

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Gnosall Parish Council
Held in the Grosvenor Centre, on 18th November 2021
Beginning at 7.30 pm**

Cllr G Gregory, Chair of the Parish Council, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Present: see attached list

1 To receive apologies

Received from Stafford Borough Councillors, Staffordshire County Councillor, PCSO G Higgins, Parish Councillors - G Symons, J Tomkinson, C Emsley, J Lammin along with Sue Spencer, Julie Clayton, Greer O'Connor, Dave Clarke, Mark Smith, Bill Basford and Lynn Malone

2 To receive the minutes of the last meeting held on 1st May 2019

Minutes that had already approved at a Council meeting held on 13th May 2019 were shared around those present.

3 To receive a short report from the Chair of the Parish Council to support a display detailing the work of Council Committees

The Chair gave a short report to support the visual display of the work of Parish Council committees and working groups. Everyone present was invited to view the display at the end of the meeting.

4 To receive reports from the Borough and County Councillors

Both Borough and County Councillors were not present.

5 To receive any questions from electors

No questions were raised.

6 Presentation of Gnosall Parish Council's Community Awards

The Chair explained that this year, instead of calling for nominations in given categories, the Parish Council had tried to recognise a variety of achievements in a uniquely challenging year.

Prior to presentation of awards, the Chair acknowledged local people who make a difference to the local community or who have, during the Covid pandemic continued to work as key workers and for them, it was acknowledged that the work did not stop, in fact it had increased. These people had worked tirelessly in difficult circumstances to keep others safe offering vital services to the public e.g. teachers, civil servants, police and fire officers, carers, medical personnel and many others. She added that the pandemic had certainly broadened everyone's appreciation of just what a key worker is. The Chair also thanked the Parish Council staff for continuing to work throughout the pandemic managing a hotline, coordinating help for those in the parish that needed it and ensuring the Grosvenor Centre was clean and hygienic to enable Covid tests to be administered.

A presentation followed with awards being presented to local people who had been nominated by other parishioners. As awards were presented, details of why the recipients had been nominated were read out.

Awards were presented to:

Julie Clayton, Helen Cooper, Shannon Fleming, Gemma Hodgkins, Victoria Hainsworth, Gary Fear, Shirley Downe, Pamela Prince, Sue Spencer, Greer O'Connor, Denise Simkin, Melita Edge, Helen Bundy, Chris Haycock, Sarah Hodgkinson, Rachel Hankey, Ann Andrews, Jayne Watson, Jessica Mould, Keith Johnstone, Chris Emsley, Allan Mills, Maggie Hughes, Jim McGregor, Cathy Shaw, Pat and Phil Lawley, The Boat pub, Glyn Hughes Co-op and The Bakery staff.

All those nominated were congratulated.

The meeting closed with refreshments.

List of those present:

Jayne Cooper, Clerk
Stu Ridgewell, CSO
Gail Gregory, Chair of the Parish Council
Pat Alker
Tracey Simkin
Martin Holmes
Roger Greatrex
Allan Mills
Chris Emsley
Graham Payne
Kenneth Ingram
Mary Booth
Doug Webb
Stuart Powell
Pat Tweed
Bob Alker
Claire Oldroyd
Mike Oldroyd
Bob Winfield
Helen Cooper
Shannon Fleming
Gemma Hodgkins
Victoria Hainsworth
Gary Fear
Paul Prince
Pamela Prince
Shirley Downe
Denise Simkin
Melita Edge
Helen Bundy
Lynn Stone
Chris Haycock +1
Sarah Hodgkinson
Toby Matthews
Rachel Hankey
Phil Lawley
Pat Lawley
Ann Andres
Jan Hewes
Gareth Beardmore
Jayne Watson
Jessica Moulton
Cathy Shaw + 1

Bakery - Tom, Jayne & Katy Palmer