

Best Kept Village	£600	Moreton Millennium Centre Wheelchair	£200
Rainbows	£200	Gnosall Memorial Village Hall	£200
Grosvenor Centre		St Lawrence Academy	£160
Wheelchair	£200	Knightley Church Bell Tower work	£200

As a result of the popularity and success of the festival the GFest Committee were highly commended for Action in the Community Awards by Stafford Borough Council, receiving a certificate and a small monetary award. Plans are already being made for GFest 2019, which will be held from 13th July until 21st July 2019, we hope to introduce some new events including a canal boat festival.

My thanks go to all those who helped and especially the GFest Working Group, The Parish Clerk, the Council Support Officer and our volunteer helpers.

What more can be said except roll on GFest 2019!

Annual Report from Mark Winnington, County Councillor; Gnosall Parish 2017/2018

The year 2017-18 has been challenging for Staffordshire County Council with yet more cuts to the revenue support budget from central Government. This has meant that the Conservative administration has had to continue to innovate and prioritise its service delivery. We are working ever closer with our partners in the public service sector to ensure seamless and quality provision. I list headlines from some of the diverse activities we are involved with and welcome discussion on any of the subjects listed below, either by email (mark.winnington@staffordshire.gov.uk) or when I attend any of Gnosall Parish Council Meetings.

Investor confidence in Staffordshire is being demonstrated with the construction of new speculative developments as near full employment continues, the county's economic growth.

Council wins measures to mitigate impact of HS2 on Staffordshire.

The Historic Shire Hall is hosting a one-off digital skills event for adults and children. Stafford's landmark building is the venue for the Microsoft UK Digital Skills Live event on May 24th, which will offer a day of practical help, advice and fun for people aged seven upwards.

People living in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are set to benefit from a new project to improve air quality in the area. Staffordshire County Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Council will share £208k of funding as part of Government plans to tackle air pollution.

Young bikers from across Staffordshire are being targeted in a series of campaigns to help promote safer riding on the County's roads. Young riders aged 16 to 21 are being offered a £50 voucher off the cost of their Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) course which allows them to ride on the roads.

A campaign to fix an extra 11,000 weather-related potholes across Staffordshire has been launched in the County. Highways chiefs have pledged a further £5 million on top of the annual £23.5m roads budget to help tackle roads damaged during the winter and help prevent the risk of fresh ones occurring.

Parents wanting to claim 30 hours a week of funded childcare for their children should think about applying as soon as possible. The next places are available across the County from September 1 for children who celebrate their third birthday between April 1 and August 31 2018. But to claim the funding parents must register at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

I would like to thank the Parish Council, residents , the GLEAN Group and the many other village organisations for the great work they all do.

Report from Stafford Borough Councillors 2017/18

We came to power in 2003 and promised not to increase Council Tax above the rate of inflation. And 15yrs on we are keeping that promise. For many years we have frozen our portion of the Council Tax, even reducing it in 2014 by 2%.

At the same time services have been maintained and in some cases improved.

We have done this by making major changes in the Council's organisation and methods of working. For example we share back office functions with other councils.

Keeping a cap on council tax has not stopped us investing capital in numerous projects. Our first project now a few years old was the new £15m Stafford Leisure Centre, this was followed by improvements in Victoria Park and Wildwood Park destination play areas, and we have recently agreed to invest in new Leisure facilities in Stone.

In Stafford our new Waterside Car Park and the new retail development is now open and the new cinema should be open shortly.

Your Borough Councillors: Ken and Mike.

Receipts and Payments Statement for Year 2017/2018 (Un-audited)

	Budget	Actual
Council Tax & Concurrent Grant	£63,919	£63,919
Grosvenor Centre Lettings	£39,201	£31,644
Other income inc. Grants received	£77,650	£128,815
BKV/GFest/GLEAN/Heritage/GG's	£0	£30,353
Reimbursement of VAT	£6,000	£17,610
TOTAL	£186,770	£272,341

	Budget	Actual
General Management Expenses	£74,010	£72,525
Councillors Expenses	£600	£472
Election Expenses	£1,000	£0
Open Spaces Maintenance	£22,898	£17,426
Christmas Lighting	£2,000	£1,712
Local Grants	£5,000	£1,127
Projects	£161,838	£79,483
Sec 137	£800	£77
Grosvenor Centre Expenses	£14,850	£9,044
BKV/GFest/GLEAN/Heritage/GG's	£9,163	£17,176
VAT	-	£17,319
TOTAL	£292,159	£216,361

Balance b/f at 1st April 2017	£108,925
Plus Receipts	£272,343
Less Payments	£216,362
Balance c/f at 31st March 2018	£164,906

Gnosall Parish Council, List of Councillors April 2017 to March 2018

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including the Wards of Moreton and Knightley

Mission Statement

To improve the quality of life for those who live and work in the Parish of Gnosall, and those who visit it.



ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



QUALITY
PARISH COUNCIL

Introduction

Gnosall Parish Council is a large Parish Council covering the villages of Gnosall, Knightley, Moreton, Bromstead and Outwoods. The Council has 16 members elected every four years who are split between the three wards. The Council employs four members of staff, the Parish Clerk, the Council Support Officer and a Caretaker and Cleaner at the Grosvenor Centre. The Parish Council works in cooperation with other local authorities in the provision of local services. Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, except for the month of August; Committee meetings are generally held every quarter. A full list of meetings is available from the Parish Office and from the website. Meetings are open to the public who are able to raise questions and concerns during the first 10 minutes of every meeting. The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm and Wednesdays from 1pm-3pm and by appointment on Mondays and Thursdays.



Awards achieved in 2017

Report from Cllr Pat Alker Chairman of Gnosall Parish Council

As far as Parish Councils go, Gnosall is very proactive and every year we try to ensure the Council meets the needs of our parishioners. Since last year's Annual Assembly the diary has again been very full with innovative projects and events that are taking Gnosall to the forefront in leadership skills by being seen as a 'best practice' Council. One of the new and important initiatives commenced over the last few months is a desire for the Council to become 'dementia friendly'. Towards the end of 2017, in order to gain a better understanding of Dementia and how it impacts on patients and families, several Parish Councillors and the Clerk attended a presentation. Following on from that, work is currently ongoing to gather information and ideas as to how we can best become a Dementia Friendly Organisation in order to support families and parishioners who may already have relatives living or facing this challenging illness. The Council hopes to work with other organisations in order to share information and work together to ensure we are providing the best possible service we can. Findings will be reported back in due course. Another significant project undertaken last year was restoration of Hen and Chicken Lane which was carried out under the Community Payback Scheme. Even though the weather was wet and cold, the group worked extremely hard to clear discarded litter and debris from the site and cut back undergrowth and a

large amount of hedging. The transformation was visibly noticeable and local historians and archives suggest the site may have possibly formed a boundary between medieval and Saxon estates which is fascinating! Gnosall seems to be steeped in historical information and several artefacts have been located in various places around the village. Last year welcomed another Gfest which, once again, was a tremendous success. The canal boat Fish and Chip supper was extremely popular and sold out almost immediately which meant a second date had to be added which, again, sold out.

Gnosall was crowned the Best Kept Large Village in Staffordshire again last year and the BKV team is already busy preparing the village for this year's competition! The BKV team is tireless and fearless when it comes to organising litter picking and tasks around the village. Remember the team is made up of volunteers who undertake painting – benches and notice boards, litter picking, cleaning picnic benches and tables, planting flower beds, cleaning litter bins and much, much more.

A lot of hard work, spread out over many months, goes into organising Gfest, BKV and other events and without the dedication and enthusiasm of everyone involved, they simply just would not happen.

2017 ended on a high when the Parish Council received exciting news confirming that the Council had been successful in gaining Quality Gold status. This is a prestigious national award that is given when a Council can demonstrate that it meets the requirements of all three tiers of the Quality Award system and is recognised as being at the forefront in achieving best practice and has reached an excellent standard in community governance, community leadership and performance management. The Parish Council is proud to be the first Parish Council in Stafford Borough to achieve this award and only the second in Staffordshire to reach Quality Gold Standard.

The next big project concerns the Grosvenor Centre and how we might enhance the building to accommodate additional facilities. However, the project is at a very early stage and parishioners will be consulted in the future should plans progress sufficiently.

This will be my last written introduction in the Annual Report as Chair of Gnosall Parish Council, as my three yearly term comes to an end in May when a new Chairman will be elected. To give a little background information, a Chairman is elected by the full Council on an annual basis but the maximum term a Chairman can serve consecutively is three years. I have enjoyed meeting new people and being involved in various projects of interest and benefit to the local community. There is still lots of work to be done and I will continue to remain on the Parish Council and contribute to projects but I would like to thank everyone for their support, encouragement and guidance over the last three years. Gnosall is a very proactive Council and the workload can sometimes be overwhelming but what is achieved, and the satisfaction it brings when a project comes to fruition, far outweighs anything else and makes it all worthwhile.

