



Gnosall Parish Council

(Including the wards of Moreton & Knightley)

Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council held on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30pm in Moreton Millenium Hall

	Present Cllr Gregory (in the Chair), Cllr Pearson, , Cllr Baker, Cllr Parry, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Knight, Cllr Symons, Cllr Herbert, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Beswick, Cllr Booth, Cllr Haycock, J Marshall Chief Officer SBC Cllr Winnington, SBC Cllr Spencer
	Open Public Forum Nine members of the public were in attendance. • A Moreton resident advised that the 60 mile an hour speed limit through the village of Moreton was too high and requested that the Council assist in applying for a speed reduction through the village. Cllr Gregory suggested that it be added to the next meeting agenda in September and that the Chief Officer investigate the cost of reflective signs and other possible speed calming measures. Stafford Borough Councillor Spencer noted that the cost of changing a speed limit can be expensive. County Councillor Pert to be asked for his assistance in this request. • Another resident advised that they were having to relocate the defibrillator phone box in the village due to flooding, which made the defibrillator periodically unusable, particularly in the winter. This was located outside his property, which also suffered from surface water flooding, and had previously been investigated and an unmapped drain that required servicing, identified. There has been no further action and the drain remains blocked. Cllr Haycock advised that he had raised this issue with the Highways department on two occasions, as well as the Environment Agency and believes it is the Environment Agency that is responsible for the water running of agricultural land. Cllr Haycock and Chief Officer to liaise and to notify County Councillor Pert. • Flooding at Wilbrighton Bridge continues to be an issue, with Highways declaring it not urgent. A resident noted that after works to address the issue previously, the drains on one side of the bridge were covered with a solid steel plate, which prevents the surface water from draining and causes the opposite drain to overflow. This issue often leads to the road being closed for extended periods of time. County Councillor Pert to be notified and asked for assistance. • The council were advised by a resident that flooding on Outwoods Road has been an issue for years, despite numerous reports to the Highways Department. This is a standing item on the Council's agenda under Highways, and the Council continues to press for this to be resolved to residents' satisfaction.
26/051	To Receive Apologies and Record Absences Cllr Reeves-Riché was absent, Cllr Alker and Cllr Sullivan gave apologies. SCC Cllr Pert gave apologies.

26/052	To Record any Declarations of Interest Cllr Parry declared that his wife was on the payment schedule.
26/058	To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 15th June 2026 The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
26/059	To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda Cllr Gregory noted that GG's Youth Leader Megan Corbett had been presented with a bouquet of flowers and card on behalf of the Council and thanked for all her hard work and dedication over the years.
26/060	To receive the following reports: a) The Chief Officer's Report - The Chief Officer gave a brief synopsis of the opening events of GFest over the weekend and thanked those who had been involved and attended the events so far and encouraged members to support the remaining events and Canal Festival, which takes place on the 17th to 19th July. - The Chief Officer advised that the next event after GFest was Heritage Open Day on the 12th of September and requested the presence of some councillors to support the event and be on hand to meet residents in a 'drop-in' scenario. - The Chief Officer advised the Council that she would be on annual leave for a few weeks over the summer period, and that response times may be longer than normal, but that the office would remain open with the CSO in attendance. b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended. None attended. c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors Borough Cllr Spencer advised that the Planning Department was starting to clear the backlog of applications but that this would take time. Several recent Solar Farm applications have been refused by the Borough Council. Cllr Spencer advised that the adoption of Tulip and Daffodil might be difficult as the developer left site several years ago, so a new set of investigations and assessments would be required to determine in the roads on the estate meet code, before an adoption could take place and this is an expensive undertaking.
26/061	To report any Highways issues - Outwoods Lane - ongoing. - Coton - Cllr Symons advised that pothole repairs have now taken place. - Brookhouse Road - durability of the repairs still in question. A518 Plardiwick Farm planning application - Cllr Knight asked if further traffic calming measures could be conditioned on the adjustments to the junction. Cllr Spencer advised that only the works required for the planning application would be

