

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the Council Meeting held

Tuesday 21st October 2025 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

25/081 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

25/082 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke and Dempsey

25/083 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Richards declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Wall Pool Lodge planning application as a neighbour of the site.

25/084 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

25/085 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 9th September.

25/086 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

Cllrs Kinsey and Richards joined the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Sophie Hollinshead for the vacancy in Village Ward.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hollinshead give her declaration of acceptance of office at or before the next meeting.

25/087 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Clerk read a report from Cllr Smetham, highlighting the uncertainty over the potential Adlington New Town and planning applications being brought forward under grey belt rules for sites where development has previously been regarded as inappropriate.

25/088 PLANNING

25/3613/HOUS – Wall Pool Lodge, Church Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections and defer to view of the Conservation Officer with respect the effect of proposals on the conservation area.

25/3492/PIP – Land at Shellow Lane

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that the site does not constitute a sustainable location for development.

It was **RESOLVED** to further raise concern over the volume of development taking place in this area and the detrimental effect on the green belt.

25/3402/HOUS – 9 Woodhouse Lane

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

25/0771/PIP - Land at Dark Lane (appeal)

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- a) Make a case for reassessment of whether the site constitutes part of the village for infill purposes, highlighting the change in planning policy since the position was first taken and outlining grounds for a counter view
- b) Challenge the appeal statements that the site constitutes a sustainable site for development

It was agreed to ask Cheshire East Council to endorse the council's request under (a).

Cllr Webb left the meeting.

Latest planning decisions

The latest planning decisions were noted.

25/089 PARK USE POLICY

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy with the following amendments:

- a) The policy should incorporate the car park

- b) Addition of reference to responsible use of cycles and scooters (including e-bikes and e-scooters) being permitted provided it does not endanger other users
- c) Addition of prohibition of horses in Nancy's Wood
- d) Addition of a statement making it clear that the sites are owned by the parish council

25/090 COMMUNITY ORCHARD

It was agreed to defer consideration of an interpretation sign for the orchard to the next meeting, with the clerk asked to look at lower cost options and non-wood options which will not decay.

It was **RESOLVED** to host a winter pruning workshop in the new year.

25/091 ST JAMES' GREEN BENCH

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the bench on the green with a recycled plastic bench.

25/092 PARISH MATTERS

The following issues were raised:

- Traffic was again queuing on Church lane due to a timing issue with the main road lights
- CEC had undertaken to install a 'keep clear' box outside Fourways to address issues with access
- The council should look at farm buildings to identify any of historic character for protection
- The pedestrian gate to the park requires rehangng
- There has not been an update on the Chain and Gate enforcement for some time
- There was fly tipping in a hedge by the Harrington Arms
- The gardening club have been planting bulbs

It was noted that the Christmas lights required testing.

Cllr Kinsey left the meeting.

25/093 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 Sept/Oct 2025	100.00
A Keppel-Green	October Salary	553.81
A Keppel-Green	October Mileage	23.85

PKF Littlejohn	External Audit 2024/25	756.00
Gawsworth Church PCC	Christmas Tree Festival	25.00
HMRC	Q2 PAYE	1,383.23
Northwich Town Council	September Works	1,632.00
NPower	Streetlighting September	25.08
NPower	Streetlighting August	22.24
Gort and March	Q2 Payroll	50.00
	Total	4,571.21

The receipts since the previous meeting were noted.

The external auditor report was noted.

25/094 STAFF TRAINING

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the clerk's attendance at the SLCC Practitioner's Conference 2026.

25/095 STRATEGIC PLAN, PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted.

25/096 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

No questions were raised.

25/097 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

25/098 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 11th November at 7:30pm.