

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 12th August 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

5th August 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 8th July.

Attachment – Minutes of the meeting held 8th July 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) [25/2866/HOUS – Goosetree Farm, Woodhouse End Road](#)

7 CHESHIRE EAST FARMS REVIEW

To consider a response to the consultation.

Attachment – Report 25-06 Cheshire East Farms Review

8 DANES MOSS ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATION

To consider supporting the asset of community value nomination.

Attachment – Report 25-07 Danes Moss Asset of Community Value Nomination

9 PARISH MATTERS

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

10 FINANCE

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

Attachment – Receipts and Payments statement August 2025

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

Attachment – Receipts between 1st July and 4th August

Payee	Detail	Amount
L and J Print	Gawsworth Gazette July 2025	50.00
A Keppel-Green	August Salary (inc. April to July adjustment)	622.55
A Keppel-Green	August Reimbursements / Mileage	93.14
Northwich Town Council	July Contract Works	900.00
Total		1,665.69

11 STRATEGIC PLAN, PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

To review the Strategic Plan, Parish Maintenance and Outstanding Actions logs.

Attachments – Strategic Plan, Maintenance and Outstanding Actions logs.

12 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

An opportunity to raise questions to the Clerk.

13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2025.

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Minutes

of the Council Meeting held

Tuesday 8th July 2025 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

25/037 PRESENT

Cllrs Shepherd (*presiding*), Clarke, Hardy, Kinsey, Richards, Webb and Woods.

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

25/038 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dempsey.

25/039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

25/040 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

25/041 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 10th June.

Cllr Kinsey joined the meeting.

25/042 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Puddicombe reported that following the withdrawal of the council's intention to develop the Danes Moss site, there would be no new road as part of any development in that area nor funding for the Flowerpot junction, or Moss Lane junction; that he was keen to

promote active travel to Macclesfield and that a highways officer had recently visited Macclesfield South and found roads to be in a generally good condition.

Cllr Clare arrived.

Cllr Wilson reported that a nature recovery option for the Danes Moss site was being explored, that the council had received a £5.5m grant for bus serves which had seen an increase in use of the 38 service, increased services on Sundays and two new stops installed with funding available to upgrade the bus station at Macclesfield. It was noted the Silk Town Ticket ended at the Rising Sun.

Cllr Richards arrived.

25/043 PLANNING

25/2210/HOUS – Fourways, Congleton Road

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

The latest planning decisions were noted.

25/044 COMMUNITY SURVEY

The draft survey was noted, it was agreed to make the following amendments:

- Open question on comments for the parish council / cheshire east council
- Question on allowing dogs in the park, with room for comments
- Age categories
- Rewording of the question on 20mph speed limits to note that it may require traffic calming and clearer none/certain area option responses
- A clear introduction at the start of the survey that no question is a referendum on an issue
- Moving information about the burial options paper higher in the presentation and referring to an 'active' burial ground not 'open'
- Including Penningtons Lane Green in the open spaces section

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the survey, subject to circulating to community organisations for input and a final draft being circulated to councillors before production.

25/045 PARISH MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

- The verge on Thorneycroft Close is very overgrown and requires mowing, it was noted that it had been a wildflower area but was no longer maintained
- A signpost by the war memorial has decayed and requires removal

- The wildflower area on Woodhouse Lane looks poor; it was agreed to try sowing in autumn this year
- There had been an increase in dog fouling by the school
- There continued to be a blocked drain by the New Hall, though it was noted that gully jetting was scheduled in the area
- The need to get an update from CEC on the proposed repair of the park wall and an explanation regarding the Dark Lane application viz the village boundary
- A number of road signs in the village require cleaning
- The continued issue of the slippage at the pool by the lych gate
- The gate to Maggoty Wood has been removed by the National Trust
- There was routinely a van parked at the Old Post Office from 6pm for c. 1 hour which causes an obstruction
- A resident wishes to have a memorial bench for their late husband in the park

25/046 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 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

The receipts since the previous meeting were noted.

25/047 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted. It was reported that more steps were broken in Nancy's Wood, and that a further letter should be issued regarding the request for fencing around the Klargester.

25/048 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk responded to a question confirming that there had been no further information from Cheshire East Council concerning the CIL held by the parish council.

