

**Minutes of the Council Meeting  
Held in the Millennium Community Centre, Moreton  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 beginning at 7.30pm**

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

SBC Cllrs K Williamson and M Smith

SCC Cllr M Winnington (from 8.30pm)

Along with approx 15 members of the public and a representative from Staffordshire Newsletter

16/095	<p><b>Public Open Forum</b></p> <p>Mr Stevenson raised three points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Broadband – he asked whether the Parish Council was aware of any progress in Staffordshire County Council’s plans to provide superfast Broadband to the most rural parts of the parish. He also raised concerns that the existing line is not maintained. The Chairman said this question would be passed to Cllr Winnington.</li> <li>2. Highways– Mr Stevenson referred to matters he had raised in 2011 including blanket speed restrictions, passing bays, maintenance of verges and signs. He said the new online “fix my street” facility was not good. Cllr Greatrex responded, he said funding for some of the issues raised could be met from the Divisional Highway Team fund however this year’s budget had been allocated. Making significant changes would also depend on accident statistics. Three other members of the public added their comments about the lack of maintenance on roads in the rural parts of the parish that have a negative impact on visitors to events at the Millennium Centre, damage to cars and unacceptable levels of flooding in lanes as a result of poor drainage. Parishioners felt that SCC’s Highways Department was not serving the Moreton and surrounding community adequately.</li> <li>3. Polytunnels – Mr Stevenson raised his concerns that many of the conditions attached to consented polytunnel applications are not being met, in particular roads are not being cleaned, and there are no wheel cleaning facilities.</li> </ol> <p>The Chairman said all points raised would be collated into a letter to Staffordshire County Council and other relevant authorities.</p>	
16/096	<p><b>To receive apologies, record absences</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr G Gregory and Cllr S Green. Apologies were accepted.</p>	
16/097	<p><b>To record any Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Alker declared an interest in any discussions about website.</p>	
16/098	<p><b>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were proposed, seconded and agreed as a</p>	

	true and accurate record.	
16/099	<p><b>To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda</b></p> <p><b>16/087 Flooding in Knightley Way</b> – Cllr Payne confirmed he had carried out investigations into why some properties in Knightley Way are experiencing flooding from blocked drains. It seems this issue has arisen since new homes on Knightley Road had been built. Severn Trent Water had confirmed the cause of the problem following investigations with underground cameras. It was agreed the Parish Council should support efforts to get the issue solved as quickly as possible.</p> <p><b>16/092 “Somme” bench on Millennium Way</b> – Cllrs were informed that Staffordshire County Council had agreed to pay for the base for this new bench.</p>	Clerk
16/100	<p><b>To receive the following reports:</b></p> <p><b>a) The Clerk’s Report including any correspondence</b></p> <p>The report included details of all committee and working group meetings held in the past month including the work carried out on the replacement of the boardwalk. Cllrs were informed that quotations to replace the section of the destroyed boardwalk are due. It was agreed to devolve power to The Open Spaces Committee to manage this project once quotations are received.</p> <p>The Clerk informed Cllrs that she had attended a meeting with Planning Officers at Stafford Borough Council regarding an application for a new development in Knightley that is recommended for refusal by the Case Officer. SBC Officers had confirmed that 22 new developments in the rural parts of Gnosall parish had been completed/approved therefore Policy 3, (Housing Provision 2011-31) in Gnosall’s Neighbourhood Plan, that states “<i>at least 20 dwelling in the rural areas will be supported</i>” had been met. It was noted that this figure may increase as barn conversions are approved however infill sites for new development would not be approved as they would be contrary to the Plan for Stafford Borough and Gnosall’s Neighbourhood Plan. It is important that Gnosall Parish Council’s Planning Committee review both these documents when considering applications for new development outside the settlement boundary.</p> <p>The report also gave details of a meeting that the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended with SCC’s Deputy Leader, Ian Parry and Cllr Mark Winnington at which Gnosall Parish Council’s concerns about duties being devolved to parish councils from SCC had been raised. A report following this meeting is awaited from Staffordshire County Council. However an additional meeting had since been arranged with Staffordshire County Council and a number of local parish councils that share Gnosall PC’s concerns.</p> <p>As no response had yet been received from The Police Crime Commissioner, regarding the increase in anti social behaviour in Gnosall, the Chairman would be sharing concerns and details at the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel. The Clerk informed Cllrs that there had been more incidents of crime and anti social</p>	

