

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Gnosall Parish Council  
Held in the Grosvenor Centre, on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Beginning at 7.30 pm**

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Cllr T Innamorati, on behalf of the Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone  
Present: see attached list

<b>1</b>	<p><b>To receive apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr G Gregory Chairman GPC, Cllr P Alker Vice Chairman GPC, Lesley Worsley (Scouts), Trish Edwards (head teacher), Rev'd S Harrop, Bob and Margaret Winfield, Tracey Stockley (Scouts), Pat Tweed (GPN), Alan Baker, Amanda Morrell, Ade Turner (First Responders), Mike Smith (SBC Cllr), Ruth Wright, Julie Pearce and Debbie Chatfield and John and Pat Boulton (regular Grosvenor Centre hirers).</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>To receive the minutes of the last meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b></p> <p>The minutes were received for information.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>To receive a presentation from Gnosall Parish Council as well as the Annual Report for the year 2017/18. Time will be allocated for questions.</b></p> <p>Cllr Booth presented a chronicle of Gnosall Parish Council's Year from April 2017 – May 2018 covering all the main Parish Council events and projects undertaken. The presentation concluded with details of planned projects for the coming year.</p> <p>The Annual Report for the year ending 31.3.17 was received.</p> <p>There were no questions and Cllr Booth was thanked for her interesting presentation.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>To receive reports from the Borough and County Councillors</b></p> <p>Borough Councillor Ken Williamson drew attention to his report within the Parish Council's Annual Report that explained how Council Tax has not increased above the rate of inflation for 15 years, how services had been maintained and improved, changes to the Borough Council's organisation and methods of working and investment in capital projects. There were no questions.</p> <p>A written report from the County Councillor was also included in the Annual Report.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>To receive short presentations from</b></p> <p><b>a) GG's Youth Club</b></p> <p>GG's Youth Leader, Jordan Archer, talked enthusiastically about GG's youth club and the activities that are enjoyed weekly. He explained that youth club now opens two nights each week for junior and senior children and has seen</p>

several Duke of Edinburgh students successfully completing their voluntary work. He thanked funders for the valuable contributions that had helped purchase essential items for activities and trips. Celebrations for GG's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday were held in April and in 2017 GG's received an award for being one of the best youth clubs in the County. Plans for the coming months were shared and a plea for more volunteer's helpers was made. Miss Olivia Kessey, a youth club member, then spoke on behalf of members explaining how much fun members have, what a valuable facility GG's is to the younger members of community and how she had progressed from being a member at junior youth club to now being a senior member as well as a youth club helper with the younger members.

Other GG's members and volunteers had attended the Assembly.

#### **b) Heritage Group**

Keith Abbott, Chairman of the Heritage Group, explained how the group was formed in 2015 and how membership had grown. The aim of the group is to create a community archive for the village of Gnosall and wider parish; the archive would have an historical perspective with view to provide a resource and reference for future generations. Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month and everyone is welcome.

Details of the work undertaken in the last 12 months were shared that included the digitisation of Gnosall's 4 tithe maps, funded by a donation from Gnosall Parish News and the digital copying of 1910 Finance Act Maps, funded from a donation from Cllr Mark Winnington.

The group has its own dedicated section of the Parish Council's website and has added to its collection of memorabilia and documents. An open day is planned on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and would focus on Industries from the Past in Gnosall Parish.

Miss M Hughes informed the audience that to celebrate 100 years since the end of World War I, St Lawrence Church would like to hear from families who had family members whom had returned safely from World War 1 to enable details of these soldiers to be shared with the community later this year.

#### **c) GLEAN (Gnosall Library Education and Nurture) Hub**

Following on from last year's presentation, Mr Trevor Whincup explained how plans for the library had been delayed significantly over the past 12 months as a result of many factors, including building regulations, tightened fire regulations that meant the planned purchase of a second hand unit was no longer an option and therefore a brand new unit had to be sourced. Additional funding raising was necessary to purchase the new unit which the group had been successful with. Mr Whincup thanked funders, particularly the County Councillor, for the valuable contribution and informed the audience that almost £10,000 had been secured from The Big Lottery Fund. He also explained how GLEAN had received Charity status and this had been set up in such a way to allow other groups to join and benefit from charity status but remain separate from GLEAN.