As always, my thanks are extended to all Parish Councillors who give their time voluntarily to attend meetings and work on projects, our County Councillor, Borough Councillors, Mavis and Brian Hill, whose dedication to the smooth running of the Grosvenor Centre is appreciated and to Jordan Archer, who stepped in as Caretaker at short notice and is now officially Relief Caretaker, Paul Prince for his expert handyman skills and attendance at training sessions, Jeanene Walton-Sanders, Council Support Officer for looking after all the Grosvenor Centre bookings and allotments. Of course no Council can function without someone at the helm and Gnosall is kept on a very even keel by the Clerk, Jayne Cooper, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jayne for her support, guidance and knowledge throughout my three years as Chair, you taught me so much with respect and friendship.

Report from Cllr Sue Green, Chairman of the Personnel Committee

Over the past year the Personnel Committee has sought to support its valued and dedicated staff of the Parish Council. We have continued to deliver value for money adhering to guidelines and legislation without jeopardising the high level of service that has not waived throughout the year.

We uphold our strategic approach within our staff training, one to one meetings and continued assessment of working practices to ensure our service delivery remains that of a high level. In addition the recent audit on our policies and procedures has, I am happy to report, returned with no actions pending.

This dedication, sustained hard work and continued best practice has been recognised by our recently achieved Quality Gold Award. This was further endorsed by neighbouring Parish Councils acknowledging our expertise and our most valued clerk. It therefore goes without saying, in addition to our staff, this could not be achieved without a huge heartfelt thank you to our dedicated councillors, volunteers, and parishioners who contribute tirelessly throughout the year to deliver the many projects and community events.

Working together we certainly have a team to be very proud of.

Report from Cllr Kenneth Ingram, Chairman of Resources Committee

The Resources Committee is responsible for overseeing the Parish Council's finances. Each year it recommends to the full Parish Council the next financial year's budget. By careful management of the Parish Council's accounts and constant monitoring against the agreed budgets any areas of concern can be identified and corrective action taken as soon as they are found. The Resources Committee can require representatives of other Parish Council Committees to attend its meetings when necessary to account for the proper control of the budget for which they are responsible and to ensure action plans are in place to meet any budget savings approved by the Council.

The accounts are internally audited at the end of the financial year and then are presented to the external auditor to await their reports and then any necessary action is taken.

The main income of the Parish Council is the "precept" which forms the Gnosall Parish Council part of the Council Tax collected by Stafford Borough Council. By careful monitoring of the actual spend against budgeted figures it is clear if there needs to be an increase in the precept if the Parish Council is to maintain its obligations. When setting the precept and budgets for the financial year 2018/19 by careful analysis of our expected spending, we have managed to keep the increase down to just £2.00 per household (Band D property) despite having significant increases in some parts of the budget. Our total precept per household is less than many of the surrounding parishes who provide many less services than we do. Stafford Borough Council also make a payment to the Parish Council for jobs and activities that are undertaken on their behalf, which in 2017/18 amounted to £3680.

External Funding received by the Parish Council during 2017/18:

Stafford Borough Council	Towards the cost of the Christmas lights event	£545
Staffordshire County Council	To pay for a new tennis court and outdoor gym	£50,000
Stafford Borough Council S106 Funds	To pay for Chippy Jumps park and enhancement of the Boardwalk	£67,430
Awards for All	For GLEAN (library project)	£9,800
GPN	For GLEAN (library project)	£200
County Councillor Fund	For GLEAN (library project)	£4,000

- GG's Youth Club received a total of £1775 in grants and donations
- Heritage Group received a total of £381 in grants and donations
- Best Kept Village received a total of £3386 in grants and donations
- GFest received a total of £454 in grants

GLEAN Hub is now set up as a separate Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and has its own bank account. The trustees are responsible for keeping their accounts according to Charity Commission rules. GLEAN Hub has received direct external funding in addition to those in the Parish Council accounts mentioned above.

During 2017/18 the following grants and donations were awarded by the Parish Council:

Royal British Legion	£25
To support the work of the Best Kept Village Team	£1000
Gnosall Ladies Running Club	£100

Report from Cllr Tracey Simkin, Chairman of Open Spaces Committee

Last year Open Spaces Committee had two very large projects to manage, the Chippy Jumps Park and the reinstatement of the boardwalk and I'm pleased to report that they were both achieved on time and within budget. In fact they were managed in such a way that a grand opening for both was held on a very wet evening on 29th June 2017.

The opening of the boardwalk was a welcome relief to many of our parishioners and visitors to the parish after almost 12 months without it. The new section of the boardwalk is bigger and better, has a dipping platform and a seating and viewing area. It has been constructed in a way that may be extended in the future should funding be available. The Chippy Jumps Park has proved to be very popular with our younger residents, particularly the zip wire. Both projects were funded from S106 funds received from housing development sites in Gnosall.

