Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held

Tuesday 8th September 2026 in the Gawsworth Village Hall

26/073 PRESENT

Cllrs Hardy *(presiding)*, Clarke, Hollinshead, Kinsey Richards, Shepherd and Webb

A Keppel-Green (Clerk)

26/074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dempsey and Woods.

26/075 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared an interest in any item.

26/076 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two residents spoke in relation to the proposed development off Penningtons Lane, expressing concerns about drainage and flooding and expressing opposition to development on the land.

Cllrs Hollinshead and Clarke arrived during this item.

A resident requested the street name signs in the Moss ward be replaced with those bearing the Parish Council name/logo.

26/077 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 11TH August subject to a typographical correction.

26/078 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLORS REPORT

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Wilson and Puddicombe who had advised they had nothing to report.

Cllr Smetham reported that the borough council was still failing in many areas, and that there had been no update on the matters around the letter concerning the Adlington New Town nor progress following submission of the notice of motion concerning Peak Cluster. Cllr Smetham noted the national scheme of delegation requiring changes to which planning applications can be considered by planning committees and changes to the constitution.

26/079 PLANNING

<u>26/2910/HOUS – Loe House, 10 Longbutts Lane</u>

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

<u>26/3111/HOUS – The Dene, Lowes Lane</u>

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

It was noted that an appeal against refusal has been submitted in respect of 25/3060/FUL (Land to the South of Foxhey, Harbour Lane)

26/080 PEAK CLUSTER PIPELINE

It was noted that there had been no update recently.

26/081 COMMUNITY SURVEY

The parish maintenance and 'other' sections of the survey were discussed. The council considered all comments about maintenance and **RESOLVED** to progress the actions detailed in appendix A.

The council considered all comments in the 'other' section and **RESOLVED** to :

a) ask school if there is spare space to increase parking provision
b) look at trees in the parish
c) trial a timed agenda to reduce overall meeting time
d) promote creation of a skills bank

26/082 WOODHOUSE LANE WILDFLOWER PATCH

It was **RESOLVED** to return the area to grass with seed.

26/083 PARISH MATTERS

It was noted that the item on the churchyard had not been included on the agenda as information was awaited from the PCC.

The following matters were raised:

- The encroachment at Moss View Road/Congleton Road, and the path from Rising Sun Road to Penningtons Lane both required attention
- The step up to the village hall was a trip hazard
- The Church had requested the council provide a PA system for Remembrance Sunday

26/084 FINANCE

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

Payee	Detail	Amount
Northwich Town Council	Contract August 2026	868.80
Artisan Joinery Workshop	Deposit for Repair to Village Sign	303.60
A Keppel-Green	September Salary	568.12
A Keppel-Green	September Reimbursements (domain renewals, desk mic, home working allowance Q2)	193.49
M Herring	Ranger Works July and August	1,636.38
	Total	**3,570.39**

The receipts since the previous meeting were noted.

26/085 PARISH MAINTENANCE AND ACTIONS LOGS

The logs were noted.

26/086 QUESTIONS TO THE CLERK

The clerk responded to a question advising that no further correspondence regarding CIL had been received from Cheshire East Council.

It was noted that the Christmas lights switch on event would take place on 5th December.

26/087 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

26/088 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meetings would be held on Tuesday 20th October 2026.

APPENDIX A: ACTIONS ARISING FROM MAINTENANCE SECTION OF SURVEY

Ref	Subject / Suggestion	Action
1	Hedges encroaching pavements	Promotion of issue in Gawsworth Gazette followed by councillors to undertake a walkabout of the parish (in sections) to identify problem areas. Issue to feature prominently in the Gazette, Clerk to write to all houses where action is required.
2	Dog poo bin to be installed at Benbrook Way by entrance to field / ginnel from Woodhouse Lane	Exploration of bin at the Lowes Lane end.
3	Pavements across parish require siding out	Councillors to survey pavements and identify those where work is required. Clerk to get quotes for works / put on Ranger job list where smaller.
4	Dog Fouling	Continued reminders about the issue in the Gawsworth Gazette
5	Replace Rising Sun Road street name plates with Gawsworth ones, replace faded signs	Councillors to identify where additional street name plates should be replaced
6	Rubble left on Lowes Lane where drainage pipe was installed – material disposed in hedge which was washed back onto road.	Clerk to raise with CEC Highways
7	Overgrown / dirty road signs	Councillors to identify, Ranger to attend to
8	The field at the spur of Lowes Lane (Dreamfield) has unsightly sheds and paraphernalia along the footpath.	Councillor to inspect and report back.
10	Grit box would be handy at the top of Hillcrest and Surrey Road	Council to request a grit bin.
11	Replace the trees on church Lane that have come down over the last couple of years	Council to explore replanting.
12	Parish Council should meet at least annually with Community hub directors	Communications working group to progress.
13	Water quality in Benbrook and other streams should be tested	Council to arrange to have the water quality tested
14	Pavements on Church Lane going up to the hall are very uneven and need attention	To be covered in councillor inspections.
15	Cutoff deadline for the noise at the parish hall and scout hut to be enforced	To be raised with hall operators.
16	The stiles on Woodhouse Lane need redoing so it's manageable with dogs and the one on Lowes Lane too	Consider as part of public rights of way improvement plan.
17	Clarification whether the car park is also hired for events on theses premises as sometimes the gate is	Removal of gate to be explored.

	shut to the car park when there is events	
18	Woodhouse Lane meadow unsightly	To be reverted back to grass.
19	The "Old Post Office" or car park of old vehicles on the crossroads is causing a big problem where the owner parks on the double yellow lines by the traffic lights	To be raised again with PCSO.
20	The tree at the corner of Harrington Drive and Church Lane needs pruning.	Inspect and raise with homeowner
21	Overgrown hedges obscuring views	Councillors to undertake a walkabout of the parish (in sections) to identify problem areas.
22	Car parking - Church Lane - cars on pavements, requiring school "walking bus" to veer out into the road. No room	School to be requested to better promote one-way drop off system, system to be promoted in Gazette and PCSO to be asked to promote.
23	Double Yellow Lines around school area and approaching traffic lights on Church Lane Junction up to cenotaph.	Goslings to be requested to look at lollipop person
24	Longbutts Lane has no provision for disabled parking in the area of the bungalows. Could we please have blue badge parking in the layby in the road?	Council to liaise with CEC / Peaks and Plains to dedicate parking space for disabled users
25	Wall in car park at St James Avenue breaking up	Council to raise with Peaks and Plains
26	Bushes that separate gardens at St James Avenue and the school need thinning out on home side	Council to raise with Peaks and Plains