



Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council

held on 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm in The Grosvenor Centre

Present: Cllr G Gregory (in the chair), Cllr K Ingram, Cllr C Emsley , Cllr G Symons, Cllr S Powell, Cllr T Simkin, Cllr M Holmes, Cllr D Webb, Cllr R Greatrex, Cllr G Payne, J Cooper Clerk

Along with SBC Cllr P Farrington and SCC Cllr M Winnington

Public Open Forum

None present

The Chair made reference to the most recent Government announcement whereby employees should, wherever possible, work from home to help slow down the spread of the new Omicron variant of the corona virus. The Chair and Clerk had felt it necessary to continue with the December Council meeting to seek approval to delegate powers to the Clerk to continue with council business should council meetings have to be suspended. Government had rejected calls to allow councils to meet virtually. The Borough Councillor had written to the local MP asking for this decision to be reviewed. It was agreed that the parish council should do the same.

21/113 To receive apologies and record absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tomkinson, Cllr Lammin, Cllr Alker, Cllr Booth, Cllr Mills and SBC Cllr M Smith.

21/114 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. Cllr Emsley declared an interest in Grosvenor Centre discussions as a relative of his works at Rosebuds Nursery.

21/115 To receive and confirm the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Council held on 8th November 2021

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

21/116 To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

21/117 To receive the following reports:

a) The Clerk's report

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

A successful Annual Assembly was held on 18th November with many community awards presented to local people for their efforts during Covid pandemic. There had also been a display of the workings of the Parish Council including each committee and some of its working groups.

The Clerk informed Cllrs that work is continuing to lobby the government to allow local councils to meet virtually.

Cllrs were informed that Rosebuds lease had been drawn up and sent to the new owners for their approval and is likely to be finalised in the New Year.

Plans for community Christmas meals are progressing well with well over 50 meals booked. There had been some very generous financial donations from local people which would support the purchase of food items and gifts. There would also be raffle.

b) Chair's Report

The Chair proposed that in light of the uncertainties regarding council meetings, that power should be delegated to the Clerk to continue with Council business should Council not be able to meet. This was seconded and unanimously agreed.

The Chair then reported on an unexpected financial donation that had been received from a local parishioner who had expressed his desire to support many council and non council projects, clubs and organisations in the village. A total of £50,000 had since been received from the donor, £25,000 of which is to be earmarked for the Grosvenor Centre enhancement project, £15,000 to be put towards the sensory garden project, £5000 towards Best Kept Village projects and £1000 each to The Heritage Group, The Library, The Public Right of Way Group, GG's Youth Club and £1000 in total to the local Scouts/Cubs/Beavers/Brownies/Guides/Rainbows.

Councillors expressed their appreciation of such a generous donation and acknowledged how this would help all of the beneficiaries. The donor would be kept informed of progress with the various projects/groups supported.

Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended

Cllr Ingram had, on 12th December, attended the consecration of the extension to the Burial Ground along with the Bishop of Stafford, Revd. Hammond and members of the PCC. It was noted that the Bishop had commented favourably on the existing burial ground particularly how well it is maintained.

The Chair reported on a successful Over 84's Christmas afternoon tea held on 11th December. It is hoped to continue with teas during 2022.

Cllr Payne circulated a written report of the most recent SPCA meeting which he had attended virtually.

Cllr Simkin reported on the most recent Memorial Village Hall meeting.

c) Reports from Borough and County Councillors

The Borough Councillor confirmed that planning application 21/35062/FUL for a private Romany gypsy site on land off Radmore Lane had been called in and would be considered by SBC's Planning Committee if the Case Officer does not recommend refusal. The Borough Cllr is aware of local opinion and that the Enforcement Team had visited the site to inspect work that had taken place on the site prior to any planning decision.

The County Councillor expressed his concern about the application and that, in his opinion, it should not be approved. The old road up to the site belongs to the County Council and it is permissible for this road to be used as an access to the site in question. He added that Highways Department is aware of the issues surrounding this application. Parish and Borough Cllrs reminded Cllr Winnington that Highways is yet to pass comment on the application and this response is eagerly awaited by the Planning Officer.

Cllr Winnington made reference to the increase in potholes as a result of heavy rainfall and two further traffic accidents on the A518 despite 11 different warning signs on the stretch where the accidents happened.

Cllr Simkin asked Cllr Winnington to send any information about Covid walk-in centres as information was scarce and she asked, on behalf of a parishioner, whether there was any planned maintenance on the Millennium Way. Cllr Winnington would respond to the Clerk.

Cllr Winnington and Cllr Farrington left the meeting at 8.05pm

21/118 To consider committee issues:

Matters relating to the Planning Committee

Draft minutes of the meeting held on 25th November were received.

Matters relating to the Open Spaces Committee

A verbal report of the meeting held immediately prior to the council meeting was received.

A recommendation to appoint JWH Ground Maintenance as the grass cutting contractor for 2022-2026 was unanimously approved.

Budget preparation had commenced and would continue this early in the new year.

21/119 To consider putting up a new sign on the Grosvenor Centre building, to the left of the main entrance, with an arrow pointing left and saying: 'To Gnosall Parish Council Parish Office'

It was agreed that a sign would be useful and approval was given for the Clerk to arrange this.

21/220 To receive a report on financial receipts for November and receive accounts for approval for December 2021

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

21/221 To report any highway issues

A good standard of repair work carried out on road defects in Coton End Lane and on Newport Road was reported.

Further road deterioration on a stretch of Newport Road between Willey Lane and Back Lane was reported.

Deliveries to and from the egg production farm on Radmore Lane are not being carried out in line with the conditions of the planning application and travelling through Gnosall village via the High Street. The Clerk to write to the farmer and ask for this to be rectified. It would be useful for suitable signage to be placed opposite the farm entrance to remind delivery drivers to turn right from the site entrance and thus avoiding the village.

Similarly, milk lorries from S J Barge Ltd were using the High Street rather than Brookhouse Road. The Clerk to make contact and ask for this to stop.

21/222 To request items for the next agenda

Cllr Greatrex requested an item to discuss the new heating system in the Grosvenor Centre however the Chair informed him that a meeting would be held in the New Year to discuss the system as well as its recent issues therefore it would be sensible to report back on this following the meeting.

21/223 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting

10th January 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Gnosall Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
233	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	2,230.21		2,230.21
234	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	648.61		648.61
236	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	NI&PAYE	GPC	E	1,250.27		1,250.27
237	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	1,182.88		1,182.88
235	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	483.62		483.62
238	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	143.00		143.00
247	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Staff expenses	J Cooper	E	39.00		39.00
243	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Drop box subscription	Alan Baker System	S	165.00	33.00	198.00
244	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Light bulbs for Grosvenor	CEF	S	73.90	14.78	88.68
245	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Photocopying	Ricoh	S	200.80	40.16	240.96
246	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Photocopying	Ricoh	S	143.72	28.74	172.46
239	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	110.50		110.50
240	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	45.50		45.50
242	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	structural inspection	P A Harper Associates	S	250.00	50.00	300.00
248	13/12/2021		Co-operative	BACS	DIY materials for	Travis Perkins	S	34.35	6.87	41.22
Total								7,001.36	173.55	7,174.91