Gnosall Parish Council

(Including the wards of Moreton & Knightley)

Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council
held on Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Grosvenor Centre

	Present
	Cllr Gregory (in the Chair), Cllr Pearson, Cllr Baker, Cllr Parry, Cllr Haycock , Cllr Middleton, Cllr Knight, Cllr Booth, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Cooper, J Marshall Chief Officer SBC Cllr Winnington, SBC Cllr Spencer
	Public Open Forum
	Three members of the public were in attendance. Cllrs Middleton and Parry presented a cheque to representatives of Gnosall Friends of the Acres from funds raised by the sponsored Lock-in during GFest 2026. One resident requested and update on major planning applications as planning was not on the agenda. Cllr Gregory gave a brief update on the three major applications pending :- Wharf Road, the Loop and Knightley Road. Wharf Road has been refused, appealed and refused again. A further application could however be made. The Loop and Knightley Road are with the Planning Department, but no decisions have been reached. Cllr Gregory also gave a brief explanation of the new National Scheme of Delegation which affects the calling-in of applications and is retrospective, so affects applications previously called in. It is unlikely that anything will change before the new year but possible.
26/118	**To Receive Apologies and Record Absences**
	Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Beswick, Cllr Jobson and Cllr Symons gave apologies, Cllr Reeves-Riché was absent. SCC Cllr Pert gave apologies.
26/119	**To Record any Declarations of Interest**
	No declarations given.
26/120	**To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 12th October 2026**
	It was noted that the date on the October minutes was incorrect, with that change the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
26/121	**To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**
	Cllr Booth noted that the proposed Mayoral visit date conflicted with a Procedures and H&S meeting. However, we had been notified that the date was no longer free. The Chief Officer to confirm the date and amend as appropriate. Cllr Gregory informed the council that she had still had no response to her enquiry regarding Section 106 funds. SB Cllr Spencer agreed to look into the Delay. Cllr Knight asked if there had been any development on a Community Speed Watch or lowering the speed limit. These are on the agenda for the Business Plan Meeting.

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26/122	**To receive the following reports:**
	a) The Chief Officer's Report • The temporary staff member is now in place until Christmas. • A brief synopsis of the committee meetings of the past month, highlighting any actions pending, was given. • The Chief Officer reminded councillors that the Christmas Carnival Was this month and asked for volunteers to help man the event. A job sheet was circulated. • The External Audit was received with three minor scopes for improvement next year. • The Big Bulb Plant is going well, almost ¾ of the 10 000 bulbs have been planted. Final date Saturday 14th November at 9am, volunteers welcome. • The Chief Officer asked councillors to consider the DRAFT Business Plan documents ahead of the meeting and to send any ideas or suggestion for consideration. **b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended.** Cllr Knight attended West midlands Net Zero Hub, they are broadly in support of a stage 3 bid for solar panels but requested a few tasks before they meet again. He was thanked for the many hours of work he has put into this project. Cllr Cooper and Cllr Jobson had both attended the New Councillor training through SPCA, Cllr Cooper said it was very useful. **c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors** Borough Cllr Spencer informed council that Stafford Borough Council coalition between the Green Party and Labour has been revoked. It is unknown what impact this will have. Cllr Winnington noted that the Local Government Reorganisation was still pending, with decisions due before Christmas. At present Borough Council elections will take place in 2027, with the shadow cabinet elections pending the decision.
26/123	**To report any Highways issues or Parish matters**
	• Outwoods Lane – Cllr Haycock advised that Wilbrighton Bridge was still flooded, and it's believed that this may be due to a leaking water mains pipe. Sebern Trent Water to be contacted to assess. • Cllr Haycock advised that he has purchased a speed gun and is conducting a speed survey in Moreton. The missing post box has now been replaced. • Cllr Haycock requested that additional wreaths be purchased in 2027, one for each ward. He noted that there was no post regarding Remembrance Day, a post will be shared for Armistice Day. • The Rank – Cllr Pearson advised that the drain is still blocked, despite escalation. Cllr Pert to be notified.
26/124	**To receive minutes and reports from committee and working groups**
	a) Matters relating to the Resources and Personnel Committee • The DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on the 20th of October were presented. • The council **ratified** the committee's recommendation to vire £1800 from the Events Budget to cover costs of the temporary staff member. • The council **ratified** moving the defibrillator budget line to a reserve account. • The council **ratified** creating a reserve account for the Friends of the Acres Working Group.

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	• The council requested clarification on the funding request from Moreton Church, as the works had been completed prior to the grant request. • The council **ratified** the donation of £300 to Gnosall Scouts & Guides Headquarters. **b) Matters relating to the Open Spaces & Burial Ground Committee** • The DRAFT minutes from the meeting held on the 28th of October were presented. • The council **ratified** the committee's recommendation to increase the Allotment fees to £60 for a full plot and £30 for a half plot in 2027/28. • The council agreed that carpet for use as weed suppression should be banned. This will be added to the 2027/28 renewal agreement. • Cllr Pearson thanked Cllr Beswick for carrying out the regular play park inspections. **c) Matters relating to the Grosvenor & Events Committee** • The DRAFT minutes from the meeting held on the 5th of November were presented. • The Council **resolved** to replace the faulty hot water boiler in the small kitchen with smaller boilers in each kitchen at a cost of **£1338.00 + VAT**.
26/125	**Finance related matters**
	a) The Bank Reconciliation for October 2026 was received, accepted, and signed by the Chair. **b)** The financial statement for October 2026 was received and accepted. **c)** The financial payments for November were checked by Cllr Pearson and Cllr Cooper and, with the removal of the sum allocated to Moreton Church pending clarification, approved by the council. **d)** Cllrs Holmes and Cllr Baker were nominated to approve the payment list against invoices for December.
26/126	**To consider a proposal for replacement signage for the Gnosall Village Time Capsule**
	Cllr Cooper gave a brief report on the time capsule, buried in 2013 and is due to be retrieved in 2063. The brass plaque identifying the location is missing, and Cllr Cooper suggested a more informative sign would be fitting. It was agreed to refer this to the Open Spaces Committee for budgeting.
26/127	**To agree the provisional meeting dates for 2027**
	The provision diary was accepted. Cllr Booth requested that the Amenity visits be listed in the import dates field at the bottom.
26/128	**To consider a formal request for council support**
	The council **resolved** to support the Gnosall Sports and Social Club initiative for infrastructure improvements in any way they can.
26/129	**To request items for the next Agenda**
26/130	**To confirm the date and time of the next meeting**
	14th December 2026 from 7.30pm
	Meeting Closed
	9.06pm

Signed: ……

Dated: ……