



Gnosall Parish Council

(Including the wards of Moreton & Knightley)

Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council
held on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Grosvenor Centre

	Present Cllr Gregory (in the Chair), Cllr Pearson, Cllr Baker, Cllr Parry, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Knight, Cllr Holmes, Cllr Beswick, Cllr Symons, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Jobson, J Marshall Chief Officer SBC Cllr Winnington, SBC Cllr Spencer
	Open Public Forum Seven members of the public were in attendance. The chair of the Gnosall Sports and Social Club gave a brief presentation requesting the Council's support for their request to Stafford Borough Council for S106 funding for improvements to the changerooms at the sports club. Cllr Gregory noted that she had been in touch with Stafford Borough Council to ascertain what S106 funding may be allocated to the parish and how applications to the wider fund could be applied.
26/104	To Receive Apologies and Record Absences Cllr Haycock and Cllr Booth gave apologies, Cllr Reeves-Riché was absent. SCC Cllr Pert gave apologies.
26/105	To Record any Declarations of Interest Cllr Parry declared a family member was on the payments list and Cllr Simkin declared that she is a trustee of the Memorial Hall.
26/106	To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th September 2026 The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Vice Chair, as the Chair had not been present.
26/107	To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda No matters arising.
26/108	To resolve to correct numbering inconsistencies in the minutes from June, July and August. The Chief Officer explained that the number inconsistency stemmed from an error in June's minutes. The minutes were represented with the correct, sequential numbering and accepted by the council. The represented minutes were signed by the Chair and will replace those currently in circulation.

26/109	To co-opt councillors to fill a vacancy Two residents had put themselves forward for co-option for one position. Each candidate was invited to ask the Council any questions they had and explain why they would like to be considered. The Council in turn asked both candidates a series of questions, after which the candidates retired while Councillors considered the matter. It was noted that both were strong candidates with a broad range of experience, however one candidate offered skills and interest in areas where the council feel they are underrepresented and, on that basis, Tracey Simkin was unanimously co-opted. The unsuccessful candidate was thanked for her interest and advised that she could apply to stand at the elections in May 2027. The new councillor signed her Declarations of Acceptance of Office, and Cllr Gregory welcomed Tracey Simkin to the council.
26/110	To receive the following reports: a) The Chief Officer's Report • A brief synopsis of the committee meetings of the past month, highlighting any actions pending, was given. • The Chief Officer congratulated Cllr Pearson as lead for the Gnosall Best Kept Village group on their winning not only the Best Large Village - South, but in winning the overall Best Kept village in Staffordshire. • Councillor support was requested for both the Big Bulb Plant in October/November and for the Christmas Carnival on Saturday the 28th of November. • The Chief Officer advised that councils were being recommended to adopt the Civility and Respect Pledge, which includes adopting a Dignity at Work Policy. This would be taken to the Procedures and H&S Committee for review. b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended. Cllr Haycock sent a brief report noting that Royal Mail have scheduled a replacement for this missing post box, and that he was unable to resolve a severe case of fly tipping on agricultural land as this was deemed the landowner's responsibility. c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors Borough Cllr Spencer requested that Cllr Pearson supply locations for any additional bins required and he would get that resolved. Cllr Pearson thanked him and passed on her thanks for Streetscene who are very responsive and give fantastic service to the community.
26/111	To report any Highways issues • Outwoods Lane - Cllr Haycock provided a note that the Highways drainage team have scheduled a visit to Wilbrighton Bridge and hopes work will take place before winter. He also advised that he was working with Moreton residents on the issue of vehicles speeding in the village. • It was suggested that the council look to galvanise residents to form a Community Speed Watch group, training and assistance for which is provided by Staffordshire Police free of charge. • Brookhouse Road - still showing as temporary repairs.

	• The Rank – Cllr Pearson advised that there is heavy flooding including soap suds. Cllr Pert to be notified. • Cllr Simkin raised concerns over the speed of vehicles on the A518 near the school. It was suggested that the council apply to reduce speed limits during school drop-off and collection times and request children crossing signs.
26/112	To receive minutes and reports from committee and working groups a) Matters relating to the Planning Committee • The DRAFT minutes of the meetings held on the 8th of October were presented. Cllr Gregory summarised the applications dealt with. • The Lawful Development Certificate for the application of solar panels at the Grosvenor Centre has been approved. • Cllr Gregory advised the council of the response received from the HM Government to the committee's concern over the removal of Borough Councillor's rights to call-in applications. b) Matters relating to the Resources and Personnel Committee • The DRAFT minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the 28th of September were presented. • The council ratified the committee's recommendation to appoint external HR and Compliance support at an annual cost of £1750 +VAT for a three-year term. This was unanimously resolved. • Cllr Sullivan advised that the committee would be interviewing for a short fixed-term contract to provide reception and administrative support. c) Matters relating to the Procedures and H&S Committee • The DRAFT minutes from the meeting held on the 21st September and the extraordinary meeting held on the 5th October were presented. • The council unanimously resolved to accept the updates to the following policies: ○ Fire Risk Assessment Policy ○ Risk Assessment Policy ○ Training Policy • The council unanimously resolved to adopt the following policies: ○ Internal Review Terms of Reference ○ Internal Review Policy ○ Persistent and Vexatious Request Policy d) Matters relating to the Grosvenor & Events Committee • The DRAFT minutes from the meeting held on the 30th of September were presented. • The Council ratified the committee's recommendation to disperse £3000 raised at GFest 2026 to eleven community groups. • The council approved the request to site a storage container at the Grosvenor Centre at the hirer's risk.

26/1113	Finance related matters
	a) The Bank Reconciliation for September 2026 was received, accepted, and signed by the Chair. b) The financial payments for October were checked by Cllr Pearson and Cllr Gregory and approved by the council. c) The financial statement for September 2026 was received and accepted. d) Cllrs Holmes and Cllr Cooper were nominated to approve the payment list against invoices for November.
26/114	To consider councillor nominations to stand on the SPCA Executive Committee (4-year term)
	No nominations were received.
26/115	To agree a date to visit the Mayor of Stafford's Chamber
	Two dates were provided by the Mayoral Chamber, the Council voted to visit the chamber on the 23 rd of February 2027.
26/116	To request items for the next Agenda
	• EV charger at the Grosvenor Centre • An invitation to ex councillor Pat Alker to attend the December Council Meeting for a long-service presentation.
26/117	To confirm the date and time of the next meeting
	9 th November 2026 from 7.30pm
	Meeting Closed
	9.26pm

Signed:

Dated: