

Gawsworth Parish Council

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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 Cllr 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 Clarke 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 services 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 Clerk read comments submitted by Cllr Dempsey to the meeting.

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.