

Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in the Brearley Room on Monday 10 November 2014 beginning at 7.30pm

Present	Cllr R Greatrex (in the Chair) Cllr G Payne Cllr S Wallis Cllr D Willetts Cllr J Cook Cllr K Abbott Cllr M Booth	Cllr S Green (from 7.40pm) Cllr K Ingram Cllr D Watson-Jones Cllr J Tomkinson Cllr T Simkin Miss J Cooper, Clerk
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Along with Cllr Ken Williamson and Cllr Mike Smith (Stafford Borough Council), 2 members of Staffordshire Police, 1 member of the press and 2 members of the public

14/131	Public Open Forum Mr Prichard enquired about the timescale for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk replied that this document was on display at the Neighbourhood Plan public meeting on 16 th October and is on the Parish Council's website.	
14/132	To receive apologies, record absences Apologies received from Cllr Hughes, Cllr Deegan, Cllr Alker and SCC Cllr Mark Winnington	
14/133	To record any declarations of interest As a member of the Executive Board of the Stafford Branch of CPRE, Cllr Booth declared an interest in item 14/142, the invitation to GPC become a member of CPRE.	
14/134	To receive and confirm the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Council held on 13 October 2014 The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
14/135	To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda Chickens on Station Road – PC Green had requested the landowner deals with this however it was noted that chickens remain to wander across the A518. PC Green would pass the matter to Highways. <i>Cllr Green joined the meeting</i> Councillor Vacancy – the Clerk reported that there had been no call for an election therefore the process for co-option would be followed. Overgrown hedge, Newport Road – Cllr Mike Smith had reported the hedge, on A518 which forces pedestrians onto the road. Highways had since sent a letter to the owner of the offending hedge on 14 October 2014 and would monitor the situation. As police were present, they were asked whether any progress had been made finding those responsible for the recent incidents of anti-	PC Green Clerk

	<p>social behaviour and criminal damage in the village. PC Green replied that there are possible leads that would be followed up including visits to parents of children who may be responsible. He added Gnosall is currently a priority zone and would be monitored closely. People must report incidents as quickly as possible. PC Green was informed of several thefts and a fire at farms in the Bescote area.</p>	PC Green
14/136	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>a) The Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk's report gave details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish council meetings and working group meetings held in the past month. An update on the Neighbourhood Plan following the public presentation held on 16th October. The report included details of correspondence from Stafford Borough Council suggesting parish councils consider lobbying their MP's, the Secretary of State and the Local Government Association to amend the National Planning Policy Framework in order to create some time for neighbourhood plans to be developed. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that GPC should lobby as suggested. The Clerk to action. An update on the current rules regarding councillor expenses concluding that councillors can claim for travel expenses for approved duties within and outside the parish. New information regarding the revised three-tiered Quality Status Scheme. It was noted that a motion regarding benefits for quality councils had been submitted to SPCA for the SPCA AGM on 1st December. As it would be necessary to attend this event, the Resources Committee meeting would be rescheduled. Christmas arrangements for the lights switch on event on 29th November. The successful Tour of Gnosall cycle event held on 19th October to which over 80 people had participated. <p>Housing developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bellway Site, Knightley Road – The Clerk is awaiting details of a meeting to discuss S106 funds. Cllr Smith confirmed the process involved, he would be meeting with SBC officers on 23rd October and this would be followed with a meeting with GPC. Grasscroft site, Knightley Road – the Planning Inspector had ruled in favour of this application. The Clerk was asked to find out whether it is possible for GPC to appeal this decision. Cllr Cook raised his concerns about the loss of facilities, additional houses and whether there is a saturation point. Cllr Williamson said the target of 1200 houses across the 12 key service villages is almost reached however, the Inspector, at the recent appeal, did say there was “no limit” however this is a valid point that Cllrs can argue at future appeals. SCC Site, Stafford Road – a public inquiry would be held for 4 days from 24th February. GPC had requested permission to speak. GPC had been invited to a meeting with SBC Ward members, planning officers and SBC's Barrister, as well as GRID, on 11th November to discuss this appeal and how to prepare for it. The Clerk and Chairman would be attending. Horseshoe development – a planning application had been 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ Chairman</p>