During the past year, the Parish Council received notification from Staffordshire County Council that a business plan to secure £50,000 of funds towards a tennis court and outdoor gym area was successful. Meetings with contractors were held who then submitted their quotations. The planned start date for this project was delayed because of the very wet weather however the new tennis court should be complete by the summer of 2018 and the gym equipment will be added at a later date. This will be another free to use facility for residents, located on The Acres adjacent to the basketball area.

Working with representatives from St Lawrence Church and the Community Pay Back Scheme, the very overgrown and somewhat neglected Hen and Chicken Lane, adjacent to the Burial Ground was another project led by this Committee. This project aimed to restore the short lane which has an historical significance to the village. The aim was not only to improve the site aesthetically but to highlight the history behind it as a contribution to the Community Heritage Archive. In addition, the lane's restoration will give access to the newly acquired Gnosall burial ground extension. Parishioners and visitors will be able to use the lane and hopefully funeral and maintenance vehicles will have the added convenience of accessing the new burial ground direct rather than struggling to access the site along the original burial ground pathway.

Open Spaces Committee felt that the picnic site area next to the play area on Brookhouse Road was underutilised and came up with a number of ideas to attract more users. In February a successful bird box making event was held with over 50 local children and their families making bird and bug boxes, with all materials supplied by the Parish Council. Some of the boxes were put up in the trees within the picnic site so they can be monitored throughout the year. Further events at the picnic site will be held in 2018.

At the end of 2017 year my Committee agreed projects and associated budgets for 2018/19. These projects can only succeed with the help of our dedicated councillors and volunteers who give their time voluntarily to manage and deliver those projects to the best of their abilities. I thank all my fellow Open Spaces Councillors as well as our committed employees.

Report from Cllr Mary Booth, Chairman of Procedures Review Committee

This has been a fairly quiet year for the Committee. The previous review of all policy documents proved to be a good foundation to help the Council get the Quality Gold Award. Work has now started on preparations for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) due to become law this May. The Council as a 'public body' will have newly extended duties to protect personal data of the public, of councillors, of staff and of others such as contractors. We take these duties seriously and are undertaking training, analysing the data we hold and reviewing our systems.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee and the Clerk for all their hard work.

Report from Cllr Roger Greatrex, Chairman of Planning Committee

The Committee viewed numerous planning applications over the last twelve months, and are pleased to report that most met the criteria set down in planning law. The Borough Council's development control committee subsequently passed several that the parish council objected too. The outcome of local planning applications is now reported in detail at each of our planning committee meetings. The Neighbourhood Plan is consulted by councillors when considering planning applications. The Parish Council is aware that the Plan for Stafford Borough is under review and meetings will be held with Stafford Borough Council representatives to discuss how this may or may not impact on Gnosall's Neighbourhood Plan.

The land to the rear of the Health Centre that is being developed by Linden Homes is progressing well with little or no problems being encountered. During the month of July 2017 the main drainage system was installed through the field to the rear of the site. The contractor used the bottom corner of the Village Green as a works compound with little disruption to the area that was left in good state of repair on completion of the project. Upon completion the contractors made a financial donation to the Parish Council towards the upkeep of the Village Green.

I would like to remind residents that when they receive notification of planning applications that are in their near vicinity, if they have issues or comments to raise about an application, they should contact the Parish Office in order that the Council's Planning Committee can take into account their concerns. Parishioners may of course attend the Council's Planning Committee meetings and make personal representation in the public open forum at the commencement of the meeting.

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee by request, and the Parish Council does not actually make the final decision for approval or refusal. This is the responsibility of Stafford Borough Council.

Report from Cllr Chris Emsley, Chairman of Grosvenor Centre Committee

The Grosvenor Centre in the centre of the village has had another busy and successful year. In addition to housing the administrative centre for the Parish Council the centre also houses Rosebuds Day Nursery and has a number of different facilities available for Parishioners to hire. The venue remains popular with regular bookings and one off lettings holding up well.

When St. Lawrence school was redeveloped the village lost both its youth club and library. The youth club was re-housed in the former St. John's Ambulance building and has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Jordan Archer. It is hoped that a new library to be housed adjacent to the youth club building will now be open within the next 12 months. Discussions continue to ascertain the feasibility of redeveloping the centre and whilst whatever decision is finally arrived at, this will be a long term project and the Council will keep parishioners informed of developments as they occur.