	<p>behaviour in the past two weeks.</p> <p>A list of correspondence received during August and September was noted. In particular the Clerk informed Councillors that she would be meeting with a resident who had made a request to purchase a strip of land on The Wold which is Parish Council owned land near to The Flashes. The Clerk would feed back at the next Council meeting. The Clerk was informed that the Parish Council had sold a piece of land in the past and details are within the council's files.</p> <p>It was noted that the long awaited response from Staffordshire County Council regarding the costs of the planning inquiry held in February 2015 between Staffordshire County Council and Stafford Borough Council had been received. It was agreed details should be included in a press release and in GMK.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that new bank accounts are in the process of being opened for the Youth Club and Heritage Group. Approval was given to make amendments to the list of signatories including the removal of former Councillors, Derek Watson-Jones and Andrew Bevington and include Cllr Mary Booth as a new signatory (as previously agreed).</p> <p><b>b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended</b></p> <p>Cllr Payne had attended the SPCA Executive Meeting and gave feedback on the main points of discussions that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules about filming/recording parish council meetings</li> <li>• That there would be no increase in SPCA subscription fees</li> <li>• That Tettenhall Parish Council is the first in the county to be awarded Quality Gold Status</li> <li>• Issues around polytunnels and flooding.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Abbott informed Cllrs that Gnosall Heritage Group would be holding its first Open Day on Saturday 19 November in the Grosvenor Centre from 10am until 4pm at which the 1<sup>st</sup> edition Ordnance Survey Parish Map of 1880 and tithe map and tithe awards of 1837/38 would be on display along with old photographs and documents from Gnosall.</p> <p>Cllr Booth informed Councillors that on behalf of the Parish Council, she had attended the funeral of local resident Ian Mobley who had chaired the Village Steering Group and had many positive ideas for the community. Cllrs expressed their condolences.</p> <p><b>c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors</b></p> <p>There were no reports from Borough Councillors.</p> <p>Cllr Winnington congratulated the Library Working Group (GLEAN) on its successful bid for a community led library and offered to help in any way he could. He talked about further savings that Staffordshire County Council has to make, the increase in costs associated with the health service and social care, that a lot of work would be carried out on making repairs to potholes and further work is being carried out to ensure the 5% of the county's population will be able to access superfast broadband.</p>	
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	<p>The Chairman informed Cllr Winnington that many issues raised during the public open forum related to County Council matters and details would be passed on. Cllr Winnington was also reminded that a report of the meeting held with Gnosall Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> August is outstanding.</p>	
16/101	<p><b>To consider Committees/Working Group issues:</b></p> <p><b>a) Matters relating to the Planning Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the meetings held on 1.8.16 and 1.9.16 were accepted.</li> <li>Galliford Try had been taking note of the Parish Council's requests and had erected signage about parking and had been keeping the site entrance clear.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Matters relating to the Communication Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A verbal report of the meeting held on 8.9.16 was received.</li> <li>The next GMK would be distributed in October</li> <li>The committee would be considering an annual function, to thank local volunteers, possibly in conjunction with the Annual Assembly.</li> <li>Approval was given to spend up to £200 on a roller banner to be used at events at which the Parish Council is represented.</li> <li>Moreton residents were asked to consider becoming volunteer GMK distributors.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Matters relating to Open Spaces Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the meeting held on 19.7.16 were accepted.</li> <li>The next meeting would be held on 19.9.16 at which quotations for the boardwalk repairs would be considered.</li> <li>Fencing at the lower end of the allotment site had commenced.</li> <li>An inspection of allotments and burial ground had been carried out. Complaints had been received that residents living in new housing development on Lowfield Lane had been using the burial ground as a short cut and recreation area as the boundary fence is not complete. Stafford and Rural Homes had been requested to complete the gap to prevent misuse of the burial ground and ensure residents' safety.</li> <li>The Chippy Jumps S106 project and associated costs would be considered at a future Borough Council Cabinet meeting.</li> <li>As a result of an increase in anti social behaviour it was proposed that the Clerk applies for funding from the Police Crime and Commissioner's "People Power Fund" to purchase a barrier to be erected at the entrance of the allotment road as well as CCTV cameras for the Grosvenor Centre. This was seconded and approved.</li> </ul> <p><b>d) Matters relating to the Library Working Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposal put forward by the voluntary group, GLEAN, to manage and deliver a new Gnosall community library had been accepted by Staffordshire County Council, subject to certain conditions being met.</li> <li>A meeting on 14.9.16 with the Libraries and Arts Service would discuss outstanding matters that need finalisation, including the location of the library. The proposed location</li> </ul>	