	<p>received. A public meeting would be held on 19th November followed by a full council meeting on 27th November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finally the report included notes of a meeting with a parishioner, Mr Mockett, who has concerns about the detrimental effects on the health of children with the introduction of wi-fi into the new primary school. Mr Mockett had also had meetings with school governors. Cllrs had read the notes as well as a further letter giving additional information. Cllrs agreed this is a health and safety matter for the school to pursue and it should be left to the school and education authority to deal with. The Clerk to respond to Mr Mockett. <p>b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of the recent Patients Forum attended by Cllr Hughes were shared. <p>c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting had been arranged to discuss S106 funds allocated for Gnosall. A meeting with SBC and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group would be arranged to discuss the position of the plan and to determine what help is needed from SBC that would accelerate the completion of the plan which would help prepare the case for refusing The Horseshoe planning application. Cllr Smith had made enquiries why the amount detailed in the Knightley Road planning application for £500 per house had been reduced to £350 and had consequently reduced the overall S106 figure for the village by several thousand pounds. Knightley Hall farm poly-tunnels – Enforcement Officers would be taking action as the applicant had failed to comply with planning conditions. Cllr Greatrex raised his concern that over £600K is to be spent between Stafford Borough and Staffordshire County Councils to argue against one another about the SCC housing development site. 	Clerk
14/137	<p>To consider committee/working group issues:</p> <p>a) Matters relating to the Communications Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a 10 minute presentation on the work of the committee - This item would be carried over to the December Council meeting. <p>b) Matters relating to the Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the meeting held on 30.10.14 were accepted <p>c) Matters relating to the Open Spaces Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the meeting held on 3.11.14 were accepted Budget requests would be passed to the Resources Committee A quotation from School Services had been accepted to repair the safety surfacing at the play park A bid for £800 to Community Paths Initiative had been successful - a new information board for the Village Green would be purchased. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>d) Matters relating to the Grosvenor Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on 5.11.14 were accepted. • Budget requests would be passed to the Resources Committee • Health and Safety check lists would be formulated • DPS arrangements would continue for the next 12 months • The new PA equipments would be installed ready for the Christmas lights event. <p>e) Matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The progress made on the NP was shared at a public meeting on 16th October that included the process, questionnaire analysis and the draft plan. • The working group would meet to discuss the draft plan and settlement boundaries on 11th November. • The group is working ahead of the published schedule however because of a number of negative comments about the plan, the Chairman of Council and Chairman of the NP working group had met informally with the Chairman of GRID to explain the process. This had been a productive and useful meeting. • The Call for Sites ends on 30th November. Cllr Simkin reminded Council that it had been suggested in previous meetings to include The Wold (a small piece land owned by GPC between Greenfields and The Flashes). Other councillors felt this land could not be developed as many utility pipes run underneath. Therefore it was proposed to include The Wold within the Call For sites if, subject to council deeds being checked, it was possible to develop this land. This was seconded and agreed. <p>f) Matters relating to the Procedures Review Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the meeting held on 22.10.14 were accepted • Rules regarding travel expenses were confirmed (see Clerk's report above). 	<p>Handyman</p> <p>Clerk/ Chairman</p>
14/138	<p>To receive a report on financial receipts for October 2014 and to receive accounts for approval for November 2014</p> <p>It was noted that grant for the Neighbourhood Plan had now been spent.</p> <p>The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.</p>	
14/139	<p>To discuss the future of the youth club following a meeting with SCC's Community Partnership Officer</p> <p>Staffordshire County Council would be closing the existing provision in December. GPC had confirmed it would be happy to enter into discussions to try and save the youth club provision, offering the Grosvenor Centre and offering to be trustees of any funds and equipment.</p> <p>At a meeting held on 11th November, GPC was informed that SCVYS, a voluntary organisation would be able to assist the Parish Council in setting up a youth club; it could help with securing grants, give advice on policies and arrange necessary checks. The first step is for SCVYS to meet with the young people in the village to find out</p>	

	<p>what services they would like. Following that GPC could then consult wider in the parish. There would be a need to advertise for volunteers as well as speaking with current volunteers. Cllrs felt it was worth pursuing this with the aim of setting up a youth club as soon as possible. Cllr Cook added that should SCC development site be approved in February, GPC should strongly fight for funds to help resume services that SCC had withdrawn.</p>	Cllrs
14/140	<p>To discuss the poor network signal for mobile phones in the Gnosall area, and whether anything can be done to improve it.</p> <p>Cllr Booth asked GPC to consider writing to mobile phone network providers, mainly EE, to request information about signals in the parish that are very poor, particularly in the more rural areas.</p> <p>This was approved and the Clerk was asked to write to EE and request information on why the current masts are not working effectively. No further masts are required.</p>	Clerk
14/141	<p>To report on any road and footway matters within the parish</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to report/monitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible water leak on the junction of Wilbrighton Road and Gnosall Road and Gnosall Road and Heath Road. • Dangerous pot hole on Knightley Road (previously reported) • Overgrown hedge on Newport Road to be monitored. 	Clerk
14/142	<p>To consider correspondence and other communications, received (list enclosed for parish councillors, available to residents on application to the Clerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk asked Cllrs to consider a request from a resident in Moreton to help purchase 6 Neighbourhood Watch Signs at £8.95 each. It was proposed that GPC purchase 3 signs. This was seconded. A vote was taken with 10 councillors voting in favour and 2 abstentions. Clerk to action. 	Clerk
14/143	<p>To request items for the next agenda</p> <p>Cllrs to request agenda items via the Clerk no later than 10 days before a meeting.</p>	Cllrs
14/144	<p>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>8th December 2014 at 7.30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.10pm