25/049 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present. The Clerk read two comments which had been made on the Facebook live stream of the meeting; one was a query which would be responded to, the second suggested the council implement a time limit on discussions at meetings and expressing that there was a habit of repetition during debate.

25/050 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 12th August 2025.

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REPORT TO GAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

CEC FARMS REVIEW



Report Reference	GPC 25-06
Meeting Date	12 th August 2025
Agenda Item	7
Prepared by	Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

In July, Cheshire East Council published a consultation for a Farms Service Review. It noted that Cheshire East Council continues to use approx. 4,800 acres of agricultural land and property in its ownership to provide the Farms Service. Since policies were adopted in 2011, the restructuring of the estate has reduced numbers from 74 properties to 43 let farms with an average size increasing from 76 acres to 112 acres and delivered 18 new long-term lettings. This has involved investment of over £700,000 and £16.5 million from capital receipts, provided access to 287 acres of land for woodland planting whilst continuing to deliver revenue surplus of £440k in 2023/24.

Initial discussions with a cross-party working group of Cheshire East Councillors indicates that the Council continues to value the service and the role that it plays within the local community and industry. There is, however, recognition that the service should be considered in the context of the wider challenges for the Council, and it must therefore test its rationale, seek external views and consider options to ensure that policies are relevant for today and the next 10 years.

The questionnaire was circulated on 12th July and gave only a 2-week window for responses.

The questionnaire is contained in Appendix One.

2.0 DRAFT RESPONSE

Cllr Woods has prepared a draft response to the consultation. This was developed following research and thoughts raised by informal discussion with others with farming experience.


1. The time provided for responses to the consultation was inadequate. It provided insufficient time for parish councils to consider the matter at a meeting and as such is at risk of being deemed tokenistic. The parish council has considered the matter with all possible speed including taking some soundings from past and present tenant farmers and tabling the item for discussion at our next scheduled meeting after receiving the consultation request. The parish council trusts that the borough council will take its comments into account despite arriving after the stated submission deadline.
2. Gawsworth Parish is one of the largest rural parishes in Cheshire East. We have several Cheshire Farms properties in the Parish and a number that have been previously sold or combined into larger holdings. The farms in Gawsworth represent a significant proportion of the total Cheshire East holdings.


3. The Cheshire Farms holdings in Gawsworth have played, and continue to play, a significant role in the life of Gawsworth. The farmers and their families are an important part of our community. Any changes to Cheshire East policy could have an effect on the Parish which changes the community and we are therefore grateful for the opportunity to provide these comments and hope that we, and those whom any changes will affect most, will have the opportunity to input further as the proposals for change are developed. We ask that the voice of the rural communities in which Cheshire Farms are placed is given prime consideration in the forthcoming discussions.
4. We ask that you consult the Gawsworth Neighbourhood plan (appended). Any proposals for change should be consistent with our plan. Much of the content could be relevant to any change in policies but we draw your attention particularly to the following passages which lay out clearly our commitment to preserving our rural character and the importance of farming to our Parish.

- a. Section 4.1 'Vision'

"Looking to 2030, Gawsworth will remain a safe, green and pleasant place to live with a strong sense of place and community. It will have a variety of well-designed, high-quality homes to suit the varying needs of our parish which shall continue to be a place that provides for residents with differing talents, skills and needs. The community in Gawsworth will be inclusive and welcoming, offering a range of activities and opportunities for residents of all ages to engage with one another. Gawsworth will thrive as a community. Whilst retaining its rural character, Gawsworth will embrace modern technologies. The village will remain a small peaceful rural village with good connections to surrounding countryside. Gawsworth Moss will continue to maintain a distinct identity from Macclesfield but thriving from its connections. Rural Gawsworth will keep its character as beautiful Cheshire countryside based predominantly on farming. Overall, Gawsworth will be a place where local people can live, work, play and enjoy a high quality of life."

