

Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in the Brearley Room on Monday 9th November 2015 beginning at 7.30pm

Present	Cllr. P Alker (in the Chair)	Cllr. J Cook
	Cllr. G Gregory	Cllr. K Ingram
	Cllr. K Abbott	Cllr. R Greatrex
	Cllr. M Deegan	Cllr. C Emsley
	Cllr. D Webb	Cllr. S Powell
	Cllr. M Booth	Cllr. G Payne
	Cllr. S Wallis	Cllr. T Simkin
	Cllr. J Tomkinson	Jayne Cooper, Clerk

Along with 9 members of the public and Borough Councillors Mike Smith and Ken Williamson.

The Chairman reminded councillors about the policy of Recording Parish Council meeting

15/136	<p>Public Open Forum</p> <p>Mr Taylor raised his concerns about the proposed changes to the conservation area in particular that part of his garden would be in the conservation area and part would not. He asked whether the Parish Council would be commenting on the proposals. Cllr Greatrex confirmed that the changes would be discussed at the planning committee on 19th November and asked Mr Taylor to provide a copy of his comments to the Clerk for planning members to review. Borough Cllr Mike Smith confirmed that Stafford Borough Council would consider all comments submitted. Mr Taylor asked Mr Smith to check whether the Canal and River Trust had been consulted.</p> <p>Mrs Malone raised concerns about an anonymous article published in the November edition of Gnosall Parish News (GPN) regarding the future of facilities in Gnosall and in particular about knocking down the Memorial Village Hall. Councillors felt anonymous letters are sometimes not helpful and agreed that the Clerk should contact the GPN Committee about the concerns raised.</p>	Clerk
15/137	<p>To receive apologies, record absences</p> <p>Apologies received from Cllr S Green.</p>	
15/138	<p>To record any Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Deegan (as an existing allotment tenant) declared an interest in any discussions regarding the allotments.</p>	
15/139	<p>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2015</p> <p>Subject to one minor amendment, the minutes of the meeting were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
15/140	<p>To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mud Slide in Moreton – Highways had reviewed the area concerned the problem is being addressed • Land Drain on Ranton Lane - this ongoing issue would be brought to the Highways Officer's attention when he visits Gnosall on 10th November. • Heron Brook Leisure Centre Business Plan – not yet received by the Clerk. Cllr Powell to action. 	Cllr Booth Cllr Powell
15/141	<p>To receive and discuss latest crime figures from Staffordshire Police for the parish</p> <p>As police representatives were not present, this item would be carried over to the next meeting.</p>	
15/142	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>a) The Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk's report gave details of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum that resulted in 93% of voters voting in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. The report gave details of a meeting with Staffordshire County Council to discuss the changes to the library provision in Gnosall. Several volunteers had contacted the Parish Council offering to help run a community led library when the current library closes. Regular meetings will be held to organise this. The report also gave details of a Broadband meeting with Staffordshire County Council to discuss the delay in providing super fast broadband in Moreton. A detailed explanation was given that would be printed in the MOBSTEAD news and put on the Council's website.</p> <p>Reports of committee and working group meetings were also included in the Clerk's report including the Induction/Quality meeting at which it had been agreed that the Parish Council would begin work on preparing an application to apply for Quality Gold Status in the New Year.</p> <p>It was also noted that several comments had been passed to the Parish Council that Moreton residents felt they were not represented by the Parish Council as much as they would like. Therefore Cllr Powell would arrange a meeting with Moreton parishioners to address this. Arrangements for this meeting would need to be discussed with the Clerk and Chairman to ensure it is properly represented by Councillors and minuted.</p> <p>b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the meeting with Staffordshire County Council regarding the library and superfast broadband held on 5.11.15 <p>An update had been provided in the Clerk's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on cllrs attendance at the Bifor Research Project meeting in Norbury <p>Useful feedback from this meeting was given by councillors who had attended.</p>	Cllr Powell Clerk

	<p>c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Williamson informed members that the Borough Council's Financial Plan had been presented to Cabinet and shows a surplus in years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18. Surplus funds would be held in reserves to cover capital expenditures. However in 2018/19 there is likely to be a deficit so ways to make savings are being explored. Cllr Smith explained that savings could be made within the Borough's Leisure Services Department if "Leisure" was put in a trust as other Borough Councils do. Cllr Smith was asked whether Gnosall Parish Council could be included in the same trust as the ideas for changing the Grosvenor Centre's Leisure Facilities are similar. Cllr Smith agreed to make enquires and would report back to the Clerk.</p>	SBC Cllr Smith
15/143	<p>To consider Committees/Working Group issues:</p> <p>a) To agree updated composition of Committees and Working Groups</p> <p>It was resolved that the updated composition of committees and working groups is approved. The Clerk to circulate a copy of membership on outside bodies to all councillors.</p> <p>Matters relating to the Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the meeting held on 29th October were accepted It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr Greatrex would be meeting with Galliford Try, developers of the Knightley Road site to discuss the site plans. Following that meeting, comments agreed at the Planning Committee would be sent to Stafford Borough Council's Planning Department. Cllr Greatrex had met with a Highways Representative to discuss suitable signage for the HGV's to avoid the High Street from the Audmore end. <p>Open Spaces Committee - Allotment Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval from the Environment Agency is still awaited. Work cannot begin until approval is granted. Cllr Deegan would continue to monitor. <p>Matters relating to the Youth Club Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans to establish new youth club are progressing well. A meeting had been held with St John Ambulance representative regarding the takeover of the building. Several volunteers had contacted the parish council to help run a youth club and would be attending a meeting on 12th November as well as a possible Youth Leader. <p>Matters relating to the Induction and Quality Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes of the meeting held on 3rd November would be circulated. Some councillors had been taken on a tour of the parish on 2nd November as well as a tour of the Millennium Centre in Moreton At the Quality evening on 3rd November Councillors received Council documents (Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, and Code of Conduct etc) that were discussed. It was agreed that Gnosall Parish Council should aim for the Quality Gold Award. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Deegan</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas for improvement, agreed at the last Quality meeting in March, had been implemented. 	
15/144	<p>To receive a report on financial receipts for October 2015 and receive accounts for approval for November 2015</p> <p>The accounts were reviewed then proposed, seconded and accepted.</p>	
15/145	<p>To report on any road and footway matters within the Parish</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to report the following issues to Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many potholes along the entire stretch of Knightley Road Road surface cracking and generally deteriorating on Audmore Loop, particularly the area just past the junction with Glebe Lane Potholes on Moreton Road Oil spill on the junction of Cross Street and The Rank <p>Concerns had been raised from residents regarding the electrical work being carried out on Ashmore Drive, Chestnut Close and Elmwood Close and the time this is taking and also about inconsiderate parking on the bridge near to The Boat pub</p>	Clerk
15/146	<p>To request items for the next agenda</p> <p>Cllrs to inform the Clerk of items at least 10 days before the date of the meeting.</p>	Cllrs
15/147	<p>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30pm</p> <p><i>Members of the public left the meeting whilst confidential items were discussed.</i></p>	
15/148	<p>To receive information relating to Personnel Matters</p> <p>Draft minutes of the meeting held on 13th October were accepted. The Council Support Officer role had been advertised and ten people had requested an application pack. The deadline for completed applications is 16th November and interviews would be held on 25th November. The Interview panel would be The Clerk, Chairman and Chairman of Personnel Committee.</p>	Clerk Cllr Alker Cllr Cook

The meeting closed at 9.05pm