

Gawsworth Parish Council

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Minutes

of the council meeting held
Tuesday 14th August 2018

18/066 Present

Cllrs Woods (*presiding*), Richards, Briercliffe, Shepherd, and Smetham

A Keppel-Green (*Parish Clerk*)

18/067 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Briggs, Simpson and Tyrrell.

18/068 To note the declaration of members' interests

Cllr Woods declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/073 as the author of the compliance and ethics report. Cllr Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest in 18/072 on the grounds of being related to an employee in one of the tendering organisations.

18/069 Public Participation

A resident expressed continuing concern at the proposals for an EE mast at Pennington's Lane.

A resident expressed concern about the poor condition of a number of road signs which had been reported to Cheshire East Council with no action then being taken.

18/070 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held July 10th 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes with the addition of Cllr Shepherd to the attendance list.

18/071 To consider matters related to the proposed mast on Pennington's Lane

The Clerk reported that Harlequin had confirmed they were arranging a drop-in meeting in the Methodist Church Hall in September and would follow this with a meeting with the Parish Council. It was noted that three additional discounted sites had been referred to.

18/072 To consider the tender submissions for the Parish Maintenance contract
The detail of the four tenders was reviewed and it was **RESOLVED** to award the contract to Envirocare, subject to references.

18/073 To consider matters related to the affordable housing project on Dark Lane
It was noted that there had been no update from Cheshire East Council as to when a planning application might be submitted. The response to Cllr Wood's report was noted.

18/074 To consider planning applications:

- a) **18/3677M – Millend Farm, Harbour Lane**
- b) **18/3854M – 1 Moss View Road**
- c) **18/3501M – Underbank Farm, Pexhill Road**
- d) **18/3245M – Lane at Gaw End Lane**
- e) **18/3353M – Cowbrook Farm, Cowbrook Lane**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds of the unbalancing effect on the semi-detached properties to the detriment to the character of the streetscene and area.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to comment that the development should provide for a walkers' car park and ensure that the SSSI, Danes Moss reserve and the important bridges are properly considered in the application.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to raise no objections subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the proposals will not detrimentally affect the openness of the countryside and will blend in.

18/075 To receive reports of Parish Matters

A query was raised as to the status of the A536 roundabout planning application; it was noted that it had not yet been determined.

It was requested that the Clerk chase Cheshire East Council to remove the grit from the car park and agreed that the council representative on the Village Hall Committee speak with its Chairman about the removal of the storage container with a view to making better use of the committee room for storage or a smaller shed attached to the rear of the hall.

18/076 To consider a response to the Cheshire East Council Well Managed Highways Infrastructure Consultation

It was **RESOLVED** to respond that Parish Councils should be involved in determining priorities and that updates provided to reported on issues could be improved with the online system being better utilised.

18/077 To consider matters related to the Park and Woodland

- a) **To consider a management plan for the park and woodland**
- b) **To consider repairs to park equipment**
- c) **To consider drainage works at the park**

d) To consider an update from the working group

- a) The outline management plan was approved. It was agreed that the final management plan should include a vision statement, make provision for an older area in the park (e.g. community orchard, sensory garden, seating areas), a spatial plan of the park, potentially a covered BBQ area, include new rationalised signage and detail rough capital costs
- b) It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk approve any repairs required which are deemed medium-high risk, subject to receipt of quotes.
- c) It was noted that the Clerk was still awaiting quotations. It was **RESOLVED** that a grant be sought from the John Upton Charity for the works once these were received.
- d) The Clerk reported that Cllrs Simpson and Tyrrell beginning to explore options for new equipment and skate park costs.

18/078 To consider financial matters

a) To consider the Council's financial position year to date

b) To note and approve payments

- a) The council's financial position was noted.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments detailed below.

18/079 To consider an interpretation board for the Pleasance

It was agreed that a budget of £800 should be considered and that options would be explored at the next meeting.

18/080 To consider a report from Cheshire East Councillor(s)

Cllr Smetham reported that a new National Planning Police Framework had been published. It was further reported that eight parks in the borough had been awarded Green Flag and that the council was hosting 'Pride in the Park' at Tatton Park in September.

18/081 To consider the Parish Maintenance Log

The log was noted.

18/082 To consider the Actions Log

The log was noted.

18/083 Member questions to the clerk

A question was raised as to whether Cheshire East Council would be upgrading the parish streetlighting to LED.

18/084 To note the dates of forthcoming meetings

The dates were noted.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payee	Chq Ref	Detail	Amount Paid
A Keppel-Green	300230	July and August Salary and	923.07

Reimbursement			
Northwich Town Council	300231	July Park and Handyman	906.00
Royal Mail	300232	Prepaid Postage	0.42
Total			1,829.49

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