

Gawsworth Parish Council

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To the Members of Gawsworth Parish Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Gawsworth Parish Council to be held at 19:30 on Tuesday 8th July 2025 in Gawsworth Village Hall.

The public can also join the meeting at: <https://bit.ly/gawsworthparishcouncil> or watch live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gawsworthlife.

Adam Keppel-Green
Clerk and Proper Officer
2nd July 2025

AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
In the interests of openness and transparency, members are to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to the items under discussion.
- 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
A period for members of the public to address the meeting.
- 4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**
To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June.

Attachment – Minutes of the meeting held 10th June 2025
- 5 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT**
To receive a report from the councillors for Gawsworth and Macclesfield South wards.
- 6 PLANNING**
To consider the latest planning applications:

a) [25/2210/HOUS – Fourways, Congleton Road](#)

To note the latest planning decisions.

Attachment – July Planning Decisions Report

7 COMMUNITY SURVEY

To consider the draft questions for the survey

Attachment – Report 25-05 Draft Survey Questions

8 PARISH MATTERS

An opportunity for members to raise matters which require attention or future discussion.

9 FINANCE

To note the council's financial position year to date.

Attachment – Receipts and Payments statement July 2025

To approve the following payments and note receipts since the last meeting

Attachment – Receipts between 4th June and 1st July

Payee	Detail	Amount
L and J Print	Gawsworth Gazette June 2025	50.00
A Keppel-Green	July Salary	537.00
A Keppel-Green	July Reimbursements / Mileage	101.85
HMRC	Q1 PAYE	1,289.10
ChALC	Planning Training (DW)	35.00
Cheshire Community Action	Membership Subscription	50.00
Egertons Timber	Timber for gate repair	35.93
Gort and March	Q1 Payroll	50.00
Northwich Town Council	June Contract Works	510.00
Total		2,658.88

10 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

To review the Parish Maintenance and Outstanding Actions logs.

Attachments – Parish Maintenance and Outstanding Actions logs.

11 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

An opportunity to raise questions to the Clerk.

12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A period for members of the public to address the meeting.

13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th August 2025.

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Minutes

of the Council Meeting held

Tuesday 10th June 2025 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

25/022 PRESENT

Clrs Shepherd (*presiding*), Clarke, Richards and Webb.

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

25/023 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Clrs Dempsey, Hardy, Kinsey, Woods and Wright.

25/024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

25/025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

25/026 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 13th May subject to typographical corrections to 25/005 and 25/012 and to refer to the dead tree being a Christmas tree in 25/015.

25/027 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

The clerk read a report from Clrs Wilson and Puddicombe on the South Macclesfield Development Area noting the application has been withdrawn, that Barratt Homes, as 62% owners of the site, could chose to donate some of the site to the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and may choose to bring forward plans to develop some houses on the site.

25/028 PLANNING

25/1705/PRIOR-3Q – Woodhouse Green Farm, Woodhouse End Road

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

25/1427/HOUS – 20 Woodhouse Lane

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

25/1475/HOUS – 20 Harrington Drive

It was noted the application had been determined.

25/1736/FUL – Trevors Close Farm, Dark Lane

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

25/1802/HOUS – Leagate, Congleton Road

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

25/029 REPLACEMENT WELCOME SIGNS

It was **RESOLVED** not to replace the welcome signs.

25/030 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS INSERTION REGARDING CORPORATE CARD

It was **RESOLVED** to insert a new 6.8-6.10 into Financial Regulations to govern the use of a corporate card, as set out in report GPC2504.

25/031 PARISH MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

- The bench on Church Lane needs treatment and strimming
- The fences around the Pleasance and Memorial Green require treatment
- A response is still awaited from CEC regarding the points raised on the village boundary

25/032 FINANCE

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

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
L and J Print	Gawsworth Gazette May 2025	50.00
A Keppel-Green	June Salary	537.00

A Keppel-Green	June Reimbursements / Mileage	53.60
Northwich Town Council	May Contract Works	900.00
M Herring	March/April Ranger Works	1,707.50
Francomes	Bark and Garit Sand	254.37
Total		3,502.47

The receipts since the previous meeting were noted.

25/033 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted. The speed limit sign at Moss View Road has now fallen over and this had been reported by Cllr Shepherd.

25/034 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The clerk responded to a question advising that no response to the council's CIL query had been received.

25/035 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

25/0236 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 8th July 2025.

RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS

JULY 2025

Ref	Address	Proposal	P.C. Comment	Decision
23/3921M	Land off Woodhouse End Road	Temporary agricultural workers dwelling.	Detailed objection.	Approved With Conditions
24/4867/FUL	Building 2, Shellow Farm Barns	To convert and extend an existing building into two dwelling houses (use Class 3) and associated works.	The Parish Council raises no objections to this application.	Approved With Conditions
25/0355/FUL	Shellow Farm, Shellow Lane	Full planning application for the redevelopment of previously developed land to provide two new single storey dwellings in lieu of an existing B8 Storage building and associated works	The council raises no objections to this application.	Approved With Conditions
25/0918/FUL	Shellow Farm, Shellow Lane	Redevelopment of previously developed land to provide two new 2 storey dwellings in lieu of an existing B8 Storage building and associated works at Shellow Farm.	The Parish Council raises no objections to this application.	Approved With Conditions
25/0755/VOC	22 Woodhouse Lane	Variation of condition 2 on approved application 22/4808M: Proposed extensions and alterations to existing dwelling.	The Parish Council raises no objections to this application.	Approved With Conditions
25/1199/HOUS	8 Fytton Close	Erection of single storey rear extension	The Parish Council raises no objections to this application.	Approved With Conditions

There are currently 6 planning applications which have been commented on by the Parish Council which are yet to be determined.

REPORT TO GAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY SURVEY



Report Reference GPC 25-05
Meeting Date 8th July 2025
Agenda Item 7
Prepared by Clerk

DRAFT SURVEY QUESTIONS

About you

Your Name [Text Box]
Email Address [Text Box]
Street [Text Box]
Mailing List Sign Up [Yes / No]
How long have you lived in Gawsworth? [Number] Years

The Gawsworth Gazette

The Gawsworth Gazette is a monthly community newsletter issued in print and online. It is published by Gawsworth Parish Council and supported by Gawsworth Hub. We're always looking for articles to be contributed!

Are you aware of the Gawsworth Gazette? [Yes / No]
How often do you read the Gawsworth Gazette? [Never / A few times per year / Most Months / Every Month]
How do you get the Gawsworth Gazette? [Direct Email / Gawsworth Life Website / Print]
Do you have any suggestions for the Gawsworth Gazette? [Long Text]


Churchyard

Info Box: All residents of a parish have a legal right to be interred in a church of England burial ground.

It is currently estimated that the churchyard at St James' Church will be full by 2038. After this point, there would be no new grave space. The Parish Council and Parochial Church Council have been discussing options for continued burial provision beyond this point.

We first wish to understand if the community wishes there to continue to be option to be buried (in a coffin or for cremated remains interments) in Gawsworth. The alternative would be to be buried in Macclesfield or further afield.

Do you think there should be an open cemetery in Gawsworth? [Yes / No]



Info Box: You can read the Future of Burial Provision in Gawsworth options paper here [\[link\]](#)

The council and church are exploring if it is possible to extend the cemetery into the adjacent field. During these discussions, the church has highlighted that it does not have the finances to support the operating costs of the burial ground. The extension could be run by the church, or by the council as a civil burial ground. Church grounds charge lower fees set by the Church of England, a civil burial ground could charge higher fees to reduce the annual costs.

There is still a lot to explore, but we are interested to know whether you would support / not support either of the following options:

- The Parish Council funding the maintenance of the churchyard: a small (<£5 per year) increase in the parish council's council tax but lower burial fees
- The Parish Council operating the extension as a civil burial ground: likely cost neutral but with higher burial fees

Do you have any other comments on the churchyard and possibility of its extension? [Long Text]

Parish Maintenance

Are there any areas in the parish that require attention? [Long Text]

Parks and Open Spaces

Are there any improvements or changes you would like to see at:

Nancy's Wood	[Long Text]
Gawsworth Park	[Long Text]
Maggoty Wood	[Long Text]
St James' Green	


The Parish Council has the opportunity to acquire the former depot site on Maggoty Lane from Cheshire East Council to create a small new area of public open space.

