

**Minutes of the Meeting of Gnosall Parish Council
Held on 8 March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Brearley Room**

Present: Cllr M Booth (in the Chair) Cllr R Greatrex Cllr G Payne
Cllr J Cook Cllr D Willetts Cllr S Wallis
Cllr J Tomkinson Cllr T Simkin Cllr N Haycock
Cllr K Williamson Cllr D Watson-Jones Cllr A Bevington
Cllr S Burgess Cllr P Alker Cllr C Sharp

Clerk, Jayne Cooper 2 members of the public and 1 member of press

10/37	<p>Public Open Forum</p> <p>Mr Boston raised the issue of the speculated wind farms in South Staffordshire and the concerns regarding possible disruption in Gnosall, particularly in Cowley Lane. He also said he had seen an aggregate vehicle in Gnosall generating a lot of dust and suspects it was connected to the Weavers Hill quarry. He added that he hoped that a petition letter would be sent by the public regarding the application for development.</p> <p>Cllr Greatrex explained the Planning Committee had taken a decision not to get involved in the proposed wind farm development until an application is received with the precise detail. Cllr Burgess also said that she understood that any wind farm development would not result in Cowley Lane being dug up but overhead cables used instead.</p> <p>Mr Prichard asked about the current status of the Poultry Farm application. Cllr Greatrex said that this application would be seen by Stafford Borough Council committee on Wednesday 11 March at 6.30pm. Cllr Burgess said she hoped to attend.</p>	
10/38	<p>Police Report</p> <p>It was noted that the report received last month was inaccurate as the February 2009 report had been sent in error.</p> <p>PSCO Biddulph read out this month's report, the contents of which were noted. Help was requested in reporting suspicious white transit vehicles that had been seen in the area. A copy was handed to the Clerk for information. It was noted that a police surgery had been planned for 28 April in the Grosvenor Centre. It was also reported that a meeting had been held with the Clerk and Chairman to discuss possible activities for children in the summer holidays. The police are able to access funding for these types of activities and asked Councillors to pass on any ideas they may have. Activities could be arranged in the whole parish including Moreton and Knightley. Cllr Booth said the Parish Council would support the police with this scheme and thanked them for the report.</p>	Cllrs
10/39	<p>Apologies, Absences and to report on the declaration of vacancy</p> <p>Cllr Booth spoke about the sad death of Cllr Roger Kelly who had died on 22 February. She commented on the work he had done for the Parish Council, in particular the recent play builder application for the Chippy Jumps project. A minute's silence was held to remember Cllr Kelly.</p> <p>The Borough Council had acknowledged the current vacancy.</p>	

