

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.facebook.com/gawsworthlife).

**Adam Keppel-Green**  
Clerk and Proper Officer  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> August.  
  
*Attachment – Minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> August 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) [25/3060/FUL – Land South of Foxhey, Harbour Lane](#)
  - b) [25/3027/FUL – Swindells Farm, Shellow Lane](#)

- 7 BIN ON THE PLEASANCE**  
To consider replacement and relocation of the bin at the Pleasance .
- 8 CAR PARK SURFACE REPAIRS**  
To consider repairs to the surfacing of the car park.
- 9 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**  
To consider arrangements for the Christmas lights.
- 10 PARISH MATTERS**  
An opportunity for members to raise matters which require attention or future discussion
- 11 FINANCE**  
To note the council's financial position year to date.

*Attachment – Receipts and Payments statement September 2025*

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

*Attachment – Receipts between 5<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September*

Payee	Detail	Amount
L and J Print	Gawsworth Gazette August 2025	50.00
A Keppel-Green	September Salary	554.71
A Keppel-Green	September Reimbursements / Mileage	23.85
Northwich Town Council	August Contract Works	870.00
NPower	Streetlighting January to July	167.46
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,666.02</b>

- 12 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.*
- 13 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK**  
An opportunity to raise questions to the Clerk.
- 14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
A period for members of the public to address the meeting.
- 15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**  
To agree to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

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### Minutes

*of the Council Meeting held*

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,665.69</b>

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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## Detailed Receipts &amp; Payments by Budget Heading 04/09/2025

## 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	2,055	2,385	330			86.2%
1900 Precept	21,635	43,270	21,635			50.0%

## Administration :- Receipts

	<b>23,690</b>	<b>45,657</b>	<b>21,967</b>			<b>51.9%</b>
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	48	72	24	24		66.7%
4999 Miscellaneous Costs/Purchases	3	250	247	247		1.2%

## Administration :- Indirect Payments

**Net Receipts over Payments**

	<b>3,121</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>64.2%</b>
	<b>20,569</b>	<b>40,797</b>	<b>20,228</b>			

**102 Employee Costs**

4000 Salaries	3,325	9,025	5,700	5,700		36.8%
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	166	500	334	334		33.1%
4020 Employee Training	0	440	440	440		0.0%

## Employee Costs :- Indirect Payments

**Net Payments**

	<b>4,858</b>	<b>13,476</b>	<b>8,618</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,618</b>	<b>36.0%</b>
	<b>(4,858)</b>	<b>(13,476)</b>	<b>(8,618)</b>			

**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**

	<b>85</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>42.5%</b>
	<b>(85)</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>(115)</b>			

## Detailed Receipts &amp; Payments by Budget Heading 04/09/2025

## Committee Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<b>105 Communications</b>						
1025 Donations Received	275	288	13			95.5%
1050 Advertising Income	45	540	495			8.3%
Communications :- Receipts	<b>320</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>508</b>			<b>38.6%</b>
4110 Website Costs	0	150	150		150	0.0%
4116 Gawsworth Gazette	250	910	660		660	27.5%
Communications :- Indirect Payments	<b>250</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
<b>Net Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>(232)</b>	<b>(302)</b>			
<b>110 Parks &amp; Woodland</b>						
4180 External Contractors	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%
4200 Park Maintenance	5,932	10,575	4,643		4,643	56.1%
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	<b>6,569</b>	<b>17,910</b>	<b>11,341</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,341</b>	<b>36.7%</b>
<b>Net Payments</b>	<b>(6,569)</b>	<b>(17,910)</b>	<b>(11,341)</b>			
<b>120 Operational Costs</b>						
4206 Parish Maintenance	1,043	3,535	2,492		2,492	29.5%
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	159	455	296		296	35.1%
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	<b>1,824</b>	<b>11,690</b>	<b>9,866</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,866</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
<b>Net Payments</b>	<b>(1,824)</b>	<b>(11,690)</b>	<b>(9,866)</b>			
<b>130 Special Projects</b>						
4115 Print	0	400	400		400	0.0%
Special Projects :- Indirect Payments	<b>0</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Net Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(400)</b>	<b>(400)</b>			

## Detailed Receipts &amp; Payments by Budget Heading 04/09/2025

## 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	53,678	52,678	(1,000)			101.9%
Play Area Refurb Project :- Receipts	<b>53,678</b>	<b>52,678</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>			<b>101.9%</b>
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	<b>110,565</b>	<b>113,955</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>Net Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(56,887)</b>	<b>(61,277)</b>	<b>(4,390)</b>			
<u>999 VAT Data</u>						
115 VAT Refunds	23,667	0	(23,667)			0.0%
VAT Data :- Receipts	<b>23,667</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(23,667)</b>			
515 VAT on Payments	23,307	0	(23,307)		(23,307)	0.0%
VAT Data :- Indirect Payments	<b>23,307</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(23,307)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(23,307)</b>	
<b>Net Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(360)</b>			
Full Council :- Receipts	<b>101,355</b>	<b>99,163</b>	<b>(2,192)</b>			<b>102.2%</b>
Payments	<b>150,580</b>	<b>163,551</b>	<b>12,971</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,971</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>(49,225)</b>	<b>(64,388)</b>	<b>(15,163)</b>			
Grand Totals:- Receipts	<b>101,355</b>	<b>99,163</b>	<b>(2,192)</b>			<b>102.2%</b>
Payments	<b>150,580</b>	<b>163,551</b>	<b>12,971</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,971</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>Net Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(49,225)</b>	<b>(64,388)</b>	<b>(15,163)</b>			
<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>(49,225)</b>	<b>(64,388)</b>	<b>(15,163)</b>			



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## Current Bank A/c

Cash Received between 05/08/2025 and 02/09/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cash Received from</u>	<u>Receipt No</u>	<u>Receipt Description</u>	<u>Receipt Total</u>
29/08/2025	Deposit Account	Aug	Transfer	1,500.00
18/08/2025	Gawsworth Shop		Gazette Contributions Oct-Aug	275.00
01/09/2025	JUC		Grant	10,677.65
01/09/2025	Nationwide		Interest	28.05
Total Receipts				<u>12,480.70</u>

# MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT LOG

## ***PENNINGTONS LANE AREA***

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

## ***A536***

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)	Landowner has instructed replacement of the fencing.	Landowner	September 2025
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	Owner of Little Manor has confirmed they will liaise with Old Rectory to look at replacement of fencing	Landowner	August 2025
Fingerpost requires repainting	opp. Harrington Arms		Ranger	August 2025
Broken Handrail	Steps to FP11	Reported to CEC PROW team	CEC	September 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
Road Surface Requires Attention	Lowes Lane		CEC	August 2025

**NANCY'S WOOD / GAWSWORTH PARK**

Issue	Location	Notes	Responsible
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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
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***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

# OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

SEPTEMBER 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
2502	12/08/25	Discussion	Funders signs for park	Awaiting draft from sign company	Clerk		Medium
2503	12/08/25	Discussion	Orchard sign	Proposal to be tabled to October meeting	Clerk		Medium

# STRATEGIC PLAN ACTION PLAN: 2025/26

SEPTEMBER 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	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	Survey to be launched mid-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	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	