



**Gnosall Parish Council**  
(Including the wards of Moreton & Knightley)

**Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council**  
held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.30pm in The Grosvenor Centre

	<b>Present</b> Cllr Gregory (in the Chair), Cllr Pearson, Cllr Beswick, Cllr Alker, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Symons, Cllr Parry, Cllr Knight, Cllr Herbert, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Booth, J Marshall Chief Officer
	<b>Open Public Forum</b> Borough Councillor Scott Spencer and Borough Councillor Mark Winnington, Jeremy Pert
<b>25/070</b>	<b>To Receive Apologies and Record Absences</b> Cllr Reves-Riche' and Cllr Holmes
<b>25/071</b>	<b>To Record any Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations made.
<b>25/072</b>	<b>Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, working groups and other local authorities</b> (Standing Order 5j(v)) It was resolved to continue with the existing arrangements.
<b>25/073</b>	<b>Review of arrangements including legal agreements with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses</b> (Standing Order 5j(x)) It was agreed to continue with arrangement in place with SCC, SBC, GG's Youth Club, GLEAN, Hand Morgan and Owen and Staffordshire Police.
<b>25/074</b>	<b>To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b> Cllr Booth corrected those present as Cllr Holmes was incorrectly listed. Cllr Booth corrected the resolution in minute 25/065. 10 not 12 voted in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention, total votes 12. With those amendments the minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair of the meeting.
<b>25/075</b>	<b>To consider any matters arising from the minutes</b> There were no matters arising.
<b>25/076</b>	<b>To receive the following reports:</b> <b>a) The Chief Officers Report</b> The Chief Officer advised Councillors that the bank mandates were largely complete and would be submitted after this month's payments had been made. There are two Councillor vacancies, 1 for Gnosall and 1 for Moreton. Chief Officer would start to advertise to co-opt to bring the council to its full compliment.

	<p>Chief Officer is arranging group councillor training for end of July. An update on antisocial behaviour was given and the Chief Officer advised that there would be a mobile Police Surgery at the Grosvenor Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June between 6 and 8pm.</p> <p><b>b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended</b> Cllr Alker attended the recent Patient Forum and reported back on the changes at Gnosall Surgery. The new triage system is working well and free-up same day appointments. The dentist is relocating from the surgery building to larger premises. Cllr Knight asked in the Council could raise this as a concern; however, this is a private enterprise so the council have little power to influence.</p> <p>Cllr Alker attended the GLEAN meeting. Need to convene a meeting with the Chair and Chief Officer as soon as practicable. Funding is crucial. It was suggested that Cllr Alker contact ACP Bars to host a fundraising quiz night later in the year.</p> <p><b>c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors</b> Borough Cllr Spencer advised that the Tree preservation Order (TPO) for the Ash on the A518 had been submitted. All TPO's now required to go through the Planning Department. Cllr Spencer advised that the Planning Officer for the Wharf Road application is leaving, and that a new planning officer will be appointed. Cllr Winnington informed the council that he was dissatisfied with the length of time it takes applications to go through the planning process. In relation to the Chief Officer's overview of the local government reorganisation, Cllr Winnington advised that the Neighbourhood Plan will become even more important as planning is likely to be centralized.</p>
<b>25/077</b>	<p><b>To report any Highways issues</b></p> <p>Cllr Beswick reported that he had assessed the outstanding highways issues in the parish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cowley Lane pothole has been repaired but has reappeared.</li> <li>• Radmore Lane pothole has been filled but is already breaking apart.</li> <li>• Knightley Lane, some potholes have been filled, but all that have been marked.</li> </ul>
<b>25/078</b>	<p><b>To receive minutes and reports from committee and working groups</b></p> <p><b>a) Matters relating to the Open Spaces &amp; Burial Ground Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were received.</li> <li>• Two quotes had been obtained to make safe the tennis court fencing. £3750 + vat and £800 + vat. It was resolved to proceed with the second local quote on the grounds that this was a matter of health and safety.</li> <li>• Cllr Pearson advised the council that the noticeboard on the playground at the Acres was in disrepair and unsafe for use. It was resolved to replace the existing wooden noticeboard, with the same aluminium noticeboard in use at the Grosvenor Centre and on the A518, at a cost of £1102 + vat.</li> </ul> <p>The council were advised that the travellers had damaged the locks on the village green metal bollards and these will need to be replaced. CSO has ordered new padlocks.</p>