	<p>not be complete until this information is provided. This comment to be raised at the next feasibility meeting to which all councillors were invited.</p> <p>Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair and the Clerk had been working on completing the National Insurance, PAYE and pension contributions based on information provided by Bradley's Accountancy firm. A meeting would be held this week to finalise payments to HMRC and to consider year end requirements. <p>Open Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft minutes of the meeting held on 22 February were received. Regular liaison with the Allotment Association is encouraging and work on the allotment site was approved at the Open Spaces meeting. BKV activities are planned with the first of the litter picks scheduled for 13 March. New notice boards had been ordered for Bromstead and Outwoods and the invoices settled following mediation for the problematic boards. Urgent areas of safety surfacing at the play park had been repaired Community leaflet is under review. Councillors were asked to provide comments to the Clerk. Grass cutting contract requirements are in hand. A flood plain meeting was held on 24 February and work is underway to identify land owners, the objective being to get all landowners on board to clear the brook. The plaque for the bench in Moreton had been mislaid, Cllr Greatrex had tried to obtain details of what was detailed on the plaque but that was not successful. Further efforts required to solve this matter. <p>Matters relating to Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting to be arranged to discuss the next edition of GMK (deadline mid April) A meeting to discuss the design of the website had been arranged for 24 March at 11am. Council were informed of a 3 page article on Gnosall in the Express and Star free magazine available from the Express and Star office. <p>Matters relating to Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft notes of the meeting held on 18 February were received. The Weavers Hill application was discussed at length with the applicants in attendance. This application was objected to. The next meeting would be held on 11 March. The Chair of planning committee confirmed he had obtained information regarding the application in relation to South Holme. Borough Cllr, Mike Smith added that he had called in this application which was noted. <p>Matters relating to the Christmas Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to hold the annual switch on event on Saturday 27 November and book the Town Crier for the first Saturday in December for 2011. <p>Matters relating to the Parish Plan meeting</p>	<p>Cllr Sharp Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Cllrs Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last meeting was held on 25 February. • A tribute was made to Cllr Kelly who set up the Parish Plan Working group and made valuable contributions. • Questionnaires are currently being collected by the Housing Group and it is believed there had been a very good return. • Between 15 and 25 March, questionnaires would be analysed. • The next meeting would be held on 25 March and a draft copy of the detailed survey would be discussed. • Cllr Bevington was thanked for the work he did on the questionnaire. 	
10/45	<p>To receive a report of financial receipts for February 2010, to receive accounts for approval and to authorise expenditure on items within this year's budget.</p> <p>It was resolved that the receipts for February and payments for March being proposed and seconded be approved for payment.</p> <p>It was further resolved that any other items within budget are paid for by the end of March following normal financial procedures.</p>	Clerk
10/46	<p>To receive an update following the Village Green inquiry</p> <p>Council were informed that the inquiry was held on 2-4 March. The Chair and Vice Chair of Council, along with the former Clerk, were witnesses who stayed for the duration of the inquiry including an evening and a site visit. It was reported that this was a difficult and time consuming process and that a letter of thanks would be sent to the former Clerk for her valuable contribution. Eversheds Solicitors had put together very detailed information bundles which had been reviewed and used extensively during the inquiry. Parish Council staff were thanked for their assistance. It was noted that the inspector usually takes 6-10 weeks to write her report, then it is seen by the Rights of Way Committee at Staffordshire County Council, and a decision made.</p>	Chairman
10/47	<p>Road and Footway Matters within the parish including litter, graffiti and street lighting</p> <p>The following matters were reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mud on Glebe Lane, A518 by Manor Road, Heath Road Bromstead, Knightley Road • The pond at Pool Cottage on Knightley Road despite work being carried out still floods onto the road causing a hazard. • Dog fouling on the cut through between Sharman Way and Middlefield. • Pot holes on Brookhouse Road, on Newport Road (near to the fish and chip shop) and roundabout • The Clerk was asked about progress on a sign directing people to the cycle track on Lowfield lane and also about a street name sign for Audmore Court. The Clerk would chase up responses as these matters had already been reported. • Cllr Winnington informed Council of a public traffic meeting being held 	

	<p>on 30 March at 7.30pm at the Memorial Village Hall. It would be an open forum type meeting and councillors were asked to make people aware.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Winnington also informed Council that Stafford Hospital is carrying out a survey to gauge positive and negative comments. Cllr Winnington has the contact details of where comments are to be made. • For information, council were informed that the tarmac pathway on the land adjacent to the Health Centre is a defined footpath but had been missed off definitive maps since 1983. <p>The Clerk to report and chase points raised.</p>	<p>Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/48	<p>To agree arrangements for Annual Parish Assembly on 27 May 2010</p> <p>The Clerk would contact Committee Chairmen shortly asking for their reports. A programme is to be agreed but it was suggested that the following items could be included: Consultations of Parish Plan; Housing Survey results Feasibility Study; Web site launch</p>	Clerk
10/49	<p>To consider correspondence and other communications received</p> <p>It was noted that the closing date for applications for Community Paths Funding had been extended to 30 April 2010.</p> <p>Transport Freight Survey – it was suggested that previous correspondence on traffic issues on the A518 be included with the completed survey.</p> <p>Nominations for United Charities – it was resolved that the Parish Council would nominate Cllr Norma Haycock to fill the vacancy. The Clerk to respond.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10/51	<p><i>Cllr Williamson left the meeting at this point An extension of 15 minutes was agreed.</i></p> <p>To request items for the next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCA Executive and Stafford Area Committee reports. <p>Councillors were reminded that they can request items for the agenda 10 days before the meeting date.</p>	
10/52	<p>To exclude the press and public whilst confidential items are discussed</p> <p>Confidential Items discussed included items for the next Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for 16 March and a letter from Friends of St Lawrence regarding non representation at a meeting.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.45pm