	funded by the applicant. Chief Officer to ask C. Cllr Pert who would be the best contact to raise this with at Highways. • Large gouge in the A518 at the roundabout with the High Street. Chief Officer to report.
26/062	To receive minutes and reports from committee and working groups a) Matters relating to the Planning Committee • The DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of July were not presented due to a technical issue, Cllr Gregory summarised the applications dealt with. • Cllr Gregory advised the Council that they had received a motion from Checkley Parish Council regarding the Governments Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 which contains provisions to reduce or remove the ability of elected District and Borough Councillors to “call in” for determination by the Borough Planning committee. This would significantly impact a democratic safeguard that allows elected representatives to ensure that planning applications raising significant public concern are subject to public scrutiny and transparent decision-making by a committee and not made by just one planning officer. This Act comes into effect in October. Gnosall Council Planning Committee discussed this motion and recommended to Council that a similar motion be submitted to Government. • Cllr Gregory advised the Council that the Knightley Road planning application had been received and that a Public Meeting has been scheduled for Monday the 20th of July, at 7pm in the Grosvenor Centre with an extension requested and received for public comments by the 31st of July. The Council has been working with the developer through a Project Board since 2024 and agreed to support this development for affordable homes in 2025. Following receipt of the Planning Application this month, a resident member of the Project Board has resigned, citing unsustainable pressure on local infrastructure and services and Environmental Impact on drainage infrastructure and increased localised flooding, and requested that the council withdraw its support on those grounds. Council members of the Project Board met ahead of the Full Council meeting to discuss this and recommended to the Council that the support for the application should continue but should be conditioned with the requirement for the drainage and flooding issues to resolved, as outlined in the developer’s application, and stated that the Council would prefer 100% affordable homes but accepted Stafford Borough Council’s stipulation of 40% affordable and hoped that this would increase subject to demand. A motion was proposed to continue to support this application. The motion carried with the majority voting in favour. In favour -10 Against - 0 Abstentions - 2 • Cllr Knight advised that the Solar panels on the Grosvenor application was refused due to insufficient information. Further clarification to be sought and the application amended and resubmitted.

	• Cllr Gregory gave a brief synopsis of the Stafford Local Plan consultation and that the Planning Committee had met and submitted a response on the Council's behalf. They have been advised that the date for the New Local Plan has moved from December 2027 to December 2029, which will impact the Gnosall Neighbourhood Plan. b) Matters relating to the Grosvenor & Events Committee • The DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on the 1st of June were presented. • Refurbishment of the main hall and disabled toilet have been completed. • The ladies' toilet refurbishment now to be addressed. • A new second-hand kitchen has been sourced for the small kitchen and fitters identified. Dates for installation to be confirmed. • Christmas Carnival planning underway. • Cllr Gregory remarked that the inclusion of all GFest planning within Grosvenor & Events meetings excluded many councillors and thus the burden of organising such a major series of events fell on a small number of shoulders. She suggested that next time we consider bringing the full list of events to Full Council and asking Councillors to ally themselves with at least one event and helping take responsibility for organising that event, as well as attending. I that way the load would be spread more evenly, and everyone would be involved. c) Matters relating to the Open Spaces & Burial Committee • The DRAFT minutes from the meeting held on the 23rd of June were presented. • The Council ratified the cost of £935 to clean all the play equipment, fences etc at the Acres. • Cllr Pearson advised that the annual boardwalk inspection had been completed and that there were some minor works required. • Cllr Pearson expressed thanks to Cllr Parry, Pat, and Martin, who had carried out a controlled burn at the allotments, saving the Council further skip hire costs. • The Chief Officer advised that temporary repair works had been carried out by Severn Trent Water on the Allotment Track, an easement agreement is being drafted and ongoing maintenance to be agreed. d) Matters relating to the Public Rights of Way Group (PRoW) The notes of the meeting held on the 3rd of June were presented for information only.
26/063	Finance related matters a) The Bank Reconciliation for June 2026 was received, accepted, and signed by the Chair. b) The financial payments for July 2026 were checked by Cllr Pearson and Cllr Parry and approved by the council. c) The financial statement for June 2026 was received. d) Cllrs Parry and Pearson were nominated to approve the payment list against invoices for August. e) The council was asked to suspend the Financial Regulations for the month of August to permit payments to be made out of meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Booth and

	seconded by Cllr Beswick and unanimously agreed. The payments list will be presented for retrospective approval at September's meeting.
26/064	To discuss the feasibility of installing EV chargers at the Grosvenor Centre The Chief Officer had made some initial investigations into the feasibility of EV chargers, with various options available. The Chief Officer and Cllr Knight to liaise over linking this to the Solar panel installation application. Advice to be sought from other councils and community centres who have installed chargers at their sites and presented at the next meeting.
26/065	To request items for the next Agenda • Highways information relating to Moreton roads and flooding. • An invitation to visit the Mayor's Parlour to be sought whilst Borough Councillor Mark Winnington is Mayor. •
26/067	To confirm the date and time of the next meeting 13 th July 2026 from 7.30pm at the Moreton Millenium Hall (tbc)
	Meeting Closed 21.27pm

Signed:

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