



Gnosall Parish Council

(Including the wards of Moreton & Knightley).

Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council

held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Grosvenor Centre

Present

Cllr Mills (in the Chair), Cllr Gregory, Cllr Booth, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Payne, Cllr Pearson, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Beswick, Cllr Alker, Cllr Symons, along with J Cooper, Clerk

Along with Borough and Country Councillors S Spencer and M Winnington and Mr K Abbott on behalf of Gnosall Heritage Group as well as 12 residents from Outwoods

Public Open Forum - (10 minutes)

Three residents, on behalf of the 12 residents in attendance raised their concerns regarding continual flooding in Outwoods. It was acknowledged that some gullies had been jetted but this had not resolved the problem. Ditches are blocked, water is not draining away and pooling outside some houses cause significant issues to properties. In one area, it appears that a piece of draining pipe is missing. It was further reported that floods are frequent around the old telephone box which houses a defibrillator which would make accessing the defibrillator very difficult as the telephone box fills with slurry. This is potentially a dangerous scenario. Wilbrighton Bridge, on which work was carried out approximately 10 years ago, now floods regularly with water sometimes 4ft deep under the bridge. Water pours out of the drain constantly therefore there is an issue that needs investigating. Many vehicles have been stranded under the bridge as there is no indication of how deep the water is. This is something that needs urgent attention. Cllr Winnington confirmed he had already asked for a measuring gauge to be fixed to the bridge and that is still awaited.

The Parish Council was asked to help residents in raising the seriousness of the matters reported to Highways and request urgent attention.

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with a senior officer from Highways, Councillor Winnington, the Chair of the Parish Council and a resident from Outwoods (on behalf of all residents concerned). The Clerk would arrange the meeting as soon as possible. In the meantime, residents would continue to take photographs of the flooded areas.

24/043 To Receive Apologies and Record Absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Webb, Cllr Simkin, Cllr Powell

24/044 To Record Any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Alker declared an interest in discussions about GLEAN or the Council's website.
Cllr Pearson declared an interest in discussion about a dog exercise area.

24/045 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

24/046 To consider any matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

There were no matters arising from either of the meetings held.

24/047 To receive the following reports:

The Clerk's Report -The Clerk's report gave details of all meetings held in the past month. Councillors were informed that meetings had been planned in April to discuss the opening of the youth club to ensure the necessary policies are in place as well as insurance.

The Clerk informed the Council that following the last meeting at which the agreement between GPC and GLEAN was approved subject to 2 sentences being removed, the amendment had not been accepted by GLEAN and therefore the agreement remains unsigned. There had been a lot of communication between GPC and GLEAN regarding this including GLEAN being informed that the council's decision is binding for a period of 6 months unless a special resolution, in accordance with Standing Orders, is agreed. Cllr Alker, the council's representative on GLEAN Committee asked, on behalf of GLEAN, if the old agreement would be still valid if the new one remains unsigned. She was told that the old agreement had lapsed therefore would not be valid. She agreed to report back to GLEAN.

The Clerks report confirmed that Risk Assessments on the Grosvenor Centre site were up to date. Cllr Booth asked if the inspection includes the car park which she was told did not but that could be discussed at the next Health and Safety meeting.

Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended.

Cllr Alker reported on the most recent Patient Participation Group meeting she had attended. There is to be a staff reconstruction at the Health Centre, training is being planned so all staff members are able to respond to a query from start to finish. Furnishings are being replaced with to aid infection control.

Cllr Gregroy reported that she had attended two onsite meetings with residents affected by flooding with County and Borough Councillors.

Any reports from Borough and County Councillors.

Cllr Winnington reported on the many road defects in the parish and across the county. He confirmed surface work is planned on the A518 and Wharf Road.

24/048 To receive minutes and reports from committee and working groups:

The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr Abbott from Gnosall's Heritage Group to speak.

Mr Abbott requested assistance from the Parish Council in finding a suitable space to store artefacts, maps and other materials collected by the Heritage Group as well as a place for members of the group to work in small groups documenting materials. It is important to retain

this archive for future generations. The work of the Heritage Group was highly commended and although the council could not offer an immediate solution, it was felt a working group could be set up to explore options, including funding, with a view of a dedicated Heritage building similar to the library building. The working group would be set up later this year (probably autumn) once current parish council projects are complete and the office is fully staffed.

The meeting resumed.

Matters relating to the Open Spaces Committee meeting

- Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March were received.
- Inspections of all open spaces managed areas have been carried out and maintenance work is being scheduled.
- Allotment renewals are complete.
- A site visit is planned later this month to review an alternative location on the Acres for a dog exercise area.

Matters relating to the Planning Committee

- Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March were received which included details of meetings held with Town and County regarding development of land off Knightley Road, and a meeting with residents in The Rank regarding speculated development of land off Wharf Road. Some councillors felt there was a long-standing covenant on this piece of land which may need checking.
- Details of the latest Neighbourhood Plan meeting were reported.

Matters relating to the Grosvenor Centre Committee

- Minutes of a meeting held on 19th March were received.
- Plans for an open day to be held on 11th May are progressing well.
- The Chair and Vice Chair have been overseeing and reviewing the online booking system for the past month prior to the appointment of a new Council Support Officer.

24/049 To consider whether to nominate any significant local buildings such as The Horns pub as Community Assets

Details and examples of Community Assets and the right for a community to bid for assets of community value were explained. The Horns pub, which has been closed for many months, was suggested as an historic building on The High Street which may benefit from being a community asset. Councillors were asked for their thoughts and although many could see why The Horns pub would benefit, it was felt the Parish Council does not have the capacity to take this on.

