

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the Council Meeting held

Tuesday 8th July 2025 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

25/051 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

25/052 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair announced the resignation of Cllr Wright and thanked her for her time on the council.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke and Webb.

25/053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Richards arrived.

Cllr Dempsey declared a non-pecuniary interest in 25/059 as the secretary and co-chair to the Danes Moss Trust.

Cllr Kinsey arrived.

25/054 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

25/055 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 8th July, subject to typographical corrections to 25/038, 25/042 and the addition of reference to Cllr Dempsey's comments being read to the meeting in 25/044.

25/056 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham reported that the accident at the crossroads was understood to be due to a person jumping the lights, though this was unconfirmed; the lights were likely to be out of service for some time whilst a new controller is obtained. Cllr Smetham further reported that the area is currently open to speculative planning applications due to the lack of a five-year housing land supply and that the council's finances continue to be challenged, with government changes in the fairer funding consultation likely to require annual 5% increases to council tax.

25/057 PLANNING

25/2866/HOUS – Goosetree Farm, Woodhouse End Road

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

25/058 CHESHIRE EAST FARMS REVIEW

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the submission drafted by Cllr Woods, with the amendments to section 9, to state that affordable housing should be kept in consideration, section 3 to refer to "any proposals" and section 11 to place emphasis that community/social responsibility should come before financial gain.

25/059 DANES MOSS ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATION

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

25/060 PARISH MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

- During some events at the halls there is significant parking outside the car park, including on pavements
- It would be beneficial to have a policy on use of the park
- Contact had been received from the Care Community offering blood pressure monitoring (and more), this had been referred to the Hub
- The road surface on the bend at Lowes Lane requires attention
- The stump on Woodhouse Lane has been tarmacked around, but no action taken on the stump itself
- The bin on the Pleasance would benefit from being replaced to be further from the noticeboard, to be discussed at the next meeting
- There is a new operator for the tip, the Clerk was requested to make contact
- Signage for grant providers and the orchard should be progressed for the park
- The finger post sign at the Harrington arms requires repainting

25/061 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 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

The receipts since the previous meeting were noted.

25/062 STRATEGIC PLAN, PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted. It was noted one of the hedges opposite the Harrington Arms had been cut, and that the hedges of the car park required cutting.

25/063 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk confirmed that the removal of gates at Maggoty Wood was a National Trust accessibility policy, that no response had been received from Cheshire East Council in respect of the planning query, that councillors are required to attend a meeting at least every six months and that the poor audio on livestreams could be due to bandwidth on the broadband.

25/063 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

25/064 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 9th September 2025.