	<p>The wooden bollards are starting to degrade at the base and will need replacing in the coming years. Cllr Pearson suggested a more long-lived solution such as the reconstituted plastic of the boardwalk. Chief Officer to investigate.</p> <p><b>b) To receive a report from the PRow Group</b> Cllr Booth fed back information on the April meeting to Council. Cllr Gregory advised that there are spare style kits in the Grosvenor Centre.</p> <p><b>c) To receive an update on the Wrekin Housing/Central &amp; Country next steps meeting.</b> The Council agreed at the May meeting to move forward with a formal Project Board to work on the proposal for the development at Knightley Road and a meeting was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May to discuss the next steps after the conclusion of the Pre Project Board (PPB) in May. The council recognised that a great deal of work had been done by the PPB, which had significantly improved the original proposal, particularly in regard to flooding and the attenuation on the site. Existing PPB members have been invited to stay on and continue with the Project Board and new members will be invited to ensure the wider community is involved going forward.</p>
<b>25/079</b>	<p><b>Finance related matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To receive and note the Internal Auditors Report. The internal audit was noted. Advisory comments will be reviewed at Resources Committee.</li> <li>ii. To approve the Annual Governance Statements ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The Annual Governance Statement was approved.</li> <li>iii. To approve the Annual Accounting Statements ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The Annual Accounting Statements were approved. The Chief Officer will submit the necessary reports to Mazars, External Editors.</li> <li>iv. It was resolved to agree the replacement of the disabled toilet window at the Grosvenor Centre at a cost of £548 + vat, on the grounds that this is a Health &amp; Safety and security issue.</li> <li>v. To receive a report on financial receipts for May 2025 and receive accounts for approval. Receipts received in May were noted.</li> <li>vi. To approve payments of direct debits/standing orders (in accordance with Financial Regulations point 6.7) The direct debits and standing orders were approved.</li> </ul>
<b>25/080</b>	<p><b>To receive a proposal from Cllr Haycock on a poster campaign to combat anti-social behaviour in the Parish</b></p> <p>Cllr Haycock presented a concept for a community-led poster campaign to help combat anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the village following the recent increase in vandalism and bad behaviour. The campaign, 'Respect Gnosall' looks to encourage community engagement, particularly from the youth and encourage pride in our village, within the community.</p> <p>A working party to discuss the campaign in more detail and formulate how the community could be engaged was suggested. Cllrs Pearson, Beswick and Knight volunteered to join the working party.</p>

<b>25/081</b>	<p><b>To receive a proposal from Cllr Haycock on the "Gnosall Big Tree Count" project</b></p> <p>Cllr Haycock has created a mobile app to record and document mature trees. It was felt this could be a valuable tool for the Open Spaces Committee in regard to the tree survey and tree tagging of trees on parish council land, but Cllr Gregory felt that further investigation would be needed as to the legality and liability of surveying trees not owned by the Council.</p> <p>A previous tree survey had been carried out with Parish Online, the Chief Officer to investigate.</p> <p>Cllr Haycock to bring this to the next Open Spaces &amp; Burial Ground Committee meeting in July for further discussion.</p>
<b>25/082</b>	<p><b>To request items for the next agenda</b></p> <p>Ownership of Grosvenor Centre in light of local government reorganisation  'Respect Gnosall' campaign  New email accounts and file sharing</p>
<b>25/083</b>	<p><b>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</b></p> <p>14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 from 7.30pm at the Grosvenor Centre</p>
	<p><b>Meeting Closed</b></p> <p>21:28pm</p>

Signed: .....

Dated: .....