



DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council

held on 11th November 2021 at 7.30pm in The Grosvenor Centre

Present: Cllr G Gregory (in the chair), Cllr K Ingram, Cllr M Booth, Cllr G Symons, Cllr A Mills, Cllr S Powell, Cllr T Simkin, Cllr M Holmes, Cllr D Webb, Cllr R Greatrex, Cllr G Payne, J Cooper Clerk and S Ridgewell, CSO

Along with SBC Cllr M Smith and SCC Cllr M Winnington

Public Open Forum

None present

21/100 To receive apologies and record absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tomkinson, Cllr Lammin, Cllr Alker, Cllr Emsley and SBC Cllr P Farrington

21/101 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Simkin declared an interest in any personnel related discussions as her mother is an employee of the Parish Council.

21/102 To receive and confirm the minutes of

a) the last regular meeting of the Council held on 11th October 2021

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

b) The extra ordinary meeting of council held on 25th October 2021

The minutes of the meeting were approved as true and accurate record.

21/103 To consider any matters arising from both sets of minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

21/104 To receive the following reports:

a) The Clerk's report

Details of committee meetings held in the past month were shared.

Youth Club- there had been no further progress in reopening the youth club therefore this would be revisited in the new year.

Arrangements for the Annual Assembly were being finalised. All nominees for community awards had been invited and a display of the council's committee work was being finalised

Plans are in place for the Christmas lights event taking place on 27th November. As previously reported the Christmas Made in Gnosall would take place the same day from 10am until 3pm. Christmas trees would be delivered to the parish on 21st November. Norbury Park had donated a 15ft tree which would be located in Knightley.

The over 84's Christmas afternoon tea is taking place on 11th December and would be funded by Gnosall United Charities.

b) CSO's Report

Council was informed that the new heating control system now up and running. The winter edition of GMK will be ready for distribution shortly.

Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended

Cllr Mills informed Council that he had been inducted on the Stafford Public Independent Advisory Group. It was also noted that Gnosall Patients Forum has been renamed Gnosall Patient Participation Groups.

Cllr Booth reported on the most recent meeting of the Public Rights of Way meeting and also a meeting with Footpath Friends which had been successful. There still remains 144 outstanding issues on public rights of way. The public Rights of Way group would be applying to the Community Paths Initiative for funding a project. Cllr Greatrex asked for details of the footpath friends identity cards, specifically how other people would know they are genuine. Cllr Booth responded that the Parish Council telephone number is on the ID card and they would only be using public footpaths which any member of the public may use at any time therefore there should not be an issue.

c) Reports from Borough and County Councillors

The Borough Councillor confirmed that Stafford Borough had fixed new fees and charges with a 3% increase except brown bin and parking charges.

The County Councillor encouraged residents to ensure they book for their COVID booster vaccination. He also confirmed that he had chased up many of the local reported highway issues and reported that:

Coton - drains had been cleansed with further ditch work to be carried out.

Manor Road - one pothole had been repaired. Other jobs had been escalated to category 3 and are progressing through the system.

Wharf Road - Highways are taking up a reported issue of flooding with Severn Trent Water.

Aqua late bridge is causing more problems and work had therefore been escalated. /

Inconsiderate parking on Lowfield Lane estate - roads within the estate are yet to be adopted (due imminently), once adopted residents can apply to have white lines painted outside their homes to deter inconsiderate parking.

Horseshoe - a damaged storm pipe had been identified affecting drainage. This is under review.

Station Road - work is scheduled on the bridge over the brook on Station Road

Cllr Winnington was thanked for the information and was asked to:

Apply more pressure to ensure a sunken drain on the junction of Ranton Road and Mooreend Lane is fixed as it poses a danger to cyclists and traffic when water freezes.

Report back that SCC's website is not up to date as recent road works are not included

He was also asked for an update on the application to close Knightley Road in 2022 to complete road works - Cllr Winnington was not able to update council on this.