- b. See also Policy G3 Conversions of Farm Buildings


5. We recognise that farming practice has changed significantly over the past century but we believe that there continues to be a valuable place for small / medium rented farms in our Parish. It would be detrimental to Gawsworth for these farms to disappear.
 6. We are not aware of any viable alternatives for young people who wish to embark on a career in farming.
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7. The Cheshire Farms land and farmhouses are an important part of our local community, character and economy. Policy change will likely lead to change of use away from agriculture to the kinds of developments we have seen with privately owned farms.
 8. The land could also be absorbed into larger farm businesses leading to reduced employment in farming. There will be a net decrease in jobs in the Parish.
 9. The farmhouses on Cheshire Farms form an important part of the landscape. A number are identified as Designated Heritage Assets and the remainder are almost all of value in the landscape. They also provide 'affordable' essential housing. When sold off they have generally been developed as high-cost executive country accommodation leading to a fundamental change in character for the location and loss of low cost housing. Gawsworth seeks to retain and expand on the diversity of housing options available for its residents and their families. If Cheshire Farm buildings are sold off there should be conditions to include affordable homes (without exclusions for small developments).
 10. The traditional passing of farms through the generations has already been ceased by Cheshire farms now only granting short leases when originally lifetime leases were granted. 15 years is quite short for a lease and we would like to see this extended so that a young farming family taking on a lease does not have to face the prospect of uprooting and moving to a new location at a time when their children are teenagers.
 11. We request that the financial considerations of any changes are fully transparent. This is particularly important as there is an inherent conflict of interest between Cheshire East Council as Landowners, as developers and as the Local Planning Authority. We recognise that Cheshire East, will seek to maximise their income by sale and development of land they own but remind them that they also should have a community and social responsibility which should carry considerable weight.
 12. Where financial gain is realised by CEC this should be reinvested in the parish in which the land lies.
 13. It should be recognised that the interests of large landowners, who may subsume the Cheshire Farms Land into their big farms if it becomes available, may differ from the current tenants and young potential farmers.
 14. Any change in policies from Cheshire Farms should seek to preserve the open countryside and Green Belt in Gawsworth. Given the current need for housing and the changes in the National Planning Framework the sale of fields may well lead to a large number of applications for housing developments in the countryside, including in the green belt. This will lead to a
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fundamental change in the character of Gawsworth which will be contrary to our Neighbourhood Plan

15. Access to the countryside must be improved by any policy changes including public access to farm lanes and tracks and paths. As well as being highly valued by residents, Gawsworth is a valued countryside destination for residents of Macclesfield and Congleton, nestled between the two urban areas. It is important that access to Gawsworth countryside is maintained and enhanced and that active travel is made possible and safe. Currently it is deficient in some respects. A policy change is needed to support the creation of new Public Rights of Way on land owned by Cheshire Farms. This should be done as soon as possible and certainly before any farm is sold off. As a starting point we would like to show Cheshire Farms how land they own can facilitate the creation of permissive paths or PROW
 - a. on Dark Lane
 - b. on Woodhouse End Road
 - c. adjacent to Gawsworth Hall and
 - d. North-South through the Parish so Macclesfield and Congleton residents can walk or cycle to visit Gawsworth.

This is an important part of our ambition to promote active travel and leisure walking and cycling in the Parish and will lead to safer and better access to the countryside.

16. Any change in policies should be subject to a detailed environmental assessment. Current tenant farmers have maintained their lands in an environmentally sensitive way and their standards have been monitored by Cheshire Farms. Conditions to any sales must bring about environmental improvements in the land through conditions including tree and hedge planting.
 17. At the end of tenancies appropriate financial provision and exit procedures should be made recognising the investment and hard work made over many years. Some tenant farmers may have sold property to enable them to start up farming on a Cheshire Farm. We would like our farming families to be able to continue their connection with Gawsworth where their family and friends are.
 18. When tenancies become available we recognise the need for the best candidates to be selected. However farming families in Gawsworth go back many generations and where local suitable candidates are available we would like to see local connections given due weight.
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APPENDIX ONE: QUESTIONNAIRE

Section 1: General Information

1. To help us understand your comments and responses, it would be helpful to know what your interest is in the Council Farms Service *(please tick all that apply)*
 - a. Council Farm Tenant
 - b. Local Farmer
 - c. Local Landowner
 - d. Community Organisation / Member
 - e. Parish Council
 - f. Other (please specify)

Section 2: Service Evaluation

2. Do you consider that the opportunities that the Council offers through the Farms Service are valuable for new entrants into farming? *(please circle your response)*

Yes / No / Don't know

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:

3. Do you consider that the Council should continue to provide opportunities to farm to new entrants? *(please circle your response)*

Yes / No / Don't know

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:


4. In your opinion would the Council best support the rural economy of Cheshire East by: *(please tick 'a' or 'b' or 'c')*
 - a. Continuing to provide the farms service
 - b. Selling part of the estate as opportunities arise
 - c. Selling all of the estate as opportunities arise

