

Gnosall Parish Council
Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting
Held on 30th November 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr T Simkin (in the chair), Cllr Doug Webb, Cllr J Cook, Cllr M Deegan,
 Jayne Cooper

Press and Public Open Forum – none present

1	To receive apologies and record absences Apologies received from Cllr Greatrex, Cllr J Tomkinson, Cllr Green	
2	To receive any Declarations of Interest As an allotment tenant, Cllr Deegan declared an interest in discussions regarding the allotments.	
3	To receive and confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 7th September 2015 The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.	
4	To consider any matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda Bin on Village Green – the Clerk confirmed a bin had been requested.	Clerk
5	To agree Terms of Reference for the Open Spaces Committee The amended Terms of Reference were reviewed and approved.	
6	To receive an update regarding work to realign some of the allotment plots Approval from The Environment Agency (EA) to carry out the work is still awaited. Further information had been requested by the EA and had been submitted. It is still hoped the work would commence before Christmas. A revised quotation is required from Foxley Earthworks to include the work required to repair the sunken part of the boardwalk. Cllr Deegan to arrange.	Cllr Deegan
7	To receive an update regarding the dog fouling campaign Plans for the campaign to commence in Gnosall in the New Year would be checked with Borough Council officers and reported back to members as soon as possible.	Cllr Webb
8	To receive an update and agree action regarding Illuminating the Multi Use Games Area Cllr Simkin had met with a representative from Abacus Lighting to discuss requirements to illuminate the MUGA and a quotation had been received. Other quotations would be sought. It was agreed that the project should still be pursued and funded from grants, possibly the Police and Crime Commissioners fund. It would be necessary to allocate some funds in the budget as match funding may be a requirement. The next phase of the project would be to arrange a consultation with neighbouring residents.	

9	<p>To consider a response to Staffordshire County Council's consultation on management of countryside parks and green spaces including The Millennium Way</p> <p>The Parish Council had been sent information from Staffordshire County Council regarding the future management of countryside parks and green spaces including the Millennium Way. This had been briefly discussed at a previous council meeting.</p> <p>The four options under consideration are:</p> <p>A: Maintain county council ownership and seek opportunities to increase income from existing sites by working with volunteers, community, third sector and private parties;</p> <p>B: Transfer management on a site-by-site basis to local community or voluntary sector groups, such as parish councils;</p> <p>C: Establish a partnership of landowners to manage all green spaces in a particular area;</p> <p>D: Establish a not-for-profit trading company to run and develop parts of the estate.</p> <p>This was discussed and it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Gnosall Parish Council should reply stating section A is the preferred option.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>To discuss any maintenance requirements on/at:</p> <p>The Acres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to repair and relocate the damaged interpretation panel is still outstanding. • JWH to be asked to cut pathways across the Acres in 2016 as this had not been done in 2015 and also consider cutting a pathway around the perimeter of the picnic site if the ground is not wet <p>Play areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All maintenance issues raised in the ROSPA reports had been addressed including making repairs to the safety surfacing. <p>Chippy Jumps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk and Cllr Simkin yet to visit Wildwood park. • It was agreed that parishioners should be asked in the next parish council magazine and on the website and social media sites for ideas on how to develop this site. <p>Village Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects on the Village Green agreed had all been carried out. There are no maintenance requirements. <p>Burial Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No maintenance requirements. <p>Notice boards/Benches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new notice board had been purchased and erected on the Village Green. • A plaque commemorating the Queen being the longest serving Monarch of our nation had been fitted to the bench at the bottom of Brookhouse Road and a press release arranged. • Repairs and varnishing of all boards and benches is on the Handyman's schedule. 	<p>Clerk/ Handyman</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

11	To agree Open Spaces projects and associated budget requirements for 2016/17 The Open Spaces budget headings were reviewed alongside the previous financial year as well as expenditure to date in the current financial year. Projects agreed for 2016/17 were revamping the Chippy Jumps, MUGA Illumination, Fun Day, Acres phase 3 as well as general Open Space maintenance, grass cutting and water usage at the burial ground and allotments. Budget proposals were agreed and would be presented to Resources Committee for consideration.	
12	To confirm the time and date for the next meeting To be confirmed	

The meeting closed at 9.10pm