

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the Annual Council Meeting held
Tuesday 9th June 2026 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

26/024 PRESENT

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

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

26/025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke, Dempsey, Hollinshead and Kinsey

26/026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

26/027 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to address the council.

26/028 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 12th May subject to a correction to 26/015 to refer to replacing the hedge along Church Lane not trees.

26/029 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Smetham addressed the meeting and reported that the Chief Executive had resigned and work on recruitment would now commence. Cllr Smetham reported that a recent OFSTED inspection of children's services showed an improvement, and that she intended to submit a notice of motion regarding Peak Cluster.

The clerk relayed the apologies of Cllrs Puddicombe and Wilson.

26/030 PLANNING

26/1930/HOUS – 14 St James Avenue

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

26/2034/VOC – 20 Woodhouse Lane

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

26/031 PEAK CLUSTER PIPELINE

It was agreed to request a meeting with Peak Cluster, citing the proximity of the AGI for 'special treatment' warranting a dedicated meeting. The Clerk was also requested to follow up a meeting request with Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Woods highlighted the draft report circulated to members regarding environmental considerations to which he had received no response to date. Cllr Woods further reported that he was aware of a landowner being taken to court for not permitting access to their land.

Cllr Richards arrived.

26/032 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The draft code of conduct was reviewed, and a number of minor amendments were agreed:

- Relocating section 1.10 and 1.11 higher in the text
- Referencing the code being adopted under the Localism Act 2011 at 1.2
- Referencing a dedicated email address for the chair under 1.11
- Splitting the second bullet in 6.14
- Relocating a sentence in 7.2 to 7.1
- Explaining the role of the Monitoring Officer

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Code of Conduct as revised.

26/033 STRATEGIC PLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the action plan for 2026/27, subject to the addition of a column for leads.

26/034 PARISH MAP AND INFORMATION BOARD AT THE PLEASANCE

It was **RESOLVED** not to progress the installation of the information board.

26/035 PARISH MATTERS

It was noted that the new bin at the Pleasance was not being emptied and the old bin

required removal. It was reported that the stones on the verge at Thorneycroft Close were preventing it being mown and should be removed.

It was noted the benches required varnishing, and that nettles were growing through the bench along Church Lane.

There was apparent flytipping at Penningtons Lane, and a wheelchair user had reported challenges passing hedges/verge edges along Sussex Avenue and Congleton Road. It was noted that the remainder of the Congleton Road pavement, from Deans Farm to the Rising Sun required siding out.

26/036 FINANCE

The council's financial position year to date was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

Payee	Detail	Amount
A Keppel-Green	June Salary	568.12
A Keppel-Green	June Reimbursements inc Q1 HWA	112.10
nPower	April Streetlighting Costs	24.72
L and J Print	Gawsworth Gazette Printing	50.00
Total		£754.94

The receipts since the previous meeting were noted.

26/037 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted.

26/038 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The Clerk responded to questions advising that no further correspondence had been received from Cheshire East Council with regard to CIL, and that 211 surveys had been completed to date.

26/039 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

26/040 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meetings would be held on Tuesday 14th July.