

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the Council Meeting held

Tuesday 13th August 2024 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

24/053 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

24/054 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hardy and Wright.

Cllr Shepherd announced that Cllr Mitchell had tendered his resignation from the council and on behalf of the council expressed thanks to him for his work during the last four years.

24/055 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

24/056 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

24/0457 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Clarke joined the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes subject to specifying in 24/043 that it is the village Christmas lights switch on for which a date has been set.

24/058 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Clerk reported that all borough councillors had submitted apologies, but that Cllr

Puddicombe had reported that repairs to bus shelters should take place later in the year as part of investment in the 38 service.

24/059 PLANNING MATTERS

24/2613M – Gaskells Farm, Woodhouse End Road

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

24/1751M – Trevors Close Farm, Dark Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

It was noted that an appeal had been submitted against the refusal of application of 23/3740M, Land at Dark Lane. The Clerk requested members provide any comment on the appeal submission to him and that he would submit a further response objecting to the development.

24/060 GREEN GAWSWORTH STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

The initial actions presented by the working group were supported as follows:

- 1) Convert the council owned street lighting to solar powered
- 2) Provide a soft-plastics recycling point at the Hub
- 3) Solar panels to be installed on the Village Hall
- 4) Utilise the Gawsorth Gazette to signpost measures households can take to be more sustainable
- 5) Purchase an IR camera to enable households to inspect their insulation/heat loss
- 6) Provide water butts on the village hall/scout hall for use at the community garden
- 7) Promote households having water butts, potentially funding X number per year for residents allocated through a draw
- 8) Encourage councillors to go paper-less for meetings
- 9) Work with farmers/landowners to reinstate hedgerows and wildflower areas where appropriate
- 10) Work with Cheshire East Council to plant trees/hedges on suitable highway verges
- 11) Make use of underused land for community recreation and ecology (e.g. Maggoty Lane depot site)
- 12) If opportunity presents itself, acquire land for woodland planting
- 13) Provide recycling bin at the park

It was agreed that a discussion should be held with the Gawsorth Hub on their objectives and to engage with Peter Clampett in respect of engagement with the farming community.

24/061 STREETNAME PLATE REPLACEMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of a replacement street name plate for Tidnock Lane at a maximum cost of £100.

24/062 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

It was reported that:

- a) The Park and Woodland working group had reviewed tenders and agreed preferred schemes to take forward to consultation and that these would be shared at the Produce Show in September.
- b) The Footpaths working group was continuing to undertake surveys.
- c) The Communications working group had met, agreed refreshing the Gawsorth Life website was a priority and invited people and organisations to submit content for the Gawsorth Gazette.

24/063 CAR PARK RELINING AND GATE REPLACEMENT

It was **RESOLVED** not to replace the broken gate and that it be removed.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the relining of the car park at a maximum cost of £800 and that to relocate accessible spaces to near the Scout Hall and Village Hall accessible door.

24/064 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr Richards reported that water was continuing to flow down Lowes Lane and that overgrown hedges on Woodhouse End Road made it difficult for vehicles to pass. Cllr Richards further reported a large pothole near the new hall and that branches along Dark Lane from Gawsorth Road were hitting car screens.

Cllr Woods highlighted the complex booking system for securing a booking to visit the tip, enquired when the new path edging would be installed in Nancy's Wood and suggested a work party in Nancy's Wood. Cllr Woods further suggested enhancing the Gawsorth entrance signs on the A536 by installing planters.

24/065 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
NPower	July Street Lighting Costs	31.83
Northwich Town Council	July contract works	1,050.00
A Keppel-Green	August Salary and Reimbursements	844.77
	Total	1,926.60

24/066 STRATEGIC PLAN, PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted.

24/067 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk responded to questions confirming the date of the Christmas Lights switch on as Saturday 30th November at 5:30pm and agreeing a regular ranger update in the Gawsorth Gazette was a good idea.

24/068 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

24/069 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 10th September.