	<p>adjacent to the youth club had not been accepted.</p> <p><b>e) Matters relating to the Grosvenor Working Group meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This item would be carried over as the meeting had not taken place.</li> </ul>	
16/102	<p><b>To receive a report on financial receipts for July and August 2016 and receive accounts for approval for September 2016</b></p> <p>The accounts were reviewed then proposed, seconded and accepted. Cllrs expressed their appreciation to pupils of St Lawrence Primary Academy who had raised £233.55 to be put towards the Boardwalk repairs and also Gnosall Lions for the £200 donation towards GG's Youth Club.</p> <p>It was also noted that outstanding burial income amounting to £6733 had been received from St Lawrence Church.</p>	
16/103	<p><b>To report on any road and footway matters within the Parish</b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pot holes on Wilbrighton Road</li> <li>Broken signposts Wilbrighton/Moreton</li> <li>Overgrown hedge on Newport Road (had been monitored by Highways previously)</li> <li>There had been a few complaints submitted via the Parish Council's Facebook page regarding speeding, particularly by tractors along Wharf Road, Cowley Lane and Glebe Lane. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the local police officer and request he visits local farms to discuss this.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16/104	<p><b>To request items for the next agenda</b></p> <p>Cllrs to inform the Clerk of any other items at least 10 days before the date of the next meeting.</p>	
16/105	<p><b>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in The Brearley Room.</p>	

Chairman: Cllr Mike Deegan (Vice Chairman)

Date: 11.10.16

### Gnosall Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
171	Repairs and renewals at	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501424	DIY materials for	Travis Perkins	S	14.50	2.90	17.40
172	Repairs and renewals at	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501425	DIY materials for	Travis Perkins	S	43.30	8.66	51.96
173	Open Spaces	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501426	DIY materials for Chipy	Travis Perkins	S	30.90	6.18	37.08
174	Audit Fee	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501427	Internal Audit	J Hill	E	50.00	0.00	50.00
175	Audit Fee	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501428	Audit fees	Grant Thornton	S	400.00	80.00	480.00
176	Open Spaces	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501429	RoSPA inspection	Rospa	S	266.00	53.20	319.20
177	Civic Amenity Visits	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501430	Civic Amenity Visit June	Stafford Borough Council	S	68.33	13.67	82.00
178	Repairs and renewals at	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501431	Grosvenor tables	ESPO	S	990.00	198.00	1,188.00
179	Employment Costs	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501432	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	341.00	0.00	341.00
180	Office equipment	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501433	DIY materials for	Travis Perkins	S	9.40	1.88	11.28
181	Subscriptions	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501434	Data protection renewal	Informaiton	E	35.00	0.00	35.00
182	Employment Costs	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501453	Salary	GPC	E	344.58	0.00	344.58
183	Employment Costs	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501436	Salary	GPC	E	277.42	0.00	277.42
184	Employment Costs	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501437	Salary	GPC	E	1,773.04	0.00	1,773.04
185	Employment Costs	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501438	Salary	GPC	E	484.25	0.00	484.25
186	Employment Costs	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501439	NI&PAYE	GPC	E	629.08	0.00	629.08
187	Employment Costs	12/09/2016		Co-operative	501440	Pension	Staffordshire County	E	660.75	0.00	660.75
<b>Total</b>									<b>6,417.55</b>	<b>364.49</b>	<b>6,782.04</b>