It was acknowledged that it is not possible to have double yellow lines outside the new coop store on Station Road as there not currently a problem. This can only be considered when a problem occurs.

21/105 To consider committee issues:

a) Matters relating to the Planning Committee

- Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November were received.
- Cllrs were informed of a planning application that had been received for gypsy site on land off Radmore Lane for 2 mobile homes, 4 tourer caravans and 1 day room. There was considerable discussion and Cllr Smith was asked to clarify if the reasons for refusal of a gypsy site in 2011 would still apply. Concern was also expressed that it appears work had started prior to approval of the application. Cllr Winnington was asked to make enquires about SCC owned land which the owners of the site in question would have to pass to access their land. This application would be considered by the Planning Committee on 25th November.
- It was reported that the 5-year approved planning application for the siting of Gnosall's library expires in February 2023. It was proposed that a planning application is submitted to make the existing application permanent for either a library and/or other parish council requirements subject to discussion with GLEAN. This was seconded and voted in favour.

b) Matters relating to the Grosvenor Centre Committee

- Minutes of the meeting held on 19th October were accepted
- It is hoped that council would consider including funds for an online booking system in the 2022/23 budget.

21/106 To discuss policing in the village (Cllr D Webb)

Cllr Webb raised his concerns about the cost, personnel and levels of service within the police force. He had calculated that 12% of council tax paid by a Band D resident is towards policing yet there had been a decline in levels of service and officers and PCSO's are spread across much larger geographical areas than what they used to be. Specifically, he commented on the 101-telephone service which is not user friendly and that many issues reported are not dealt with particularly inconsiderate parking issues. He asked other councillors what the parish council could do about this. This was discussed and it was suggested that letters could be sent to the Chief Constable copied to the local MP. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Cllr Alker to obtain up to date information on the appointment of the Police Crime Commissioner and changes being made.

21/107 To confirm plans for the Annual Assembly being held on 21st October 2021

Covered in the Clerk's report.

21/108 To consider ideas for a Christmas lights event to be held on 27th November 2021

Covered in the Clerk's report.

21/109 To receive a report on financial receipts for October and receive accounts for approval for November 2021

The accounts were approved for payment. The Clerk to action.

21/110 To report any highway issues

In addition to matters reported under agenda item 21/104c, it was noted that residents in Outwoods had held a meeting regarding 20+ potholes that remain unrepaired between the A518 and Outwoods. Cllr Mills had been informed and would investigate and would liaise with Cllr Winnington.

21/111 To request items for the next agenda

Councillors to inform the Clerk of agenda items at least 10 days before the meeting.

21/112 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting

13th December at 7.30pm.

Gnosall Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
189	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	648.61		648.61
190	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	2,230.41		2,230.41
192	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	NI&PAYE	GPC	E	1,250.27		1,250.27
193	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Pension	GPC	E	1,182.88		1,182.88
191	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	483.42		483.42
194	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Grass cutting	JWH Ground	E	1,377.00		1,377.00
199	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	DIY materials for	Edwards Standpipes	S	16.50	3.30	19.80
198	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	RoSPA inspection	Playsafety Limited	S	205.50	41.10	246.60
196	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Stationery	ESPO	S	76.75	15.35	92.10
197	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Water - allotments	Waterplus	E	133.07		133.07
195	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Allotme	JWH Ground	E	80.00		80.00
201	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Cleaning materials	ESPPPO	S	10.40	2.08	12.48
200	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Cleaning materials	ESPO	S	148.30	29.66	177.96
203	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	BKV Tree plaques	Newport Engravers	S	24.00	4.80	28.80
213	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	CFest expenses	Carthy	E	22.95		22.95
205	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	71.50		71.50
206	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	71.50		71.50
204	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Stationery	ESPO	S	21.60	4.32	25.92
202	08/11/2021		Co-operative	BACS	2022 calendars	Mr Printit	E	880.00		880.00
Total								8,934.66	100.61	9,035.27