Borough and County Councillors left the meeting.

24/050 To discuss and confirm arrangements for the Annual Assembly

Following a request from the Clerk, it was agreed to change the date of the Annual Assembly to 23rd May. There was discussion as to the format for the assembly and it was agreed that local

groups are invited to speak for a few minutes about their groups - Gnosall fire crew, Heritage Group, GG's Youth Club, Tow Path Restoration Group, Globetrotters, First Responders were all suggested. The Clerk to make contact.

24/051 To receive a report on financial receipts in March 2024 and to approve payments for April 2024

The accounts as presented were approved. The Clerk to arrange payment. Details of payments made between the last council meeting and the end of the financial year were also reported as well as receipts received in the month of March 2024.

24/052 To report any highway issues

The following issues were reported:

- Several potholes on Brookhouse Road
- A land drain which disperses water onto Audmore Road, beyond Old Barn Close causing unsafe road conditions with a buildup of mud and debris. It was felt the landowner who had installed the drain should consider a silt trap that would require regular clearing.
- Cars parked inconsiderably on pavements in Glendower Close - the Clerk to request the local PCSO to investigate and make contact with the local Parish Councillor for full details.
- It was noted there was an abandoned trailer at the top of Audmore Road, a trailer on the corner of Monks Walk and Wharf Road as well as an abandoned car at the top of Knightley Road. The trailer on Audmore Road had been previously reported, however the Clerk would ask the local PSCO to provide an update.

24/053 To request items for the next agenda

Councillors to inform the Clerk at least 10 days before the date of the next meeting.

24/054 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting, the annual meeting of council, would be held on 6th May at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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10 April 2024 (GPC 2023-2024)

PAYMENTS LIST

VoucheCode	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
414	13/03/2024		Co-operative		contribution to stage	Jordan Archer	E	500.00		500.00
443	13/03/2024		Cooperative		Gfest expenses	M Booth	E	20.00		20.00
442	13/03/2024		Cooperative		BKV expenses	D Clarke	E	16.20		16.20
439	18/03/2024		Co-operative		microsoft 365 subs	Microsoft	S	6.66	1.33	7.99
426	19/03/2024		Co-operative		Stationery	ESPO	S	38.95	7.79	46.74
427	19/03/2024		Co-operative		Sundries	Gregory	E	12.74		12.74
428	19/03/2024		Cooperative		BKV expenses	Newport Engravers	S	21.00	4.20	25.20
429	19/03/2024		CFest		towpath expenses	Huws Gray	S	108.74	21.75	130.49
440	21/03/2024		Burial Ground		Water bill	Waterplus	E	74.63		74.63
430	21/03/2024		Cooperative		BKV expenses	D Clarke	E	10.58		10.58
432	25/03/2024		Co-operative		youth club maintenance	MCS Roofing	S	198.20	39.64	237.84
441	25/03/2024		Allotments		water at allotments	Waterplus	E	38.76		38.76
438	26/03/2024		Co-operative		Allotment refund	Deegan	E	50.00		50.00
435	28/03/2024		Co-operative		Handyman jobs	Roger Arrowsmith	E	166.27		166.27
437	28/03/2024		Co-operative		electricity	eon next	S	398.06	79.61	477.67
436	28/03/2024		Co-operative		Gas bill	eon next	S	222.50	44.50	267.00
434	28/03/2024		Co-operative		Handyman duties	Roger Arrowsmith	E	64.99		64.99
433	28/03/2024		Co-operative		Handyman jobs	Roger Arrowsmith	E	78.00		78.00
431	31/03/2024		Co-operative		Phone and broadband	BT	S			
Total								2,026.28	198.82	2,225.10

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1	Employment Costs	08/04/2024		Co-operative		salaries/NI&PAYE/Pension	GPC	E	6,008.23		6,008.23
7	Printing and stationery	08/04/2024		Co-operative		Photocopying	Ricoh	S	218.26	43.65	261.91
11	IT maintenance & SCRIBE	08/04/2024		Co-operative		scribe online booking	SCRIBE	S	273.60	54.72	328.32
12	IT maintenance & SCRIBE	08/04/2024		Co-operative		Scribe Licence	SCRIBE	S	561.60	112.32	673.92
10	Marketing - Grosvenor	08/04/2024		Co-operative		Advert in GPN	GPN	E	100.00		100.00
8	Christmas	08/04/2024		Co-operative		Christmas electricity	npower	L	22.94	1.15	24.09
6	Grass cutting and grounds	08/04/2024		Co-operative		Grass cutting	JWH Ground	E	266.00		266.00
4	Grass cutting and grounds	08/04/2024		Co-operative		Tree work and grounds	JWH Ground	E	150.00		150.00
2	Grosvenor	08/04/2024		Co-operative		electrical inspection of	RWS Electrical	S	1,125.00	225.00	1,350.00
5	Burial Ground maintenance	08/04/2024		Burial Ground		Grass cutting - Burial	JWH Ground	E	455.00		455.00
9	Grosvenor	08/04/2024		Co-operative		electrical work at	RWS Electrical	S	65.00	13.00	78.00
3	CFest/Tow Path	08/04/2024		CFest		tow path maintenance	Huws Gray	S	52.24	10.45	62.69
Total									9,297.87	460.29	9,758.16