Do you have any suggestions for how this area could be used? [Long Text]

20mph Speed Limits

The '20s Plenty' campaign calls for a reduction of speed limits to 20mph except where it is safer for higher speeds. The Parish Council would like to understand residents' views on whether 20mph speed limits should be sought for any Gawsworth roads.

20mph areas would need suitable signage. Where there is not streetlighting, this would include repeater signs at regular intervals as well as signage on the entry to the zone.



Which of the following statements would you agree with?

I do not support 20mph speed limits in Gawsworth ☐

I do support 20mph speed limits in Gawsworth ☐

If you support 20mph speed limits, where do you think it would be appropriate or not appropriate?

Appropriate

Not Appropriate



Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 03/07/2025

Committee Report

Full Council**101 Administration**

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
1001 Ground Rent	0	2	2			0.0%
1870 Interest Received	1,999	2,385	386			83.8%
1900 Precept	21,635	43,270	21,635			50.0%

Administration :- Receipts

	23,634	45,657	22,023			51.8%
4031 Subscriptions	587	655	68	68		89.6%
4100 Postages	41	160	119	119		25.4%
4101 Stationery	0	100	100	100		0.0%
4102 Room Hire	0	50	50	50		0.0%
4103 Insurance	736	700	(36)	(36)		105.2%
4104 Audit Fee	325	770	445	445		42.2%
4106 Computer Software/Hardware	203	203	0	0		100.0%
4107 Grants & Donations	1,000	1,600	600	600		62.5%
4109 Payroll Services	121	200	79	79		60.5%
4115 Print	0	100	100	100		0.0%
4120 Banking Charges	36	72	36	36		50.0%
4999 Miscellaneous Costs/Purchases	3	250	247	247		1.2%

Administration :- Indirect Payments

Net Receipts over Payments

	3,051	4,860	1,809	0	1,809	62.8%
	20,583	40,797	20,214			

102 Employee Costs

4000 Salaries	2,148	9,025	6,877	6,877		23.8%
4001 Home Working Allowance	78	312	234	234		25.0%
4005 PAYE/NI	1,289	3,199	1,910	1,910		40.3%
4010 Employee Mileage	118	500	382	382		23.6%
4020 Employee Training	0	440	440	440		0.0%

Employee Costs :- Indirect Payments

Net Payments

	3,633	13,476	9,843	0	9,843	27.0%
	(3,633)	(13,476)	(9,843)			

103 Members Costs

4011 Member Mileage	0	50	50	50		0.0%
4021 Member Training	85	150	65	65		56.7%

Members Costs :- Indirect Payments

Net Payments

	85	200	115	0	115	42.5%
	(85)	(200)	(115)			

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Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
105 Communications						
1025 Donations Received	0	288	288			0.0%
1050 Advertising Income	45	540	495			8.3%
Communications :- Receipts	45	828	783			5.4%
4110 Website Costs	0	150	150		150	0.0%
4116 Gawsworth Gazette	150	910	760		760	16.5%
Communications :- Indirect Payments	150	1,060	910	0	910	14.2%
Net Receipts over Payments	(105)	(232)	(127)			
110 Parks & Woodland						
4180 External Contractors	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%
4200 Park Maintenance	4,645	10,575	5,930		5,930	43.9%
4205 Woodland Maintenance	549	1,085	536		536	50.6%
4207 Park Improvements	77	2,500	2,423		2,423	3.1%
4208 Woodland Improvements	0	600	600		600	0.0%
4215 Tree Works	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4999 Miscellaneous Costs/Purchases	0	150	150		150	0.0%
Parks & Woodland :- Indirect Payments	5,271	17,910	12,639	0	12,639	29.4%
Net Payments	(5,271)	(17,910)	(12,639)			
120 Operational Costs						
4206 Parish Maintenance	855	3,535	2,680		2,680	24.2%
4210 Ranger Works	425	3,900	3,475		3,475	10.9%
4250 Parish Improvements	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
4305 Streetlighting	0	455	455		455	0.0%
4310 Christmas Lights	150	1,500	1,350		1,350	10.0%
4999 Miscellaneous Costs/Purchases	47	300	253		253	15.6%
Operational Costs :- Indirect Payments	1,477	11,690	10,213	0	10,213	12.6%
Net Payments	(1,477)	(11,690)	(10,213)			
130 Special Projects						
4115 Print	0	400	400		400	0.0%
Special Projects :- Indirect Payments	0	400	400	0	400	0.0%
Net Payments	0	(400)	(400)			

Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 03/07/2025

Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>190 Play Area Refurb Project</u>						
1020 Grant Income	43,000	52,678	9,678			81.6%
Play Area Refurb Project :- Receipts	43,000	52,678	9,678			81.6%
4180 External Contractors	110,565	113,805	3,240		3,240	97.2%
4999 Miscellaneous Costs/Purchases	0	150	150		150	0.0%
Play Area Refurb Project :- Indirect Payments	110,565	113,955	3,390	0	3,390	97.0%
Net Receipts over Payments	(67,565)	(61,277)	6,288			
<u>999 VAT Data</u>						
115 VAT Refunds	23,667	0	(23,667)			0.0%
VAT Data :- Receipts	23,667	0	(23,667)			
515 VAT on Payments	23,004	0	(23,004)		(23,004)	0.0%
VAT Data :- Indirect Payments	23,004	0	(23,004)	0	(23,004)	
Net Receipts over Payments	663	0	(663)			
Full Council :- Receipts	90,347	99,163	8,816			91.1%
Payments	147,236	163,551	16,315	0	16,315	90.0%
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(56,890)	(64,388)	(7,498)			
Grand Totals:- Receipts	90,347	99,163	8,816			91.1%
Payments	147,236	163,551	16,315	0	16,315	90.0%
Net Receipts over Payments	(56,890)	(64,388)	(7,498)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(56,890)	(64,388)	(7,498)			

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Deposit Account

Cash Received between 04/06/2025 and 01/07/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cash Received from</u>	<u>Receipt No</u>	<u>Receipt Description</u>	<u>Receipt Total</u>
15/06/2025	Current Bank A/c	txf	To Savings	20,000.00
30/06/2025	Unity Trust Bank		Interest Q1	1,156.81
06/06/2025	Virgin Money		Interest	720.72
Total Receipts				<u>21,877.53</u>

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Current Bank A/c

Cash Received between 04/06/2025 and 01/07/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cash Received from</u>	<u>Receipt No</u>	<u>Receipt Description</u>	<u>Receipt Total</u>
30/06/2025	Fielding		Gazette Advert (J-S)	45.00
06/06/2025	HMRC		VAT Refund	22,709.17
01/07/2025	Nationwide		Interest	28.47
Total Receipts				<u>22,782.64</u>

MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT LOG

PENNINGTONS LANE AREA

Issue	Location	Notes	Responsible	Reported/Update
Fallen speed limit sign	Moss View Road		CEC	Ref 7690255

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Issue	Location	Notes	Responsible	Reported/Update
Footpath and road edge degraded badly	Church Lane between Harrington Arms and Gandysbrook	Footpath needs relaying. No prospect of this being done		Ref 3817719

WARREN END OF VILLAGE

Issue	Location	Notes	Responsible	Reported/Update
Rotting Stump	Woodhouse Lane	Raised at Highways meeting. CEC undertook to investigate evacuation excavation as an alternative to stump grinding avoiding issues with utilities near to stump	CEC	Ref 4669610 Feb 2025
Road signs to be cleaned	Various	On Ranger Job List		
Car park lining faded	Car park	Works date to be confirmed once potholes fixed.		
Deteriorating pavements	St James Avenue		Peaks and Plains	
Benches require attention	St James' Green	Ranger to sand down and re-treat	Ranger	

CHURCH END OF VILLAGE

Issue	Location	Notes	Responsible	Reported/Update
Damaged kerbs/	Church Lane (opp Church)	Not currently on any programme for repair. Monitored by Highways Officer for deterioration. The highway boundary is the kerb line.	CEC	Ref 5328454

Verge slippage	Church Lane (opp Church)	Letter written to owner	Landowner	March 2025
Blocked gully	Church Lane. By car park.		CEC	
Pavement uneven due to roots	opp. New Hall	A small area has been marked for repair where it has broken up, this is the only part that meets intervention criteria. It will be put forward for works in the future. Will be included in accessibility audit	CEC	
Lack of fencing around Klargeter	Off Church Lane, nr Little Manor	Letter written to owner	Landowner	March 2025

