

Gnosall Parish Council
Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting
Held on 11th June 2018 at 6.45pm

Present: Cllr T Simkin (in the chair), Cllr Tomkinson, Cllr V Kessey,
Cllr T Innamorati, Cllr D Webb, Cllr R Greatrex, Cllr Deegan, Cllr Green,
Jordan Archer, Jayne Cooper

Press and Public Open Forum – no one present

1	<p>To receive apologies and record absences</p> <p>To elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman</p> <p>Cllr Simkin was proposed as Chairman. This was seconded and agreed. The position was accepted.</p> <p>Mike Deegan was proposed as Vice Chairman. This was seconded and agreed and the position accepted.</p> <p>It was confirmed by the Clerk that a non councillor can hold the position of Chairman or Vice Chairman as confirmed recently by SPCA. Generally, non-councillor members of a committee do not have voting rights and only enjoy such rights in extremely limited circumstances as follows: They may vote at meetings which concern (a) the management of land owned or occupied by the council; (b) functions of the council relating either to the promotion of tourism or the management of a festival; and (c) advising the council in respect of the discharge of any of its functions</p>	
2	<p>To receive any Declarations of Interest</p> <p>M Deegan declared an interest as an allotment holder.</p>	
3	<p>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 16th April 2018</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
4	<p>To consider any matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>Hen and Chicken Lane – it was reported that the hedge along this lane is in need of cutting back to maintain the standards set when the lane was cleared earlier this year. It was agreed that JWH should be asked to cut the sides and top. Clerk to action.</p> <p>It was also noted that some people continue to use the cemetery as a short cut to houses on the Lowfield Lane estate jumping over garden fences to access their homes.</p>	Clerk
5	<p>To discuss the tennis court project and arrangements for an open day/fun fair</p> <p>It was noted that the tennis court project is nearing completion; the surface is currently drying out (3 week period) and then would be painted. The paint would need to dry for a week before the court can be used. Two new benches had been ordered and would be part funded from two local parishioners who had requested memorial benches. The Parish Council would fund the remaining balance. The contractor had laid the bases for the two benches at no additional cost.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Cllrs Greatrex and Innamorati who had managed</p>	

	<p>this project extremely well.</p> <p>It was agreed the official opening would be held on 21st July at 11am. It was suggested the Chairman of Staffordshire County Council should be invited to open the courts. As well as the official opening, a fun day would be arranged with activities planned for each of the recreation sites (basketball area, football pitch, MUGA, picnic site, boardwalk and pond). Suggestions for each area were put forward and included an inflatable assault course, refreshments and possibly a children's entertainer. £1000 had been allocated in the budget. The Clerk to circulate information to all Councillors asking for help. Cllrs to help plan this fun day liaising with the Clerk.</p>	Clerk
6	<p>To discuss the lining of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)</p> <p>It was agreed to appoint the tennis court contractor, Charles Lawrence, to line the MUGA with multi course layouts at a cost of up to £700. It was noted the fire fighters would be pressure wash the MUGA and basketball court on 13th June as a community good will project.</p>	
7	<p>To consider using S106 funds for outdoor gym equipment</p> <p>It was agreed to request £15,000 from the S106 funds (total £43,617) held by Stafford Borough Council to fund the purchase of outdoor gym equipment. Subject to Council's approval, the Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
8	<p>To confirm the time and date for the next meeting</p> <p>An additional open spaces meeting at which all councillors would be invited to receive a presentation from Mike Deegan on phase 3 of The Acres, was arranged for 5th July 2018</p> <p>The next scheduled Open Spaces meeting will be held on 16th July.</p>	

Meeting closed at 7.20pm