

Gnosall Parish Council
Minutes of the Grosvenor Centre Committee meeting
Held on Wednesday 9th March 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr K Abbott (in the Chair), Cllr G Gregory, Cllr G Payne, Cllr S Green, Cllr T Simkin, Cllr S Wallis, Cllr R Greatrex, Jayne Cooper

Press and Public Open Forum – none present

1	<p>To receive any apologies and record absences</p> <p>Apologies from Cllr J Cook and Cllr S Powell (both working)</p>	
2	<p>To receive any Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Simkin declared an interest as her parents are employees of the Parish Council working at the Grosvenor Centre and she is a trustee on the Village Hall Committee.</p>	
3	<p>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2015</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4	<p>To consider any matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PA system – it was agreed to purchase a microphone stand to assist speakers at public meetings. ▪ Grosvenor Boundary Wall – Residents had fenced gardens to define boundaries and there is no longer a gap/access route into the Grosvenor Car Park. At some point the gap in the wall to be reinstated. ▪ Terms of Reference – approved by Council on 8th February and published on the Council's website. ▪ Designated Premises Supervisor is now appointed, contracts signed and Stafford Borough Council's Licensing Department ▪ Risk Assessment and Health and Safety forms - to be reviewed by Cllr Abbot for future use 	
5	<p>To receive a copy of the updated maintenance programme and consider any outstanding jobs</p> <p>The majority of jobs had been completed by the Handyman.</p> <p>The external door from the large kitchen had been made a fire exit with appropriate signage. Emergency procedures to be displayed on the wall</p> <p>PAT Testing had been carried out on electrical items in the Grosvenor Centre</p> <p>A quote of between £180 and £250 to fix railings outside the small kitchen external door was accepted. Handyman to action.</p>	Handyman

6	<p>To receive feedback from the Village Liaison Group meeting held on 1st March and consider the way forward for the Grosvenor Centre</p> <p>A detailed report was given on the Village Liaison Group meeting that was attended by representatives of Gnosall Parish Council (GPC), Heron Brook Leisure Centre (HBCL), The Memorial Village Hall, The Methodist Church and Phoenix Group. Cllr About had presented GPC's proposals for the Grosvenor Centre and the majority of those at the meeting had accepted that the current Grosvenor Centre is too small for a growing village and needs to expand. The plans would be in direct competition with the Memorial Village Hall but there were no suggestions put forward on whether the Village Hall would work with The Parish Council as a joint project to benefit both sites.</p> <p>HBCL gave a presentation for a 6 lane swimming pool/leisure centre to be built on the Grosvenor Centre site with supporting information as detailed in the business plan that had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors and Village Liaison Group members. It was noted that HBCL had written to the Parish Council in January asking for council to consider HBCL using the Grosvenor Centre site and council had, in writing, asked for more detailed information to be presented to the Village Liaison Group to review before an informed decision could be made by Council. This information had not yet been received. It was also noted that the field to the rear of the Grosvenor Centre is protected green space (as detailed within the Neighbourhood Plan) and therefore it is not possible for this area to be built on.</p> <p>Grosvenor Committee members discussed this in detail and it the following was proposed:</p> <p>As the detailed information had not been received from HBCL as requested on 16th January, and as the Parish Council is keen to meet the needs of parishioners as detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan, GPC should move forward and have plans drawn up to enhance the Grosvenor Centre and seek pre-planning application and highway advice on proposed developments. This proposal would in no way prevent HBCL in progressing with its plans.</p> <p>This proposal was seconded and all councillors voted in favour of it.</p>	
8	<p>To receive an update on current bookings and income to date</p> <p>Income from Grosvenor Centre booking, as of 8th March was reported as £11,730 Expenditure is well controlled with gas bills reported to be lower than previous years, probably as a result of new boilers.</p> <p>Bookings remain steady with a several new bookings including a new art class and children's dance group as well as several weddings and christenings during the year. This was noted.</p>	
10	<p>To receive any correspondence/communication in relation to the Grosvenor Centre including</p> <p>Committee members, following request from the Caretakers, agreed to purchase 10 additional large tables as there are adequate chairs to seat 150 people but not enough tables. Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting 22nd June 2016</p>	