ELSEWHERE

Issue	Location	Notes	Responsible	Reported/Update
Uneven surface	Church Lane nr Harrington Arms		CEC	
Recurring Pothole	Gawsworth Road	Main potholes fixed. To be monitored for recurrence.	CEC	Feb 25
Broken Steps	Railway Bridge to Danes Moss	Reported to CEC PROW team	CEC/Landowner	Mar 25
Dead Tree	Adjacent to FP6	Reported to CEC, onwards reported to CEC assets.	CEC	May 25 EFRM130290

NANCY'S WOOD / GAWSWORTH PARK

Issue	Location	Notes	Responsible
Collapsed retaining wall	North of Park	Works scheduled for 2025/26 financial year.	CEC
Missing Stepping Stones	Nancy's Wood	Ranger progressing.	GPC

PLANNING / HIGHWAYS ENFORCEMENT

Issue	Location	Notes	Ref/Update
Use of building for residential accommodation	Middle Moss Farm, Lowes Lane	Awaiting follow up from Planning Enforcement	23/00979E 04/11/2024

Stones on verge	Warren House, Dark Lane	Understood that CEC has decided not to take enforcement/legal action.	
Erection of building	Field off Shellow Lane		23/00271E
Operation of campsite	High Lane Farm		25/0130/ENF

STRATEGIC PLAN ACTION PLAN: 2025/26

JULY 2025

REF	ACTION	LEAD	STATUS	NOTES
2501	Deliver three projects under the Green Gawsorth Strategy	Green Gawsorth WG	Outstanding	
2502	Develop the business case for acquiring the land at Maggoty Lane for a new open space	Park and Woodland WG	Outstanding	
2503	Deliver identified actions under the Park and Woodland management plan	Park and Woodland WG	Outstanding	
2504	Undertake community survey on a range of topics	Council	Outstanding	
2505	Develop a communications strategy	Communications WG	Outstanding	
2506	Develop six areas of councillor knowledge over the year	Council	Outstanding	
2507	Develop PROW improvement plan	Footpaths WG	Outstanding	
2508	Identify desirable permissive path routes	Footpaths WG	Outstanding	
2509	Explore the submission of DMMO applications to register new PROW	Footpaths WG	Outstanding	
2510	Undertake an accessibility audit of the parish	Council	Outstanding	
2511	Undertake a survey of bus shelters and crossing points to identify areas for improvement	Council	Outstanding	

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

JULY 2025

Action Ref	Creation Date	Source	Subject	Description	Responsible	Minute Ref	Priority	Status	Activity Log / Notes
2003	10/07/19	Decision	Installation of Interpretation Board	Clerk to liaise with supplier	Clerk / Cllr Woods		Medium	In Progress	Clerk to review status and progress
2011		Discussion	Parish Paths / Walk Leaflet	Development of reworked Parish Paths Booklet	Cllr Woods / Gawsworth Hub		Low	In Progress	Draft circulated to Comms WG
2308	12/02/24	Discussion	Christmas Lights at Penningtons Lane	Council to agree scheme	Clerk / Council	23/157	High	In progress	Awaiting cost from CEC Highways for electricity supply.
2402	13/08/24	Decision	Car park to be relined	Clerk to arrange.	Clerk	24/063	Medium	Pending	Awaiting potholes to be fixed
2406	15/10/24	Decision	Steps from Benbrook Way	Installation of handrail	Clerk	24/092	Medium		Quote to be obtained / discussion with Ranger on options.
2407	15/10/24	Decision	Steps from Benbrook Way	Exploration of creating additional steps / reducing height of bottom step.	Clerk	24/092	Medium		Options to be explored with CEC Highways.
2408	15/10/24	Discussion	Remembrance Sunday	Clerk to liaise with PCC Clerk over arrangements for 2025	Clerk	24/096	Medium		Understood to just need the PA
2410	08/04/25	Decision	Councillor Skill/Knowledge development	Clerk to identify means of supporting development in identified areas	Clerk	24/177	Medium		

2411	08/04/25	Decision	Danes Moss Sunken Lane	To be surveyed	Clerk	24/179	Low
2501	13/05/25	Decision	Lych Gate Bin	Litter issues to be monitored	Council	25/011	Low