	<p>He expressed this thanks to the Parish Council for its support and looks forward to working with the Parish Council and GG's as the project proceeds. A positive meeting had been held with the many volunteers who will help in the library when it is up and running and he invited anyone to join GLEAN to help see the project to fruition and thereafter.</p> <p><b>d) Best Kept Village</b></p> <p>Dave Clark, BKV Team Leader, gave an informative presentation on the work of the BKV team, a relatively small team who have to cover many tasks to keep Gnosall looking clean and attractive including regular litter picks, painting, cleaning, tidying and project work as well as special projects along the canal towpath. He explained how the competition is managed and what judges are looking for and how judges score. Plans for this year's competition were shared including the recently opened Book Swap Shop on Audmore Road and the wildflower meadow on the Village Green.</p> <p>It is hoped BKV team will retain the title of best large village in Staffordshire and claim back the trophy pole which is currently held by Haughton's BKV team.</p> <p>Cllr Innamorati, thanked representatives from all the groups for their very interesting presentations, acknowledged the work of the volunteers who are instrumental in ensuring the parish and its parishioners are better off for the voluntary work they do. It was clear from each of the groups that more volunteers are needed to maintain the standards set by all the voluntary groups in the parish.</p>
6	<p><b>To receive any questions from electors</b></p> <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>As Councillor Winnington had arrived during the meeting, he was invited to speak. He spoke briefly about the issues encountered by the Highway Division of Staffordshire County Council with repairing the pot holes and road defects that had, following the very cold and wet winter, been more prevalent than previous years. He encouraged parishioners to continue to report issues to ensure all defects are repaired.</p> <p>He expressed his thanks and gratitude to Gnosall Parish Council and all the community groups and organisations as well as the many volunteers in this parish, which he said is, in his opinion, one of the very best parishes in Staffordshire if not England.</p>
7	<p><b>Presentation of Gnosall Parish Council's new Community Awards</b></p> <p>Cllr Payne explained how the Parish Council had reached the decision to recognise the individuals and groups in the parish who give their time to benefit others, whether running a club or providing a valuable service and how nominations had been received from parishioners.</p>

In memory of the Parish Council's longest serving councillor, the late Derek Watson Jones, who served on the council for nearly half the lifetime of the Council, it was decided to name the Community Group Award after Derek in his honour to acknowledge the 57 years he spent as a councillor.

Graham invited Derek's son, Robert Watson Jones, to present the first of the awards. Nominations for the Community Group award were received for: Gnosall First Responders, Gnosall and District Voluntary Car Share Scheme, Gnosall Best Kept Village Group, AFC Football Club and Leaders of Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows and Beavers.

The winner was AFC Football Club and the trophy was received by Cllr V Kessey on behalf of the club. AFC had been chosen as the worthy winner as the club made a hugely positive impact on the lives of so many young children in the village and now have 5-6 teams competing regularly. It has a reputation of being a fun and friendly club with a team of committed coaches who give each child, irrespective of their ability, a chance.

Nominations for the Individual Award were received for:

Paul Boston, Ken and Doreen Walker, Dave Clarke, George Turner, Rachel Green, Ade Turner, Jan Hewes, Ann Andrews, Maggie Hughes, Mike Deegan, Brian Perkins and Jordan Archer.

The winner of the Individual Award was presented to Ann Andrews who had been nominated for many reasons including being a teacher and teaching assistant for a long time at the local primary school, teaching most of the children from the village to swim, for her dedication to Gnosall First Responders including continual fund raising for the Responders and for being a caring neighbour and a friend to so many. Ann accepted the award and expressed her delight and surprise.

Photographs of all nominees and winners present were taken and Cllr Payne thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for agreeing to recognise the volunteers in this way and also for all the work the Parish Council does for the benefit of the community.

Cllr Innamorati thanked everyone for attending, he thanked Maggie Hughes for preparing the refreshments and closed the meeting at 9pm. Everyone was invited to stay for refreshments.

The meeting closed at 9pm

List of those present at Annual Assembly 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

1	Jayne Cooper, Parish Clerk
2	Tony Innamorati, Councillor
3	Jennifer Tomkinson, Councillor
4	Mary Booth, Councillor
5	Graham Payne, Councillor
6	Roger Greatrex, Councillor
7	Doug Webb, Councillor
8	Vicky Kessey, Councillor
9	Chris Emsley, Councillor
10	Sue Green, Councillor
11	Tracey Simkin, Councillor
12	Kenneth Ingram, Councillor
13	Keith Abbott, Councillor
14	Stuart Powell, Councillor
15	Mark Winnington, County Councillor (from 8.30pm)
16	Ken Williamson, Borough Councillor
17	Mike Smith, Borough Councillor (from 9pm)
18	Jordan Archer, GG's Youth Club
19	Olivia Kessey, GG's member
20	Robert Watson Jones – special guest
21	Maggie Hughes
22	Pam Archer
23	Nigel ??
24	Christine Savage, GG's helper
25	Jane Barrow, Gnosall Guides
26	??? Guide Leader
27	Peter Jobling
28	Joan Jobling
29	Joyce Rowe, GPN
30	Norman Tomkinson
31	Joleen Dudd
32	Rosemary Raynbird
33	Dudley Taylor
34	Paul Boston
35	Brian Perkins, Gnosall Voluntary Car Share Scheme
36	Maureen Perkins
37	Eileen ?? GG's youth club helper
38	Trevor Whincup, GLEAN
39	Steve Hopkins
40	Mags Yeo
41	Dave Clarke, BKV
42	George Turner. George and The Dragon
43	Lynn Turner
44	Bill Basford, Phoenix
45	Lynn Malone, Gnosall Memorial Village Hall
46	Rachel ??, Retro Green

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47	Ann Andrews, First Responders
48	Jan Hewes, First Responders
49	Marie ?? First Responders
50	Martin Watkins, Voluntary Car Share Scheme
51	Mike Sullivan
52	Linda Sullivan
53	Jim McGregor
54	Mike Deegan
55	Patricia Innamorati
56	4 x GG's youth club members
57	2 x BKV volunteers (names unknown)
58	Anne Sleightholme
59	+ 4 others, names unknown
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