



# Gnosall Parish Council

(Including the wards of Moreton & Knightley)

## Notes of the GFEST Meeting, Grosvenor & Events Committee held on 13th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

### Present

Cllr Gregory (in the chair), Cllr Pearson, Cllr Parry, Cllr Booth, Cllr Haycock, J. Archer, J Marshall Chief Officer

#### 1. To receive Apologies and record absences

none

#### 2. To record declarations of interest

Jordan Archer - ACP Bars

#### 3. To receive and confirm the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and the notes of the Christmas Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The minutes and notes were approved and signed by the Chair.

#### 4. To consider any matters arising

Cllr Booth asked about the External Areas Risk Assessment carried out late 2025. This will be presented for review at the next ordinary Grosvenor & Events meeting.

#### 5. Debrief of Christmas Carnival

Overall, the event was a huge success, with the whole community catered for. Things to improve next year:

- Santa's Grotto - need two elves, one on door, one with Santa. Need to cater for children with dairy intolerance. Could ask on booking form for allergy information or supply a few non-dairy options. Suggested having a donations pot at the door but keep the Grotto free.
- Raffle - need at least three selling. Worked well in the coffee lounge. More tickets next year, as sold out well before the draw.
- Profits from this year's event will be split with 1/3 going to Christmas meals and 2/3's funding the Christmas Carnival.
- Hot drinks - hot drinks to be sold out of small kitchen.
- Christmas Market - generally worked well. Larger marquee with floor next year - ACP, more Christmas merchandise.
- Stage - very good height, sound, lighting. Resolved to book in advance for 2026, paying a 20% deposit.
- Transport - unfortunately no one used the Community Link transport provided, so this will not be provided in 2026.
- Decorations - decorations and tree in the Grosvenor are very old and battered. Cllr Pearson will purchase new decorations in clearance sales, and the committee will look to purchase a new, pre-lit 10 - 12-foot Christmas tree for the Grosvenor centre.
- Lighting - new flagpole lights were very successful. Need to look at having more of a spectacle around the stage for the actual switch-on - flagpole lights on Youth Club?

- Gnosall Gift Drop - raised £45 from the Naughty or Nice wheel and collected 54 gifts for Dougie Mac Hospice.
- Budget - budget was £5,500, £3,500 for event, £1,500 for new Christmas lights. Project came in under budget at £4909.33. Deposit for stage and new Christmas decorations and tree will be funded from this.

## **6. To discuss GFEST 2026**

- GFEST Open Gardens - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Cllr Pearson will co-ordinate as part of BKV. Notice calling for gardens to open to go out as soon as possible. Walking route to be created, though community transport will be provided. Grosvenor will be centre point with refreshments, plant sales and entertainment for kids. Ticketed event.
- Dates - 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July linking with CFEST on the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- Events being considered (tbc)
  - Family Fun Day & Inflatables Race
  - Made in Gnosall
  - Civic Service
  - Music Festival
  - Fun Fair
  - Church Tower tours
  - Mobile Belfry
  - Quiz & Prize Draw
  - Gnome Trail
  - Pond Dipping
  - Sponsored Lock in in the Lock-Up
  - Treasure Hunt
- Possible Venues - Grosvenor Centre, St Lawrence Church, Memorial Hall, Methodist Church, Village Green, Acres, Sports & Social Club, canal

The community invited to suggest and/or host other events as part of GFEST.

## **7. To receive a report on the provision of Christmas Meals 2025**

Another very successful event, despite it being the first time the Council have actually done the organising of the event. Thanks were given to Jon Cooke for cooking the meals and to all the volunteers who helped with food preparation, packaging and delivering meals. 42 meals prepared and delivered.

Meals funded by donations and raffle taking.

## **8. To agree date and time of next ordinary Grosvenor & Events meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Cllr Gregory gave apologies in advance)

Meeting closed 9.05pm