



Gnosall Parish Council

(Including the wards of Moreton & Knightley)

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

Present

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

	Open Public Forum No members of the public were in attendance.
1	To Receive Apologies and Record Absences Cllr Parry gave apologies, Roger Greatrex was absent
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 June 2026 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 Pearson noted that pickle ball markings had been installed at the tennis court on the Acres and that this addition had been well received by the community and was in regular use by a number of residents. Cllr Beswick advised that refuse bins at the Acres and Chippy Jumps were full. Cllr Pearson to contact Streetscene to arrange collection. No further communications on the maintenance agreement for the ongoing maintenance of the allotment track have been received from Severn Trent Water. The Chief Officer to follow this up for the next meeting. Dog fouling on the railway line has been reported by a resident. The Chief Officer to report to Staffordshire County Council.
5	To discuss any maintenance requirements including: a) Burial Ground - mole issue & memorial testing. Lichfield Diocese have now completed the updated Burial Ground and Memorial Policy. Memorial testing can now be arranged. Barbara Juniper requested that a noticeboard be provided at the cemetery to display the policy and other information. The Chief Officer to bring a quote to the next meeting. b) Black railings at the Grosvenor Centre The chief Officer has obtained a quote to have the railings stripped, rust removed, rubbed down and repainted. The committee agreed to the spend but requested that the quote include the railings on the other side of the entrance. The Chief Officer to obtain amended quote for next meeting.

	c) Bollards at Village Green There are several bollards along the roadside missing. The groundwork contractor has been contacted to replace these as soon as is practicable, using up the small stock of existing wooden posts. Recycled plastic posts have been costed, though further work is required to understand how many will be required to replace all 75 wooden bollards and the cost of installing. d) Jet wash plays equipment and fences at the Acres The Committee agreed the cost of £935 to jet wash/steam clean all the play equipment, MUGA, fencing etc at the Acres and Chippy jumps.
6	To Consider Any Health & Safety Matters - BKV totem pole on Acorn Island Post to be removed and new post purchased. Location and fixing to be discussed at next meeting. - A leaning tree in the Brookhouse Way play park, was removed by Stafford Borough Council on the 28th of July following a resident report. The tree cuttings were not cleared, and the site was left in an unsafe manner by the contractor, resulting in the Parish Council's grounds contractor having to clear the site at a cost of £500. Stafford Borough Council have provided a quote for the felling of £650 plus VAT. The quote is being disputed as it is incorrect.
7	To Agree the Maintenance repairs to the Acres Boardwalk at a cost of £550 + VAT The committee approved the quote to repair and maintain the boardwalk.
8	ROSPA Inspection - due in August The annual ROSPA inspection has been booked and will take place during August/early September. All required repairs from the previous inspection report have been carried out. The Chief Officer noted that the bins had been flagged last year and that the committee should keep an eye on them and ensure Streetscene empty regularly during the summer holidays.
8	To Consider Any Policy and Risk Assessment Reviews None
9	To Confirm the Date and Time of the Next Meeting 2nd September 2026
	Meeting Closed 8.47pm

Signed: Cllr Pearson

Dated: 9th September 2026