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:

5. Do you know of any other organization that does or could provide a similar range of opportunities for new entrants into farming? If yes, please provide further details:
6. Should the Farms Service objectives evolve to provide other rural business opportunities where appropriate e.g. non-agricultural uses such as liverys, energy generation, leisure or commercial opportunities, subject to planning consents etc *(please circle your response)*

Yes / No / Don't know

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:



7. Within the context of the Council continuing to provide a Farms Service, please place the following objectives in order, beginning with the most important (where 1 is the most important and 8 is the least important):

- a. The commercial financial return from the portfolio
- b. The take up of government sponsored support schemes for rural / agriculture
- c. Improving access to the countryside
- d. The use of land to support environmental aims and objectives
- e. Improving food security
- f. To provide opportunities for new entrants into farming and the stepping-stone to commercial opportunities in the private sector
- g. To provide a broader range of rural business opportunities
- h. Other – (please specify)

8. Applicants for Tenancies – opportunities are currently advertised nationally to find the best possible applicants. Do you think this approach should continue or should there be a preference for applications from Cheshire East residents? *(please circle your response):*

Yes / No / Don't know

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:

9. Tenancies for new entrants are typically for a period of 15 years with break clauses every 5 yrs. Do you think this approach should continue? *(please circle your response):*

Yes / No / Don't know

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:

10. Do you think that the Farms Service should continue developing positive environmental strategies and sustainable farm management practices? *(please circle your response):*

Yes / No / Don't know

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:

11. If additional funding was available to support the growth of Cheshire East's rural agricultural sector, where would it be best utilised and why?

12. Are Cheshire East Council's farming opportunities an important part of the local rural economy? *(please circle your response):*

Yes / No / Don't know

Please expand upon why you have reached this conclusion:

13. Please provide any further comments, changes or improvements relating to the provision of the future Cheshire East Council's Farms Service in the space provided below and on the next page if required

REPORT TO GAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

DANES MOSS ACV NOMINATION SUPPORT



Report Reference	GPC 25-06
Meeting Date	12 th August 2025
Agenda Item	8
Prepared by	Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Danes Moss Trust is preparing an application to register Danes Moss North as an Asset of Community Value under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011. The application, which is made to Cheshire East Council, is that:

- The use of the land or building currently, or in the recent past, furthers the social well-being or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community
- This use (as described above) of the building will continue to further the social well-being or interests of the local community
- The use of the building or land must not be deemed 'ancillary', ie of secondary purpose. This means that the use of the land or building to further social well-being or interests of the community must be its principal use.

Information supporting the nomination from the Danes Moss Trust is contained in the appendix.

Danes Moss Trust seeks the parish council's support for its nomination.


2.0 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

The relevant legislation is designed to provide an opportunity for communities to bid to buy assets if/when they are put up for sale by the existing owner. It provides a moratorium period during which a community group can raise the funds to purchase the asset. It does not provide a right to acquire the asset and the freeholder could sell it to any party. The community right is set to be strengthened through the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill.

Cheshire East Council has previously adopted quite a strict interpretation of the legislation, requiring community use to be evidenced by use more widely than individuals from a community; the Danes Moss Trust has provided examples of this. A First-Tier Tribunal decision in 2019 upheld a decision to designate land previously used for agriculture as an asset of community value; the land was uncultivated and had been used widely by the community and as such was regarded "that it can no longer be said that agricultural use of the land is the main or primary use, such that the use by the local community must be ancillary. The evidence supports a view that the use of the land has changed over time as a consequence of its having been set-aside as agricultural land."

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The council should consider supporting the nomination.



APPENDIX: SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Danes Moss Trust has grown from a mass community movement to ensure Danes Moss North, and the wider Danes Moss peatlands, are conserved for current and future generations to enjoy, and to maintain and enhance the rich and diverse wildlife on the site.

The Trust's core activities focus on Danes Moss North. It is, however, closely linked to other charities and community groups in the town and aims to create an asset that will act as a catalyst for nature conservation, physical and mental well-being, and active travel across Macclesfield and the wider area. The majority of the site comprises semi-natural grassland, wet woodland, and developing scrub habitats, and mature trees have established along some of the ditches and paths that cross the moss. The groundwater is at, or close to, the land surface across much of the site and several ditches and watercourses cross the area.