In recent months we have appointed a new Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), Neil Nicholls, licensee of The Horns. Neil has taken over from Nicholas and Heather. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Nicholas and Heather for their efforts and welcome Neil to his new additional role. He has made a very encouraging start.

Finally may I also take this opportunity of thanking Brian and Mavis who continue their sterling work in their roles as caretakers of the centre.

Report from Cllr Mike Deegan, Chairman of Grosvenor Centre Working Group Committee

This group was established four years ago to identify how best to adapt the aging Grosvenor Centre to cope with the challenges of increased demand from user-groups and meet the needs of a growing local population.

After an earlier period of initial analysis, liaison with local stake-holders and review of other community centres, steady progress has been made over the past year. *Terms of reference* were established for the group to focus its aims; whether the Parish Council carries on maintaining the Grosvenor Centre as it is, makes modifications to enhance it or goes for a complete purpose-built new centre. Doing nothing does not appear to be an option, especially as maintenance costs begin to spiral. However, the group has been learning from other relevant examples of community

centres nearby. Following an earlier visit to the newly-built Madeley Centre, a very informative tour of Audlem Public Hall in Cheshire demonstrated how an annex arrangement might also work.

The group has developed its *Priority Needs* of future use of the Grosvenor Centre and looked to utilise local expertise - recruiting Steve Hopkins (Chair of The Community Council of Staffordshire) to the team and liaising on planning issues with Jeff Rhodes (planning expert who was instrumental in helping write the Neighbourhood Plan).

The whole process is quite complex and members of the group have been busy meeting relevant contacts regarding planning and tenure matters, such as Stafford Borough Council's Conservation Advisor and their Legal Officer. A meeting was also held with architects in February to discuss design ideas and the process required in developing outline-plan options. Architects will be tendering to develop these concept plans, with their presentations helping to support a public consultation event/s later in 2018. The Parish Council will again be consulting with key community stakeholders as part of this process.

Architects and planning authorities require detailed and accurate plans, so a comprehensive chartered-survey of the whole Grosvenor site was commissioned in January. This was followed by a structural survey to determine the condition of the existing buildings and a ground survey will be carried out in the next few months to determine the foundation stability and underlying soils.

Unfortunately funding sources for such community projects are not as readily available as they were 5-10 years ago. This was confirmed by the Community Council's funding officer, Cathy Russell, when she came to speak to the group last November. This means that plans may have to be modified or compromised where possible. However, there are still grants accessible that the group will pursue to ensure external funding is maximised as much as possible. It may take a number of years, but the Parish Council is determined to provide a Grosvenor Centre fit to meet the needs of our community long into the twenty first century.

Report from Cllr Mike Deegan, Chairman of Communications Committee

The popular GMK magazine, now under the auspices of the new Communications Editorial Working Group, continues to be delivered to every house in Gnosall and as many residents as possible in the rest of the parish in the new 12 page format every four months. The magazine is being well received by readers and we have had many complimentary comments. A particularly popular item is the picture on the front cover which is always interesting and vibrant.

We continue to manage and maintain our popular and informative website (www.gnosallparishcouncil.org.uk) and a very well followed Facebook page (www.facebook.com then look for gnosall parish council). We maintain good relationships with local newspapers and submit regular press releases about local parish news.

Report from Cllr Kenneth Ingram, Chairman of GFest 2017 Committee

The biennial GFest 2017 was very successful with over 30 different events. With too many to individually praise, my thanks go out to all the organisers for their efforts. The new events included a Canal Barge Supper trip (which was so successful we ran it twice and we are hoping to organise another in June/July 2018), a Line of Coins on the Old Railway Line which raised over £200, a highly popular Antiques & Collectables Valuation where the professional valuation team worked continuously for most of the event with a queue of people awaiting their turn, the GG Youth Club Treasure Hunt and Barbeque, The Heritage Group and the very popular Horns Pub Quiz night. Old favourites were not left out with the Classical Concert, the Gnosall Players production, the Family Bike Ride and Open Gardens that attracted 300 visitors and, of course, the Made in Gnosall Craft Fair and Exhibition. Events like the Church Tower Opening and the Church Tour remained popular and the GFest Church Service was attended by a Deputy Lieutenant of Staffordshire who spoke very favourably about Gnosall and its community. The Community and Countryside event attracted quite a few people and this is one area we will promote more actively at the next GFest. Moreton also had its share of events with a Traditional Folk Music event and the Gnosall Singers Concert. The Festival concluded with the annual Fun Fair on the Village Green.

Financially the Festival had a surplus of income over expenditure and the Working Group agreed to donate some monies to the following causes, who had all submitted requests, as well as retaining a reserve fund to help initial expenditure for GFest 2019:-