

Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in the Brearley Room on Monday 13 October 2014 beginning at 7.30pm

Present	Cllr R Greatrex (in the Chair)	Cllr S Green
	Cllr G Payne	Cllr K Ingram
	Cllr P Alker	Cllr M Deegan
	Cllr D Willetts	Cllr M Hughes
	Cllr J Cook	Cllr T Simkin
	Cllr K Abbott	
	Cllr M Booth (from 8.30pm)	Miss J Cooper, Clerk

Along with Cllr Ken Williamson and Cllr Mike Smith (Stafford Borough Council), and 5 members of the public

14/117	<p>Public Open Forum</p> <p>The Chairman reminded Council that following several comments made by cllrs, the Public Open Forum will be the only opportunity for members of the public to speak, apart from seeking advice from borough councillors. He read out from the Local Councils Explained - Page 106</p> <p><i>“Members of the public have no statutory right to speak at a meeting of the council but a council might want to give those in attendance an opportunity to speak and may, in Standing Orders set aside a short part of its meetings for the public and press to ask questions or give views on the business on the agenda”.</i></p> <p>Mr Webb commented on the good work carried out by Highways in resurfacing Old Barn Close although at times residents had no access in and out of the close.</p>	
14/118	<p>To receive apologies, record absences</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr Tomkinson, Cllr Wallis, Cllr Watson-Jones and SCC Cllr Mark Winnington</p>	
14/119	<p>To record any declarations of interest</p> <p>Cllr Alker declared an interest in agenda item 14/124 (e)</p>	
14/120	<p>To receive and confirm the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Council held on 8 September 2014</p> <p>The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
14/121	<p>To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>14/099 Chickens on Station Road – this matter had been passed to local police officers to deal with.</p> <p>14/113 uneven paving in front of Newport Road bus stop – this was still outstanding and is a dangerous trip hazard. The Clerk had reported the matter and would chase this up.</p>	Clerk

14/122	<p>To agree the response to the District Commissioning Lead - Stafford District on a proposed review of Sport, Recreational and Leisure in Gnosall.</p> <p>Notes of an informal meeting held on 2nd October to discuss Gnosall's sport, recreational and leisure had been circulated. At that meeting it had been agreed the best way forward would be for GPC to present choices in line with results of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. In addition several councillors had visited Madeley Community Centre to look at a multi use community facility. Input from other organisations to carry out a full review would be necessary therefore it had been suggested that a representative from several local organisations should be invited to a meeting. Beforehand a separate meeting with Cllr Mark Winnington, SBC Cllr M Smith and Wendy Woodward should be arranged to clarify the review process and determine what support is available from SCC and SBC.</p> <p>The recommendations from the meeting held on 2nd October were approved. The Clerk to arrange further meetings to progress with this review.</p>	Clerk
14/109	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>a) The Clerk's Report including an update on housing development sites, a meeting with Highways regarding a new partnership with Amey and SBC's Parish Forum</p> <p>The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and gave an update on all meetings held in September as well as Stafford Borough Council's Parish Forum where the Clerk had requested advice on securing S106 funds. The report also gave details of a SCC Highways event the Clerk and two other cllrs had attended to learn about a new partnership with Amey (called Infrastructure Plus) to work with local communities to deliver highway and other infrastructure services. The main benefit to parish councils will be the improvements to the reporting systems and the addition of receiving feedback on issues reported.</p> <p>The Report also informed Cllrs that progress is being made to purchase the land for the Burial Ground extension with church representatives awaiting information from SCC and this should be successfully concluded this year.</p> <p>Cllrs were informed that plans for the "Tour of Gnosall" Cycle Event on 19th October, were progressing well.</p> <p>The clerk gave an update on housing development that included:</p> <p>Knightley Road (Bellway Site) – information is awaited from Bellway on the legal boundary issue relating to the hedge.</p> <p>Knightley Road (Grasscroft Site) the outcome of the inquiry should be known in 2 weeks.</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council Site an inquiry would be held in February 2015.</p>	

	<p>Lowfield Lane Site – confirmation had been received that Bellway Homes had purchased this site.</p> <p>Audmore Loop (Horseshoe) - a planning application is awaited. Richborough had requested a meeting to share information gained from the consultation event. The Clerk would arrange a meeting.</p> <p>Wind Farm, Knightley Hall Farm - Representatives of Norbury Park Estate had requested Stafford Borough Council do not to allow an extension of time for the applicant to consult with the Ministry of Defence. Cllr M Smith was asked to comment and explained that should the application be withdrawn and have to be resubmitted there would be a significant cost to SBC therefore it is beneficial to SBC to allow the applicant time to consult with the MOD. The MOD refuse to enter into pre-application advice in regards to wind farm applications.</p> <p>Land to the rear of Old Barn Close - A meeting was held on 24th September with the land owner and First City Planning Consultants. The landowner would be putting his land forward in response to the Parish Council's Call for Sites. Notes of the meeting had been circulated.</p> <p>b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended including:</p> <p>(i) Report following the meeting held on 13.10.14 with Stafford Borough Council on Section 106 funds in relation to housing developments</p> <p>The Clerk explained that a planned meeting with Ted Manders, Head of Planning and Regeneration (SBC) to discuss the £12,000 promised to GPC by Bellway Homes as well as other S106 funds from Gnosall developments had been cancelled as following discussion with Jim Arnold (SBC) he had fully explained the process in relation to the S106 funds (from the Bellway Site on Knightley Road) is progressing. The funds had been received at SBC and ward members had been informed. The next stage is for meetings to take place with ward members to discuss this and then the Parish Council would be included should ward members believe that is appropriate. Securing the additional £12000 is a discussion to be held between GPC and Bellway. Separate and additional funds promised by developers, according to Mr Arnold, are unusual and Mr Arnold had tried to speak to Bellway on behalf of GPC but calls had not been returned. Therefore the Clerk would contact Bellway and keep councillors informed.</p> <p>c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors</p> <p>SBC Cllr Williamson reported on budget work for the next financial year, the current budget process being effective and that SBC's finances are sound.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14/124	<p>To consider committee/working group issues:</p> <p>a) Matters relating to the Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the meetings held on 18.9.14 and 9.10.14 were 	

