



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 Booth, Cllr Haycock, J Marshall Chief Officer SBC Cllr Winnington, SBC Cllr Spencer
	Open Public Forum Two members of the public from Moreton were in attendance. They requested the assistance of the Parish Council in formally requesting that a 30 mile an hour speed limit be applied in the village, with appropriate signage. They reported that several pets have been killed by speeding cars and there have been a few near misses of pedestrians. The situation is aggravated by the fact that there are no pedestrian pavements in Moreton. They have costed a radar speed display at approximately £400. Stafford Borough Councillor Spencer advised that private companies hire temporary, fixed radar speed devices allowing communities to record empirical evidence, which will help the case for a reduced speed limit. Details to be provided. Council agreed to share this information with County Cllr Jeremy Pert and look for ways to help with this situation. Cllr Spencer advised that a resident had notified him of the increased use of Mill Lane by large farm vehicles impacting residents and pedestrians and asked whether anything can be done to reduce the traffic. Can anything be done to reduce the traffic - one way system or chicane? Borough Cllr Winnington noted that contacting the farmers may be a good first step. The Chief officer agreed to follow this up suggestion in the first instance.
26/092	To Receive Apologies and Record Absences Cllr Reeves-Riché and Cllr Symons gave apologies. SCC Cllr Pert gave apologies.
26/093	To Record any Declarations of Interest Cllr Haycock declared that he managed Love Gnosall and this was a non-pecuniary interest.
26/094	To receive and confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th July and the Extraordinary Meeting on the 3rd August 2026 13th July - There was an inconsistency in numbering on page two, this was checked against previous minutes and corrected. Subsequent to this correction, the numbering of this meeting had been changed to follow sequentially.

	Page 3 a) Matters relating to the Planning Committee, last bullet, third line, incorrect full stop after from, 4 b) Matters relating to Grosvenor and Events, an 'n' was missing from the second to last line. With these corrections, the minutes were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair. No amendments to the minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting on the 3rd of August. 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.
26/095	To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda Cllr Booth enquired why the EV chargers and the visit the Mayoral Chamber, requested to be included on the agenda at July's meeting were not on the agenda. The Chief Officer advised that due to time constraints because of the heavy additional administrative burden placed on the Council by recent events, she had been unable to research the items, and they would be deferred to October's meeting. Cllr Knight asked if there had been anything further in proposing traffic calming measures on the A518 as part of the Plardiwick planning proposal. This will be followed up with County Cllr Pert.
26/096	To co-opt councillors to fill vacancies Cllr Gregory advised that following the resignation of Cllr's Chris Herbert in August and Pat Alker in September, there would be three councillor vacancies once the legal electors requisition notice period has concluded at the end of the month. The Chair expressed thanks to both councillors, in particular to Pat Alker, who had served on the Parish Council for 16 years. Two residents had however put themselves forward for co-option and, following unanimous votes by councillors, both were co-opted onto the council. The new councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office, and Cllr Gregory welcomed Bob Jobson and Jayne Cooper to the council.
26/097	To receive the following reports: a) The Chief Officer's Report • The Chief Officer gave a brief synopsis of the events of the past two months, including GFest and Gnosall Heritage Open Day which took place over the weekend, and thanked those who had been involved. • The Chief Officer advised that chairmanship training had been arranged for councillors in Chair or Vice Chair roles. • It was noted that the Government has paused the Local Government Reorganisation set to take place in 2027, and that an update was expected late this year. b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended. Cllr Haycock informed the council that he, along with several Gnosall Towpath Restoration Group volunteers, had attended a First Aid course provided by Gnosall First Responders, and all had attained level 3 qualification. Cllr Holmes advised that he had attended PREVENT training to identify and stop radicalisation, and training on sexual harassment in the workplace.

	c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors Borough Cllr Spencer gave a bit more detail on the Local Government Reorganisation pause, advising that the Borough Council were continuing as normal until further notice. He informed that the Borough Council had just passed a motion, asking Parliament to provide Councils with greater powers with regards wildfires. Cllr Spencer advised that following the government's new National Planning Policy Framework, Council's call-in powers have been removed. Stafford Borough Council has written to the government stating that they believe this is an erosion of democratic rights. The Chair advised that Gnosall Parish Council had written with the same purpose.
26/098	To report any Highways issues • Outwoods Lane – still being investigated, includes Wilbroughton Bridge. • Brookhouse Road – still showing as temporary repairs. • The Rank – Cllr Pearson has had two reports of drains blocked, Cllr Pert to be notified to see if the gulley drainage team can clear them. • The Chair reported that residents on Audmore Road were in contact with Stafford Borough Council about the impact of gulley cleaning on the outflow into their garden and the questions this raised about the purpose and efficacy of the flow.
26/099	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 13th of August, and 10th of September were presented. Cllr Gregory summarised the applications dealt with. • The Knightley Road response was submitted at the end of August following approval from full council. • A response to an amendment on the Horseshoe/Loop application was also submitted. b) Matters relating to the Resources and Personnel Committee • The DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on the 21st of July and the extraordinary meeting on the 19th of August were presented. • The council ratified the committee's recommendation to retain the services of Chris Herbert as an IT consultant. This was resolved by a majority vote. • Cllr Sullivan advised that an assistant cleaner/caretaker had been appointed. c) Matters relating to the Open Spaces & Burial Committee • The DRAFT minutes from the meeting held on the 5th of August and 9th of September were presented. • The Council ratified the cost of £1610 to purchase new noticeboards for the burial ground and canal. • Cllr Pearson informed the council that the committee had agreed to plant over 5000 spring bulbs as part of a community initiative called The Big Bulb Plant. This would improve biodiversity, provide an early food source for pollinators, and beautify the community.

	The committee has pledged to implement the Acres & Doley Brook 5-year Biodiversity plan, working with stakeholders to improve the biodiversity and function of the Acres flood plain.
26/100	Finance related matters a) The Bank Reconciliations for July and August 2026 were received, accepted, and signed by the Chair. b) The financial payments for August were checked by Cllr Pearson and Cllr Holmes, the September payments by Cllr Pearson and Cllr Booth, and approved by the council. c) The financial statement for July and August 2026 was received and accepted. d) Cllrs Gregory and Pearson were nominated to approve the payment list against invoices for October. e) The council noted the NJC pay award of 3.3% on all scale points effective from April 2026.
26/101	To consider councillor nominations to stand on the SPCA Executive Committee (4-year term) Cllr Booth informed the council that elections for the Executive committee take place in November, and she will be standing down. She provided a brief overview of the scope and involvement required and asked if any councillors would be interested in being nominated for election.
26/102	To request items for the next Agenda - EV charger at the Grosvenor Centre - An invitation to visit the Mayor's Parlour to be sought whilst Borough Councillor Mark Winnington is Mayor.
26/103	To confirm the date and time of the next meeting 12 th October 2026 from 7.30pm
	Meeting Closed 21.09pm

Signed:

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