



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

Minutes of the Open Spaces & Burial Ground Committee held on 5th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

Present

Cllr Pearson (in the Chair), Cllr Beswick, Cllr Gregory, Barbara Juniper, J Marshall Chief Officer

	Open Public Forum no members of the public were in attendance. Cllr Pearson brought a matter on behalf of GAGA as no members were able to attend, advising the committee that following the groups AGM, they would be changing their name from Gnosall Allotments and Gardens Association (GAGA) to Gnosall Gardens and Allotments (GGA). They also raised concerns over the overhanging trees on the allotment track, as the first deliveries to the allotments are due end of February and some larger vehicles can't access the site. The Chief Officer to contact Severn Trent Water as they own the track and are responsible for its upkeep. GGA are also advised to contact Severn Trent Water.
1	To Receive Apologies and Record Absences Cllr Parry, Cllr Middleton and Roger Greatrex gave apologies.
2	To Record Any Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest given.
3	To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd October 2025 The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.
4	To consider any matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda Cllr Beswick advised that the bolt in the gate at Chippy Jumps is still missing. The Chief Officer will ask the handyman to replace it.
5	To discuss any maintenance requirements including: a) Handyman Duties Bolt missing in gate at Chippy Jumps, handyman to replace. b) Steps from the old railway line to the canal Chief Officer to chase SCC as to date no meeting has been arranged to discuss. GTR continue to maintain the temporary ramp until SCC repair the stairs. c) Burial Ground - mole issue & memorial testing. Barbara Juniper advised that she was sourcing the Diocese memorial testing methodology. They would also like to look at standardising the memorials to make monitoring easier. Barbara Juniper to meet with Chief Officer to discuss and to agree a Memorial Testing Policy.

	<p>d) Bollards on the Village Green</p> <p>Chief Officer to look at prices for reconstituted rubber bollards and a rolling program of replacement as wooden bollards fail. To present findings at next meeting.</p> <p>e) Tree Tagging</p> <p>No action had been taken over the inter period, this will be picked up again in spring and the numbering system added to the tree survey data on Parish Online mapping.</p> <p>f) Trees at Grosvenor Centre</p> <p>Large tree - need to contact resident and see if they are happy to have their fencing adjusted rather than remove the tree. Small rowans to be root balled and relocated. This may now need to wait to the end of 2026 and the dormant season.</p>
6	<p>To discuss the results of the Tree Survey carried out in December 2025 and consider works proposed</p> <p>The Tree Survey has been completed and advises a considerable amount of work across the five areas surveyed.</p> <p>Barbara Juniper advised that permission would need to be granted by the Diocese for any works proposed in the cemetery. She will engage with the relevant parishes to acquire approval.</p> <p>The most pressing works are at the Acres and around Chippy Jumps. The cost to carry out all the works suggested is considerable, so the work will be phased with urgent works taking place as soon as practicable and then a phased approach working from amber to green.</p> <p>The Chief Officer to obtain quotes to carry out the urgent works and present at next meeting.</p>
7	<p>To discuss the request to remove trees around the 5G Cell Mast on the A518</p> <p>The council has been asked to grant permission for a significant reduction or felling of trees around the 5g mast on the A518, including three oak trees. The Council's tree survey identified that several small Ash trees in that area have been marked for felling due to Ash dieback disease. The Chief Officer to advise MBNL that those trees may be removed with the hope that it will negate the removal or reduction of the surrounding trees.</p> <p>Barabara Juniper will look to apply for a Tree Preservation Order on the larger Oak tree. Chief Officer to obtain Borough Council arborist contact details.</p> <p>The Chief Officer to investigate what powers MBNL have to remove trees without permission.</p>
8	<p>To Review quotes to replace the basket swing at Chippy Jumps</p> <p>Three quotes to replace the basket swing due to wear and tear, and to repair the rubber matting under the swing.</p> <p>The committee will recommend to Full Council that the contract be given to Playsource at a cost of £4,473.00.</p>

9	To agree the purchase of noticeboards for the Allotments and Village Green - £1,855.00 +vat
	The committee will recommend to Full Council the purchase new noticeboards for the Allotments and Village Green.
10	To approve the new Allotment Tenants Agreement
	With the amendment to the name of the Garden and Allotment Association, the agreement was approved. The new agreements will now be sent out to tenants ahead of the 1 st March renewal date.
11	To discuss projects for 2026/27
	Wildflower/pollinator support - it was agreed to identify appropriate spaces within the mowing areas to be left wild to create natural 'wildflower' patches to help support pollinators. Youth Club veg patch - it was agreed to create a vegetable patch for the Youth Club to manage. This will be overseen by the Grosvenor Centre gardener. Friends of the Acres - a small working group to be created to help maintain the Acres.
12	To Consider Any Health & Safety Matters
	It was agreed to review the BKV Terms of Reference to ensure they are current and relevant.
13	To Consider Any Policy and Risk Assessment Reviews
	The Tree Inspection Policy to be reviewed at next meeting.
12	To Confirm the Date and Time of the Next Meeting
	18 th March 2026
	Meeting Closed
	9.05pm

Signed:

Dated: