

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the Council Meeting held

Tuesday 10th September 2024 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

24/070 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

24/071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hardy.

24/072 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest in the discussion of the appeal at Middlemoss Farm on the grounds of being known to the applicants.

24/073 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

24/074 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes subject to specifying in 24/060 to specify why the council would engage with Peter Clampett and a typographical correction to 24/063.

24/075 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham advised she was unaware of the coverage of the new Silk Town Ticket and it was agreed that this would be followed up by the Clerk with Cheshire East Councillors.

Cllr Clarke joined the meeting.

Cllr Smetham further reported that she had no further information on the works to the crossroads, which the Clerk also undertook to follow up.

The Clerk read an email from Cllr Puddicombe which stated he had not been alerted to any instances of vehicles backing up on Congleton Road to access the tip. Cllr Shepherd noted she had observed one such instance, on a weekday.

24/076 PLANNING MATTERS

24/3038M – 19 Woodhouse Lane

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

It was noted that an appeal had been submitted against the refusal of 23/3994M, the erection of a replacement dwelling at Middlemoss Farm, Lowes Lane. It was noted the council had not objected to the original application and it was agreed not to comment on the appeal, which the council had raised no objections to. Cllr Clarke abstained from discussions.

24/077 SUPPORT OF DEFIBRILLATOR MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that the Hub had requested that the council fund the replacement battery and pads for the defibrillator installed outside the Hub. The Clerk was requested to liaise with the Hub to understand why the consumables need replacing every two years when the one at the Scout Hall only requires replacement every five years and whether the Hub had approached Friends of Gawsorth School to co-fund the items.

24/078 PARISH MATTERS

It was reported that the pavements around the bungalows at St James Avenue were uneven and cracking and that a house on the corner of Woodhouse Lane had a hedge encroaching the pavement. It was further reported that the ginnel on the corner of Woodhouse End Road to Wardle Crescent was overgrown. Overgrown hedges were also reported on Harrington Drive and it was reported that all the fruit had been removed from the orchard trees.

Cllr Clarke provided an update on the play area plans reporting that the working group was meeting the following week and had engaged with the scouts about a woodland den.

24/079 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
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NPower	Streetlighting August	32.31
Northwich TC	August Contract	1,338.00
A Keppel-Green	September Salary and Reimbursements	483.95
M Herring	Ranger Contract July and August	1,046.67
HMRC	Q2 PAYE	538.95
Gort and March	Q2 Payroll	47.63
	Total	3,487.51

24/080 STRATEGIC PLAN, PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted.

24/081 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk responded to a question advising that he was still awaiting a quote from Cheshire East Highways for the installation of a power supply at Penningtons Lane.

24/082 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

24/083 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to move the October meeting to Tuesday 15th October.