



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

Minutes of the Open Spaces & Burial Ground Committee held on 23rd June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

Present

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

	Open Public Forum
	No members of the public were in attendance.
1	To Receive Apologies and Record Absences
	Barbara Juniper 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 27th May 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
	Chief Officer has requested that grounds contractor trim back the trees overhanging the allotment track. Cllr Beswick requested that the trees along the boardwalk from the allotment side, also trimmed back a bit. No further update on the maintenance of the allotment track, though the road condition is worsening. Chief Officer to chase.
5	To discuss any maintenance requirements including:
	a) Burial Ground - mole issue & memorial testing. Waiting for policy approval from the Diocese. b) Allotment clearing Controlled burn of waste wood taking place 24th June, supported by ex-fire fighters. Tip run with remaining rubbish and glass to be arranged. c) Black railings Date to arranged to strip, seal and paint out of hours (weekend). Cllr Beswick & Cllr Pearson to arrange date in July. d) Bollards at Village Green Holes to be filled. Quotes for bollards or ditch to be obtained for next meeting. e) Jet wash play equipment and fences at the Acres Still waiting for a quote, but the committee agreed in principle and given the quote for jet washing the picnic benches was very reasonable, are happy to proceed once a quote has been provided. f) Boardwalk inspection Arranged for 9th July.

6	Pickle Ball Court Markings on Tennis Court Still waiting for quotes but agreed in principle.
7	To Consider Any Health & Safety Matters BKV totem pole on Acorn Island – post is de facto owned by the Council as the original organisation responsible no longer exists. The Chief Officer suggested that the old Christmas Tree post hole could be used for the new post, though this would need to be a round post rather than a square one. Feasibility of this to be investigated. Needs temporary support structure or removing from current location.
8	To Consider Any Policy and Risk Assessment Reviews Playpark inspections – not being done as regularly as they should. Cllr Beswick has offered to carry out monthly inspections. Chief Officer to ask if Roger Greatrex will take him round.
9	To Confirm the Date and Time of the Next Meeting 29 th July 2026
	Meeting Closed 8.08pm

Signed: Cllr Pearson

Dated: 5th August 2026