

**Minutes of the Meeting of Council**  
**Held in the Grosvenor Centre on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 beginning at 7.30pm**

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Present	Cllr G Gregory (in the Chair) Cllr S Powell Cllr P Alker Cllr G Payne Cllr K Ingram Cllr J Lammin Cllr V Kessey	Cllr T Simkin Cllr J Archer Cllr J Tomkinson Cllr C Emsley Cllr A Mills Cllr D Webb Jayne Cooper, Clerk
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Along with SBC Cllr P Farrington and M Smith and SCC Cllr M Winnington (from 7.45pm), PCSO Rebecca Moores and 1 member of the public

19/148	<p><b>Public Open Forum</b></p> <p>A resident raised concerns with the council about inadequate traffic calming signs along a stretch of Newport Road, between the Methodist Church and fish &amp; chip shop at which there had been 4 serious accidents in the past 3 years, one of which involved a vehicle crashing into the bay window of a house. There is a wide bend that can cause vehicles to leave the road or overturn if the speed limit is being exceeded. Both Parish and Borough Councillors present were supportive of better signage or even flashing signs to prevent further accidents. Borough Councillor Smith would take the matter up with County Councillor Mark Winnington.</p> <p>The member of the public left the meeting.</p>	
19/149	<p><b>To receive apologies and record absences</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr R Greatrex, Cllr M Booth and Cllr S Bishop</p>	
19/150	<p><b>To record any Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Simkin declared an interest in agenda item 19/159</p>	
19/151	<p><b>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were proposed, seconded and agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
19/152	<p><b>To consider any matters arising from the minutes</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Cllr Winnington arrived at 7.45pm</p>	

19/153	<p><b>To receive the following reports:</b></p> <p>a) <b>The Clerk’s report</b></p> <p>The Clerk’s report gave details about all committee and working group meetings held in the past month as well as a meeting calendar for 2020. Correspondence had been received from a resident in Coton, raising concerns about a pavement that is impassable because of overgrown vegetation, weeds and moss. Cllr Winnington asked to be copied in with the email and he would take the matter up with highways.</p> <p>The Clerk’s report was accepted.</p> <p><b>(b) Any reports from Parish Councillors on meetings/courses attended</b></p> <p><b>Public Rights of Way meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk would circulate notes of the most recent meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December.</li> <li>• SPCA AGM and Executive Meeting – Cllr Payne reported on the recent SPCA AGM The Executive Meeting had been rescheduled.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reports from Borough and County Councillors</b></p> <p>During purdah, there were no reports from Borough or County Cllrs.</p> <p><b>PCSO Report</b></p> <p>PCSO Moores reported on recent incidents in Gnosall and the surrounding villages. There had been an increase in the theft of oil, vans, farm machinery and quad bikes. Advice from police is for homeowners to install adequate lighting and CCTV cameras to protect personal property.</p> <p>PCSO Moores also reported on alleged drug dealing on the canal tow path which is under investigation.</p> <p>Parish Councillors informed PCSO about inconsiderate parking on Glendower Close (vehicles parking entirely on the pavement), and along Audmore Road where there are two construction sites.</p>	
19/154	<p><b>To consider any Highway Matters</b></p> <p>Pot holes and surface water on Bescote Road had been previously reported. The response from highways was it was not deemed dangerous and would not be classed as priority.</p> <p>Flooding on Ranton Road (on bend near Brough Hall Farm) was reported, there had been a collision recently.</p> <p>Cllr Winnington said flooding across the entire county is an issue and cases have to be prioritised and dealt with accordingly. It was</p>	

	<p>acknowledged there is a problem with blocked ditches and the County Council is trying to address this.</p> <p>It was reported that residents had raised concerns about bonfires on land off station road and reports of the contents of skips being dumped and burned. Black smoke and smells is causing a concern to residents. Borough Cllrs noted this and would report to the Environmental department at Stafford Borough Council</p>	
19/155	<p><b>To consider Committees/Working Group issues</b></p> <p><b>a) Matters relating to the Procedures Review Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes of the informal meeting held on 18.11.19 were accepted.</li> <li>• The review of some policies had been completed. Further reviews are planned in the New Year.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Matters relating to the Planning Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of the meeting held on 21.11.19 were accepted</li> <li>• A meeting would be arranged with a local resident and planning officer regarding proposed changes to a high street property which the parish council supports.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Matters relating to the Grosvenor Committee</b></p> <p>A meeting had been held with the appointed architect who had submitted suggested alternations to the current building. Details would be discussed at the next committee meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p><b>d) Matters relating to the Christmas Working Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lights switch on held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November had been a success. Approximately £190 had been raised by the Council from donations, GLEAN raised £89.50, Scouts raised £180 and GG's Youth Club raised £52.</li> <li>• A debrief meeting would be held in the New Year.</li> </ul>	
19/156	<p><b>To receive a report on financial receipts for November 2019 and to receive accounts for approval for December 2019</b></p> <p>The accounts for the month of December were reviewed then proposed, seconded and accepted. Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
19/157	<p><b>To request items for the next agenda</b></p> <p>Cllrs to inform the Clerk of items at least 10 days before the date of the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to include an item to consider replacing dog fouling signs.</p>	Cllrs Clerk
19/158	<p><b>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm.</p>	

19/159	<p><i>Members of the public were excluded</i></p> <p><b>Matters relating to the Personnel Committee</b></p> <p>Eight applications for the vacant Council Support Officer post had been received and all applicants had been invited to carry out an administrative test on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> December. Interviews would be held on 10th January.</p> <p>Arrangements for amalgamating the roles of Caretaker and Cleaner are in hand.</p> <p>The employment budget for 2020/21 had been set.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

**Gnosall Parish Council  
PAYMENTS LIST**

Voucher Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
296 Grosvenor	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	Wifi maintenance	Alan Baker System	S	58.00	11.60	69.60
297 Grosvenor	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	DIY materials for	CEF	S	3.65	0.73	4.38
298 Licences - Grosvenor	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	Licence fee for raffle	Stafford Borough Council	E	20.00	0.00	20.00
299 Employment Costs	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	2,073.94	0.00	2,073.94
300 Employment Costs	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	Salary	GPC	E	342.72	0.00	342.72
301 Employment Costs	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	Pension	GPC	E	881.13	0.00	881.13
302 Employment Costs	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	NI&PAYE	GPC	E	952.46	0.00	952.46
303 Open Spaces	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	123.50	0.00	123.50
304 Employment Costs	09/12/2019		Co-operative	BACS	Handyman duties	P Prince	E	143.00	0.00	143.00
<b>Total</b>								<b>4,598.40</b>	<b>12.33</b>	<b>4,610.73</b>