



Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr G Gregory (in the chair), Cllr P Alker, Cllr M Both, Cllr J Tomkinson, Cllr A Mills, Cllr S Powell, Cllr T Simkin, Cllr M Holmes, Cllr D Webb, Cllr J Archer, Cllr R Greatrex, Cllr K Ingram, Cllr G Payne, Cllr C Emsley, Cllr J Lammin, J Cooper Clerk and S Ridgewell, CSO

Along with PCSO Gareth Higgins

A minute's silence was held in memory of Mrs Wendy Harrison who had died earlier in September. Mrs Harrison was the owner of Rosebuds Nursery in the Grosvenor Centre.

Public Open Forum

PCSO would be asked to present a report later on during the meeting.

21/071 To receive apologies and record absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Symons and SBC Cllrs.

21/072 To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Archer, as Youth Leader and owner of ACP Bar Services, declared an interest in any discussion about the bar provision at the Grosvenor Centre.

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 having a relative work at Rosebuds nursery

Members of the public (PCSO) left the meeting

21/073 To discuss confidential matters in relation to Rosebuds Nursery

Cllrs were updated on the current situation with Rosebuds Nursery following the sudden death of Mrs Harrison and the situation that the council now must deal with. Meetings had been held with a representative of Mrs Harrison's family and the Clerk, Chair of Council and Chair of Grosvenor Centre are working closely with him to deal with the sensitive matters. Council would be kept informed.

Cllr Emsley left the meeting to attend another appointment. PCSO Higgins was invited back to the meeting.

21/074 To receive and confirm the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Council held on 29th July 2021

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

21/075 To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Enhancement of Grosvenor Centre - Public Loans Board

Cllr Booth asked why the decision not to take any action in seeking external funding or looking into taking out a loan with the Public Loans Board for 6 months from September 2021. Cllr Mills responded, he said this was felt sensible to allow the Working Group to have 6 months to look into the possibility of working with a public or private partnership (franchise). Cllr Booth thanked Cllr Mills and explained that should a further working group be set up she is not able to be involved.

21/076 To receive the following reports:

Report from PCSO on crime statistics in Gnosall

The PCSO was welcomed to the meeting. Cllrs received a verbal report on police crime statistics for the area for the period 1st June to 1st September.

It was noted there had been several reports about speeding and therefore Staffordshire Police are looking at introducing a Speed Watch scheme in the village. It was suggested an article is included in the next GMK

PCSO Higgins was asked to investigate the following issues:

- Inconsiderate parking along Audmore Road
- Inconsiderate parking on Lowfield Lane, opposite St Lawrence Academy sometimes blocking the junction with Osbourne Close
- Inconsiderate parking on Glendower Close with a 4x4 vehicle parked entirely on the pavement
- Inconsiderate parking on the junction of Ginger Hill and Cowley Lane
- Speeding along A518 by the Navigation Pub
- Possible drug activity on the Village Hall car park at night

PCSO Higgins, noted all the issues reported. He was thanked for his report.

a) The Clerk's report

The report gave an update of committee meetings held in the past month as well as plans for GFest part 2 which would take place at the end of September. Correspondence had been received regarding the lack of attention to the canal tow path along the stretch adopted by the parish council. Cllr Holmes had been asked to make contact with the Canal and River Trust to determine if there is any funding available to make improvements. Work had commenced in gathering information required for the reaccreditation of Quality Gold status in line with the new criteria. There had been no interest in the advertisement for Youth Leader and further adverts would be placed. The Annual Assembly would be held on 21st October and the over 84's teas would resume with a Christmas tea on 11th December.

b) CSO's Report

Council was informed that bookings and booking enquires continue to increase with regular hirers returning. Minor maintenance jobs had been carried out by the Handyman. It was further reported that a considerable volume of old files had been reviewed and disposed of confidentially with others being prepared to be deposited with the William Salt Library Archives.

c) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended

Cllr Mills had been contacted by a representative from Moreton Church to help secure funding to repair the path in the church grounds. Over £4000 is needed to make the path safe. Cllr Mills would look into funding sources to determine if any could be applied to. Cllr Greatrex reminded Cllrs that both Moreton and Knightley church receive £450 from the parish council each year towards the upkeep of burial ground.

d) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors

There were no reports as Borough and County Councillors were not present.