The current uses of the asset include:

- Functioning as a habitat for an exceptionally wide range of species, some of which are rare and protected under UK law. These include Willow tit, Grasshopper warbler, Dingy skipper and Small heath butterfly, and approximately 67 other protected species. Nearly one third of all moth species recorded throughout Cheshire are found on Danes Moss North with over 400 species recorded. The site is also extraordinarily rich in other invertebrates, including nationally rare species and others not recorded elsewhere in Cheshire. Currently, 27 species of butterfly are known to breed in Cheshire and 21 of these have been recorded at Danes Moss North while a total of 24 species have been recorded on the combined Danes Moss North and Nature Reserve sites.
- A tranquil, safe area for passive recreation including dog walking and general exercise. A network of informal footpaths has emerged over at least five decades of such use, creating an accessible and refreshing asset for physical and mental well-being.
- The site is also an effective barrier to ground and surface water pollution arising from the closed landfill situated on the southern boundary of the site. This has been identified in the attached letter of objection by the operators of the landfill site (FCC Environment Ltd) to planning reserved matters applications submitted by Engine of the North in 2024. (See also "Toxic Town" blog on www.savedanemoss.com).

The site is directly linked to the adjoining Danes Moss Nature Reserve and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Northward flows of ground- and surface-water from Danes Moss Nature Reserve and SSSI are attenuated by the Danes Moss North site, providing safeguards for this national asset against drying out due to climate change or inappropriate development.

In addition, many more people use the site as an asset for recreational wildlife observation, particularly in spring and early summer when wildflowers and bird life are at their best.

Outdoor environmental education

Biodiversity has its own intrinsic value, however the rich variety of habitats and species on Danes Moss North are also a valuable educational resource for schools, youth groups and many other organisations.

Led by trustees and supporters of Danes Moss Trust, a series of guided walks and talks have been

completed since November 2022. These have provided valuable outdoor education in nature studies, climate change, history, geology, science, and other curriculum topics for pupils from:

- Ash Grove Academy - 170 students between 5-11 yrs (in 5 visits)
- Ivy Bank Primary School - 120 students between 6-8 yrs (in 4 visits)
- Beech Hall Independent School- 30 students between 6-17 yrs (in 1 visit)
- Dean Valley Primary School - 70 students between 6-8 yrs (in 2 visits)

A number of other groups of local young people have visited the site under the leadership of Trust members and supporters. These include:

- Girl Guides - 60 guides between 7-15 yrs (in 3 visits)
- Brownies - 20 brownies between 5-7 yrs (in 1 visit)
- Trefoil Guild - 30 women between 35-85 yrs (in 1 visit)
- National Citizens Service - 20 members between 17-18 yrs (in 1 visit)
- RSPB Wildlife Explorers - 10 members between 5-16 yrs (in 1 visit)
- Local residents - 80 individuals between 20-75 yrs (in 7 visits)
- University/college students 3 students between 19-20 yrs (in 5 visits)
- St Albans Catholic Primary School - 65 students between 9-10 yrs (invited back in 2024 to give presentation and demonstration about the consequences of developing Danes Moss)

The educational value of the site has therefore touched the lives of around 1,050 local children and young adults.


The site has lain largely dormant for in excess of half a century. Over that time a network of well-trodden footpaths has developed, giving local residents - and those from further afield - a valuable, safe, tranquil, and beautiful place to walk, talk, find solitude, and exercise themselves and their dogs. These activities are enjoyed by local communities as much today as they have been in recent history.

For around 8,000 years the peat beneath the site has been sequestering and locking away carbon, forming a globally small, but locally huge, element in the fight against catastrophic climate change. It has also attenuated groundwater flows on the southern edge of Macclesfield, thus helping to protect the town from disastrous flooding. Local communities benefit from the natural capacity of the site today just as they have done for many, many centuries.

Macclesfield's communities have shown their love and appreciation of Danes Moss North throughout a campaign to save the space from inappropriate urban development.

Since 2021 over 25,000 people have signed a petition to save the site from destruction; some 7,500 people on the Cheshire East electoral register have signed a petition to have the matter debated in full, in an open session of the council; over 2,200 people follow the campaign via Facebook plus 735 on X and 487 on Instagram, while hundreds - if not thousands - regularly support a range of activities on, or associated with, Danes Moss North in person.