	<p>accepted.</p> <p>An application for a new primary school had been considered; council had approved it but had raised concerns about the loss of the swimming pool as a result of the new school.</p> <p>b) Matters relating to the Resources Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on 7.10.14 were accepted. • The accounts up to the end of September had been reviewed and accepted. • Next year's budget and precept would be finalised ready for submission to the December Council meeting. Cllrs had also been asked to submit special expenditure proposals for inclusion in budget preparations. • It was agreed to open a separate bank account to retain S106 monies. • The Annual Return has been returned with no recommendations. <p>c) Matters relating to the Open Spaces Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on 15.9.14 were accepted. • A further meeting to discuss budget requirements for 2015/16 would be held on 20.10.14. <p>d) Matters relating to the Grosvenor Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the meeting held on 23.9.14 were accepted along with details of a visit to Madeley Community Centre on 1st October where useful information was obtained about the Madeley Community Centre project including fund raising, professional volunteers, working with the community and engaging with local businesses. <p>e) Matters relating to the Communications Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on 22.9.14 were accepted. • It was noted that the group had arranged a Parish Council Facebook page. • A new format for the GMK had been agreed. There would be a budget recommendation put to Resources Committee to meet the costs of an 8 page quarterly newsletter. • A new community strategy is being worked on. • A presentation would be given to the next council meeting on the work of this committee including the launch of the new website. <p>f) Matters relating to the Quality Status Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes of the informal evening held on 29 September were received. Cllrs who had attended had participated in a workshop to what the council does well and where improvements could be made. Cllrs were informed of a new requirement to cover democracy and citizenship and the need for a Cllr to take on the role of Democracy Champion (Cllr Green had since indicated that she would be happy to do this) • It was agreed that a resolution to SPCA's AGM on 1st December should be put forward as follows: <p><i>Quality Councils are set up as models of all that a good parish council should be. The Association wishes to encourage more local councils to gain Quality parish status through the provision of special benefits for them including access to quality council</i></p>	
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	<p><i>project funding to be provided by Governments following negotiation by NALC</i></p> <p>g) Matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The notes of the meeting held on 6.10.14 would be circulated at a later date • Plans for the public presentation to be held on 16.10.14 were progressing. Reports would be given on the key findings obtained from the questionnaire and would inform parishioners of the next stages and approximate timescales. There would be a structured question and answer session. Cllrs to attend to support the working group. <p>h) Matters relating to the Christmas Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting would be held on 20.10.14 	
14/125	<p>To receive a report from Staffordshire Police on police matters in the parish</p> <p>A representative from Staffordshire Police had been invited but was unable to attend. Cllrs were informed that crime statistics are regularly reviewed by Cllr Alker. The Clerk to invite the police to a future meeting to discuss these statistics and in particular the increase in anti social behaviour in the village.</p> <p>It was also noted that a new Police Commander is in post. The Clerk was asked to invite the new Commander to a future meeting.</p> <p><i>The meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes.</i></p> <p><i>Three members of the public left the meeting and Cllr Booth joined the meeting at 8.30pm.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14/126	<p>To receive a report on financial receipts for September 2014 and to receive accounts for approval for October 2014</p> <p>The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.</p>	
14/127	<p>To report on any road and footway matters within the parish including details of the next visit of the Neighbourhood Highway Team</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to report :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pot hole on Knightley Road just past the entrance of Hollies Common not repaired and had become more dangerous. • Removal of bus stop near to Swan Pit - the Clerk to write to relevant organisations about the lack of notice about the removal of this bus stop. • Cllrs were informed that the Neighbourhood Highway Team would be in Gnosall for 4 days from 13 November and a list of jobs was requested. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p>
14/128	<p>To consider correspondence and other communications, received (list enclosed for parish councillors, available to residents on application to the Clerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Charity Trustees requesting the Parish Council to 	

	<p>nominate trustees Council gave approval for remaining trustees who wish to renew their term of office to continue on the boards of trustees. The Clerk to respond. Cllrs to consider nominating a person for one remaining vacancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from SCC to all users of youth clubs explaining options available including available funds to support the community in setting up activities for young people <p>It was agreed a meeting is arranged as soon as possible to discuss the possibility of Gnosall Parish Council assisting in retaining the youth club by offering the Grosvenor Centre and perhaps becoming custodians of the youth club's equipment and funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPCA AGM nominations for SPCA Executive Cllr Booth was considering this. Confirmation to be submitted to SPCA by 3.11.14 • Patients Forum AGM – this would be held on 23.10.14 at 7pm. The forum is looking for new members. Cllrs to consider attending. • 	<p>Clerk Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Booth</p> <p>Cllrs</p>
14/129	<p>To request items for the next agenda</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to add to the next agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future of the Youth Club • Communications Committee presentation 	Clerk
14/130	<p>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>10th November 2014 at 7.30pm</p>	
	<p><i>The remaining 2 members of the public left the meeting</i></p> <p>The Chairman reported to Council that the resignation had been received by email from Cllr Malcolm Cowie. The Chairman had contacted Mr Cowie who had expressed his disappointment as to not being put forward to Chair the Resources Committee at the meeting on 7.10.14 (that he was unable to attend because of illness). The Clerk would write to Mr Cowie thanking him for his valuable contribution to the work of the Resources Committee and Council.</p>	Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.10pm