held*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the Gawsworth Village Hall**

### **24/037 PRESENT**

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

### **24/038 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kinsey, Richards and Wright.

### **24/039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest in any item.

### **24/040 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A representative of Gawsworth Scouts enquired about the scouts supporting an activity in the park.

Cllr Clarke joined the meeting.

### **24/041 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> June subject to a typographical correction to 24/033.

### **24/042 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Puddicombe reported that the members of the council's Economy and Growth committee had walked the Danes Moss SSSI site and that the application for the SMDA was now solely in the name of Barratt Homes and not Engine of the North. Cllr Puddicombe

further highlighted impending changes to household waste recycling centres, noting the council's concern but stating he had not observed any queuing at the Macclesfield site to date and invited feedback from residents of Gawsworth Moss in relation to the change of polling station.

Cllr Wilson noted the reduction of polling stations stating these are under continual review, highlighted the recent election of Tim Rocca as the new Member of Parliament for Macclesfield and noted the continued financial challenges for the council.

#### **24/043 CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON ARRANGEMENTS**

It was noted that a quote was awaited for the installation of an electricity supply at Penningtons Lane but that a site meeting with Cheshire East Highways had been held.

It was agreed to provisionally set a date of 30<sup>th</sup> November for the switch on event, to follow the Scouts event for which details were shortly to be confirmed. It was agreed to approach the churches to support the event with carols and the Hub for mince pies and mulled wine and that a brass band be booked.

#### **24/044 PLANNING MATTERS**

##### 24/1848M – 20 Harrington Drive

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

#### **24/045 STREETNAME PLATE REPLACEMENTS**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of replacement signs for Surrey Road, Woodhouse Lane and Rising Sun Road.

#### **24/046 PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

It was reported that the deadline for tenders was the forthcoming Friday and that the working group would be meeting the following week to review them ahead of consultation activity in late August.

It was noted that two joints need repairing on the climbing net.

#### **24/047 PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr Mitchell reported that potholes on Dark Lane had been filled, drains remained uncleared, that there was overgrowth between Nancy's Wood and the Hall narrowing the pavement and that a strong scent emanated from fields past the Harrington Arms, querying what was being used that was so pungent.

Cllr Woods highlighted the extent of overgrowth along the A536 obstructing the pavements.

Cllr Dempsey reported that the gate at the car park requires replacement and that works in the village hall reconfiguring space within the toilets was due to commence later in the month.

Cllr Woods suggested the installation of an EV charging point at the village hall, Cllr Dempsey advised the village hall committee felt it was too early for one to be installed. Cllr Woods reported that works to the crossroads had been further delayed due to the surveying work.

Cllr Shepherd highlighted the outstanding clearance of the Moss View Road footway.

#### **24/048 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>
GG Streetname Plates	Replacement Streetname Plates (x3)	163.60
M Herring	May and June Ranger Works	1,321.33
Northwich Town Council	June Contract Works	966.00
A Keppel-Green	July Salary and Reimbursements/Mileage	898.77
Tunncliffe Signs	Park 'No Dogs' Signs	138.24
NPower	June Street Lighting	30.99
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,518.93</b>

#### **24/049 STRATEGIC PLAN, PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS**

The logs were noted. It was noted street signs needed cleaning and the trees for Nancy's Wood needed to be arranged shortly.

#### **24/050 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK**

The Clerk was requested to write again to the household responsible for the Klargester off Church Lane requesting it be screened, undertook to obtain quotes for relining the car park and to follow up with the park contractor regarding use of weedkiller.

#### **24/051 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A comment on the livestream noted the poor audio quality of the stream, which was due to a missing audio cable.

#### **24/052 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

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