The area is undoubtedly a sustainable, beneficial, and vital social asset to ALL of Macclesfield's vibrant, active, and established communities.



Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 08/08/2025

Council Detail Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
101 Administration						
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	99	160	61		61	61.6%
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	42	72	30		30	58.3%
4999 Miscellaneous Costs/Purchases	3	250	247		247	1.2%
Administration :- Indirect Payments	3,115	4,860	1,745	0	1,745	64.1%
Net Receipts over Payments	20,519	40,797	20,278			
102 Employee Costs						
4000 Salaries	2,771	9,025	6,254		6,254	30.7%
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	142	500	358		358	28.4%
4020 Employee Training	0	440	440		440	0.0%
Employee Costs :- Indirect Payments	4,279	13,476	9,197	0	9,197	31.8%
Net Payments	(4,279)	(13,476)	(9,197)			
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	85	200	115	0	115	42.5%
Net Payments	(85)	(200)	(115)			
105 Communications						
1025 Donations Received	0	288	288			0.0%

Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 08/08/2025

Council Detail Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
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	200	910	710		710	22.0%
Communications :- Indirect Payments	200	1,060	860	0	860	18.9%
Net Receipts over Payments	(155)	(232)	(77)			
<u>110 Parks & Woodland</u>						
4180 External Contractors	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%
4200 Park Maintenance	5,295	10,575	5,280		5,280	50.1%
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	11	150	139		139	7.5%
Parks & Woodland :- Indirect Payments	5,932	17,910	11,978	0	11,978	33.1%
Net Payments	(5,932)	(17,910)	(11,978)			
<u>120 Operational Costs</u>						
4206 Parish Maintenance	955	3,535	2,580		2,580	27.0%
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	1,577	11,690	10,113	0	10,113	13.5%
Net Payments	(1,577)	(11,690)	(10,113)			
<u>130 Special Projects</u>						
4115 Print	0	400	400		400	0.0%
Special Projects :- Indirect Payments	0	400	400	0	400	0.0%
Net Payments	0	(400)	(400)			
<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%

Detailed Receipts & Payments by Budget Heading 08/08/2025

Council Detail Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
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	23,154	0	(23,154)		(23,154)	0.0%
VAT Data :- Indirect Payments	23,154	0	(23,154)	0	(23,154)	
Net Receipts over Payments	513	0	(513)			
Grand Totals:- Receipts	90,347	99,163	8,816			91.1%
Payments	148,908	163,551	14,643	0	14,643	91.0%
Net Receipts over Payments	(58,561)	(64,388)	(5,827)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(58,561)	(64,388)	(5,827)			

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Current Bank A/c

Cash Received between 01/07/2025 and 04/08/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cash Received from</u>	<u>Receipt No</u>	<u>Receipt Description</u>	<u>Receipt Total</u>
16/07/2025	Deposit Account	July		1,500.00
01/07/2025	Nationwide		Interest	28.47
Total Receipts				<u>1,528.47</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	
Woodhouse Lane Sign	Lowes Lane Jnct	Ranger to replace backing board	Ranger	August 2025
Faded stop signs	Woodhouse Lane	Junction with Church Lane.	CEC	August 2025 SR510001687

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)	Further letter written to owner.	Landowner	July 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	Further letter written to Little Manor and Old Rectory	Landowner	July 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	CEC confirmed work is planned for this year's (2025/26) work programme, no date given as yet.	CEC	July 2025
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

AUGUST 2025

REF	ACTION	LEAD	STATUS	NOTES
2501	Deliver three projects under the Green Gawsworth Strategy	Green Gawsworth WG	Outstanding	
2502	Develop the business case for acquiring the land at Maggoty Lane for a new open space	Park and Woodland WG	Outstanding	Working group meeting being arranged.
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	Feedback awaited from community representatives before finalising. Aim to issue in early September.
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	Final survey being undertaken, working group meeting to be arranged.
2508	Identify desirable permissive path routes	Footpaths WG	Outstanding	Working group meeting to be arranged
2509	Explore the submission of DMMO applications to register new PROW	Footpaths WG	Outstanding	Working group meeting to be arranged
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

AUGUST 2025

Action Ref	Creation Date	Source	Subject	Description	Responsible	Minute Ref	Priority	Status	Activity Log / Notes
2003	10/07/19	Decision	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	Still 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.
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
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