21/077 To consider committee issues:

a) Matters relating to the Planning Committee

- The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August were received.
- 21/34676/PAGR - the Planning Officer is recommending refusal of this controversial application in Gorse Lane Knightley.
- Council was informed that SBC's Enforcement Officer had contacted the parish council regarding information that the parish council reported in April 2021 whereby it was believed there had been an encroachment onto land beyond the settlement boundary adjacent to the site where the new coop is being constructed. The parish council had expressed its concerns that should this be allowed, a precedent would be set. There is currently a pending application for a 5-bed property on adjacent land, which is not within the settlement boundary and is on a flood plain. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Enforcement Team copied to Borough Councillors and the Head of Planning detailing the implications should this encroachment be permitted.

b) Matters relating to the Open Spaces Committee

- Minutes of the meeting held on 29th July were received.
- Work on the boardwalk had been completed to a very good standard.
- The new play equipment had been ordered and delivery is expected in November.
- The Environment Agency had granted approval for work to be carried out on the brook from the Boardwalk towards the A518.
- The grass cutting specification for 2022-26 is being finalised.
- Projects outstanding were summarised and would be discussed further at the next meeting on 18th October.

c) Matters relating to the Grosvenor Centre Committee

- The meeting scheduled on 7th September was cancelled as it was not quorate.
- Details on current booking was covered under CSO Report.

d) Matters relating to GFest 2021

- Plans for the Made in Gnosall event taking place on 25th September along with a Bake Off, Treasure Hunt and BBQ (weather permitting) are being finalised. Thanks were extended to Jayne Watson for overseeing much of the planning work. The library would be hosting an open day and book sale. A quiz would be held on 26th September.

21/078 To consider planning an event for the Platinum Jubilee in June 2022

It was agreed that a working group should be formed to consider and plan events for the jubilee weekend in June 2022. Cllrs Simkin, Archer and Payne agreed to meet and invite Mr P Boston who had already sent in some ideas for consideration. The Chair and Vice Chair of Resources along with the Clerk would review the accounts to determine whether or not any funds could be reallocated from underspent budgets to a jubilee fund.

21/079 To receive a report on financial receipts for July and August and receive accounts for approval for September 2021

The accounts for the month of September were approved for payment. Clerk to action.

21/080 To report any highway issues

In addition to the issues noted by the PCSO the following matters were reported:

- Blocked drain on Audmore Road
- Road deterioration over the bridge on Station Road
- Potholes on Manor Road (previously reported)

Work had commenced on Knightley Road however signs had ben removed and work had stopped mid-way through. Cllr Greatrex was communicating with Highways about this.

21/081 To request items for the next agenda

Police Matters - Cllr Webb

21/082 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting would be held on 11th October at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Gnosall Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
144	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Grass cutting	JWH Ground	E	2,949.00		2,949.00
145	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Allotme	JWH Ground	E	80.00		80.00
149	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	external audit	Mazars	S	400.00	80.00	480.00
146	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Grosvenor maintenance	Travis Perkins	S	12.54	2.51	15.05
147	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Grosvenor maintenance	Travis Perkins	S	23.62	4.72	28.34
148	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Grosvenor maintenance	Travis Perkins	S	28.90	5.78	34.68
153	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	BKV materials	Huws Gray	S	15.51	3.10	18.61
162	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	NI&PAYE	GPC	E	1,250.07		1,250.07
163	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Pension	GPC	E	1,182.88		1,182.88
159	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	2,230.21		2,230.21
160	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	648.81		648.81
161	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	483.62		483.62
164	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	39.00		39.00
150	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	water at allotments	Waterplus	E	52.23		52.23
165	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	58.50		58.50
166	13/09/2021		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	78.00		78.00
Total								9,532.89	96.11	9,629.00