

Gnosall Parish Council
Minutes of the Grosvenor Centre Committee meeting
Held on 26th September 2019 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr C Emsley (in the Chair), Cllr T Simkin, Cllr Gregory, Cllr A Mills, Cllr S Powell, Cllr M Booth, Mike Deegan, Steve Hopkins and Jeanene Walton-Sanders

Press and Public Open Forum – none present

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| | <p>Prior to items on the agenda being addressed, the Chair reiterated that the meeting included both members from the Grosvenor Centre Enhancement Working Group and Grosvenor Centre Committee and asked if any members had any objections to this meeting. All members confirmed there were no objections.</p> | |
| 1 | <p>To receive any apologies and record absences Apologies were received from Cllr Archer, Cllr Lammin, Cllr Payne and Jayne Cooper</p> | |
| 2 | <p>To receive any Declarations of Interest Cllr Simkin declared an interest as her parents are employees of the Parish Council working at the Grosvenor Centre Cllr Emsley declared an interest as his daughter is an employee at Rosebuds Nursery.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2019 The minutes of the Grosvenor Centre Committee meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>To consider any matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda There were no matters arising.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>To receive the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Grosvenor Centre Working Group as well as report on action taken since that meeting.</p> | |
| | <p>The notes of the Grosvenor Centre Enhancement Working Group taken 22nd July 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Mike Deegan advised members that the Working Group had met with Lee Holt from ETC Architects.</p> <p>The Working Group had agreed to scale down the costs of the Grosvenor Centre revamp from £750k to between £250-300k and Lee Holt had agreed to reconfigure the original plans. He had suggested that the entrance, coffee lounge and rear of the building could be better utilised.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Working Group believed they could scale down the project costs even further to around £150k.</p> <p>The appointment of principal designers had been agreed, to carry out the surveys at a cost of almost £5k.</p> <p>The Working Group considered it was time to hand over the Grosvenor Enhancement Project over to the Grosvenor Committee and it was agreed that this would be incorporated into the Committee's role.</p> <p>It was confirmed, when asked, that there had been no meetings to discuss the internal fabric of the centre. This is something that could take place once the Surveyor's recommendations had been received.</p> | |

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| | <p>Cllr Booth confirmed that she would consider being a member of the Committee, when asked.</p> <p>Cllr Powell expressed his disappointment with the outcome, in that the Grosvenor Centre would effectively be refurbished rather than enhanced. Mike Deegan acknowledged these sentiments and said that it was recognised that funding did not exist where it did five years ago. It was also recognised that there would have been considerable disruption to leaseholders and hirers, unless alternative premises could have been found, whilst works took place.</p> <p>Steve Hopkins confirmed that he was happy to participate further with the Committee on this project.</p> <p>It was agreed that the ETC Architects' report would be circulated to all members to read and a Thursday evening meeting would be arranged 2 weeks later. The meeting should include a look around the Grosvenor Centre to consider the options recommended in the Surveyors' report. It was agreed that the Parish Council and Grosvenor Committee should consider how to future proof the centre over the next 10/15 yrs.</p> | |
| <p>6</p> | <p>To confirm the date of the next meeting</p> <p>To be confirmed.</p> | |

The meeting closed at 8.12pm