

Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in the Brearley Room on Monday 12 January 2015 beginning at 7.30pm

Present	Cllr R Greatrex (in the Chair)	Cllr S Green
	Cllr P Alker	Cllr M Hughes
	Cllr G Payne	Cllr M Deegan
	Cllr K Ingram	Cllr D Watson-Jones
	Cllr D Willetts	Cllr J Tomkinson
	Cllr J Cook	Cllr T Simkin
	Cllr K Abbott	Cllr D Webb
	Cllr M Booth	Miss J Cooper, Clerk

15/001	Public Open Forum Nothing raised.	
15/002	To receive apologies, record absences Apologies received from Cllr Wallis (unwell), SBC Cllrs Williamson and Smith (at another meeting).	
15/003	To record any declarations of interest Cllr Alker declared an interest in item 15/009 (a).	
15/004	To receive and confirm the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2014 The minutes were proposed, seconded and approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
15/005	To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda Item 14/156 – following the Clerk’s instruction to determine whether it was possible to challenge the S106 agreement in relation to the Grasscroft planning application, the Clerk read out a report received from John Holmes, Development Manager at Stafford Borough Council. <i>Any challenge to the appeal decision would have to be made by means of judicial review within 6 weeks of the appeal decision. It is possible to vary a s106 by agreement between all parties, and the developer may be happy to consider off-site rather than on site provision, as that would leave more room on site for housing, but Leisure would need to explain why an off-site contribution is now acceptable, whilst at the time the application was determined and appeal Inquiry held, on site provision was considered necessary. An off-site planning obligation would have to meet the three tests set out in CIL Regulation 122: (a) necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; (b) directly related to the development; and (c) fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development, and if on site provision was no longer considered necessary, and off-site contribution could not demonstrably meet the three tests set out in CIL Regulation 122, there would be no justification for open space provision or contribution in the s106 agreement.</i> <i>Obligations of a s106 agreement have to be necessary, directly related</i>	

	<p><i>and reasonable to the development proposed, and Gnosall Parish Council's preference for the S.106 funds be allocated for off-site provision may not meet the tests.</i></p> <p>This was accepted and it was proposed that the Clerk should inform Stafford Borough Council that Gnosall Parish Council would like to discuss s106 in the future at the earliest opportunity. This was seconded and all cllrs voting in support of the proposal. The Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
15/006	<p>To receive letters of interest in becoming a parish councillor, to interview candidates and co-opt to fill the current vacancy</p> <p>All Councillors had previously received a copy of a letter from Mr Doug Webb expressing an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Chairman explained the procedure that would be taken following the guidelines from Stafford Borough Council.</p> <p>Mr Webb was asked a number of questions from councillors including the work of the local Campaign Group, Gnosall Resists Indiscriminate Development (GRID) that Mr Webb is the current Chairman of. There were some concerns raised about a planned drop in session arranged by GRID to talk to parishioners about the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Webb confirmed that GRID members had arranged this to help residents understand the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan not to organise any objection to the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Greatrex felt it was important that the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working group was present and maybe another councillor. Mr Webb welcomed this suggestion.</p> <p>Mr Webb also confirmed he had not applied to be a parish councillor as GRID's representative on the Parish Council but would like to be part of the council to offer help to the community and make parishioners more aware of the Parish Council and the work it does.</p> <p>Councillors accepted the answers given and all voted in favour of appointing Mr Webb as a parish councillor. Mr Webb signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the rest of the meeting as a councillor.</p>	
15/007	<p>To receive the following reports:</p> <p>a) The Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk updated Councillors on the current position of the Neighbourhood Plan; households in the parish had, during December, received a letter asking for comments on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. This is part of the 6 week consultation exercise that would end on 22nd January. The Working Group would meet after 22nd January to analyse the comments and amend the NP accordingly prior to its final approval by Council and its submission to Stafford Borough Council. The Clerk's report also gave details of meetings held in December, details of the Stakeholder meeting to be held on 19th January regarding a possible new community centre and details of the new Quality Status scheme.</p> <p>The Clerk's report was accepted.</p>	

	<p>b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended including: There was nothing to report.</p> <p>c) Any reports from Borough and County Councillors There was nothing to report and the awaited report from Cllr Winnington on changes to the library service had not been received.</p>	
15/008	<p>To consider committee/working group issues</p> <p>Matters relating to the Communications Committee</p> <p>Cllrs welcomed a detailed and informative presentation on the work of the Communication Committee, how improvements had been implemented in promoting the work of the parish council including a quarterly detailed newsletter, one of the most important tools for promoting work and points of interest. In the new financial year the newsletter would be professionally printed, funds had been allocated in the budget to meet the printing costs.</p> <p>The new website was also presented and the various sections explained. The Communications Group members continue to work on the website making continual further improvements.</p> <p>Social Media had also been introduced and had already proved useful in promoting parish council events.</p> <p>The Clerk thanked the Communications Group for the continual hard work.</p> <p>Matters relating to the Open Spaces Committee</p> <p>Cllr Deegan explained that planned work on The Acres had to be aborted because of the wet weather in December. The Clerk to contact Staffordshire county Council Farm Manager with an update. Planned work would continue as soon as the saturated land dries.</p> <p>Matters relating to the Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December were accepted. • It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Parish Council should apply to object to the Horseshoe application when it is considered by SBC's Planning Committee, a meeting likely to be held on 18th February. • It was reported that the wind farm application for 3 turbines at Knightley Hall Farm would be considered by SBC's Planning Committee on 19th January at a special meeting. Gnosall Parish Council had already requested permission to object to the application. The Clerk reminded Council that Roger Parry & Co, consultants appointed by Norbury Park Estate, had previously offered to deliver the objection speech on behalf of Norbury Estate as well as Gnosall and Norbury Parish Council's. This was welcomed. It was proposed seconded and agreed by all councillors that the speech should be delivered by the Consultants with Gnosall Parish Council asking for relevant points to be 	

	included in the speech. The Clerk to action.	Clerk
15/009	<p>To consider the future of the youth club in Gnosall</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that following communication from Staffordshire County Council in December, arrangements had been made to secure the youth club equipment that is now in the ownership of the Parish Council and had been insured at no additional cost. The Clerk asked Council for approval to approach St John Ambulance to determine whether its building, next to the Parish Council office, could be used in the future as a youth club should the parish council be able to secure volunteers to run a youth club. Council gave approval for the Clerk to progress with this.</p>	Clerk
15/010	<p>To receive a report on financial receipts for December 2014 and to receive accounts for approval for January 2015</p> <p>The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.</p>	
15/011	<p>To report on any road and footway matters within the parish</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Horse riders cutting through a gap between Willey Lane and Glendower Close despite a sign saying “No Horses” as well as a raised Severn Trent grid in the same location. ➤ Dangerous mounds in the pull in along Knightley Road that need levelling ➤ Potholes on Befcote Road. 	Clerk
15/012	<p>To consider correspondence and other communications, received (list enclosed for parish councillors, available to residents on application to the Clerk)</p> <p>Confirmation had been received from Gnosall Phoenix that the group had obtained a defibrillator for the village. Approval had previously been granted by the Parish Council to fit the defibrillator at the front of the Grosvenor Centre. The front wall of the Coffee Lounge in front of the ambulance parking bay was considered the sensible location. The Clerk to respond.</p>	Clerk
15/013	<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
15/014	<p>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>9th February 2015 at 7.30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.15pm