



Gnosall Parish Council

(including the wards of Moreton & Knightley).

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council

held on 3rd August 2022 at 19:30 hours in the Grosvenor Centre.

Present.

Councillor Mills (Chair); Councillor Gregory (Vice-Chair); Councillor Alker; Councillor Booth; Councillor Buckless; Councillor Emsley; Councillor Greatrex; Councillor Holmes; Councillor Ingram; Councillor Johnstone; Councillor Payne; Councillor Powell; Councillor Simkin, Councillor Symons & Councillor Webb, together with the Council Support Officer, Stu Ridgewell.

Public Open Forum - ten minutes maximum.

There was one member of the public present, who raised the following for the council's consideration:

- i) Support for a further mobile phone mast in Gnosall to improve coverage.
- ii) Request that the anticipated repainting of lines on the A518 by Staffordshire County Council be to current specifications, rather than merely renewing those currently in place.
- iii) Request that the bollards at Manor Road at the junction with the A518 be restored, as repeated personal attempts had failed to result in action.

22/089: To Receive Apologies and Record Absences.

Councillor Tomkinson was on an accepted leave of absence. There were no other absences.

22/090: To Record any Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Simkin declared an interest with regard a family member being a member of staff with responsibility for the Grosvenor Centre.

22/091: To Receive a Report from the Clerk.

Council received the report with updates on current matters, including the Severn Trent Water owned land, the Sensory Garden project, Grosvenor Centre refurbishment and hire of the Youth Club for day care provision.

Sensory Garden.

Councillors Greatrex & Gregory provided further update regarding the Sensory Garden, with work scheduled to start on Monday 8th August 2022.

Having obtained three quotes for the provision of wooden sleepers for the project, Councillor Greatrex requested council's approval for expenditure of £3,492.01p from the Sensory Garden funds to purchase the sleepers before costs increased.

Resolution: Council agreed, with one abstention, to the purchase of 64 wooden sleepers at a cost of £3,492.01p, from Hales Sawmills.

Grosvenor Refurbishment.

As part of the refurbishment, Councillor Gregory informed council that she had sought three quotes and received two, for the provision of safety film to be applied to the windows in the Coffee Lounge. As reflective film was also required for the windows in the Parish Office to limit heat build up during the summer, the quotes included both and Councillor Gregory requested council's approval for expenditure of £380 for the respective window films.

Resolution: Council unanimously agreed to the purchase window films at a cost of around £470 plus VAT (dependent on exact sizes), from FAS Window Films.

Councillor Gregory also requested that consideration be given to obtaining a limited grant that is currently available from Staffordshire County Council that may assist with the installation of LED lights in the Grosvenor Centre to replace current fluorescent tubes.

Action: Councillor Gregory agreed to work toward obtaining such a grant.

22/092: To Consider the Grosvenor Centre Refurbishment and Delegating Authority to the Grosvenor Committee to Spend Donated Funds.

Councillor Mills outlined the reason that delegated authority was sought.

Resolution: Council were unanimously in favour of delegating authority to the Grosvenor Centre Committee for spending of the available donated funds for the refurbishment of the Grosvenor Centre.

Prior to the close of the meeting, councillors requested that, in addition to the matters raised in Public Open Forum, the following items be included on the Agenda for the September meeting:

- i) To Consider a Donation to Gnosall First Responders.
- ii) To Consider Requesting Provision of Speed Cameras on the A518.
- iii) To Consider Making Representation to SCC Highways, Concerning the State of the Pavement outside the Gnosall Fish Bar.

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 20:16 hours.

Addendum (at a council meeting held on 26th September 2022, it was agreed to add this addendum to the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2022)

Communication received from member of public who had attended the Council meeting on 3rd August 2022:

"There was one member of the public present, who raised the following for the council's consideration: Support for a further mobile phone mast in Gnosall to improve coverage."

This isn't accurate. I was the 'member of the public' and I didn't mention a need for another mast. What I asked for was for the Parish Councils support to get improved mobile signal for Gnosall and I mentioned a number of ways this could be done :

- a survey of Parishioners to establish the need for improvements
- writing to the mobile networks on behalf of Parishioners to request improvements
- writing to ofcom to get the coverage maps for Gnosall updated as they don't currently reflect the poor service (this is important - the ofcom maps are used to drive investment decisions)
- applying to the £1bn Government funded Shared Rural Network scheme which is specifically designed to upgrade masts in rural areas like Gnosall (if it's not already too late)