

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017

**Present:** Councillors R Bate (Chair), D Hockenhull, Mrs E Welborn, G Welborn and P Wenlock.

**In Attendance:** Janet Richards, Responsible Financial Officer.

### 263. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors M Biggin, A Bennett, Mrs L Fernyhough, R Fisher, I Fountain, Ms W Johnson, J McQuillan, C Taylor, P Warner and C Worsley would be accepted.

### 264. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

### 265. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

No disclosures were made.

### 266. Minutes

**Action**

**Resolved that** the minutes of the Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017, the Extraordinary meeting of the Grappenhall Heys Estate Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> March and the Planning Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be approved as a correct record.

### 267. Correspondence Warrington Borough Council

The following correspondence had been received from Warrington Borough Council and copies were available from the Clerk:

- a) Notification of consultation on the proposed Public Space Protection Order for Warrington. The consultation would end on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- b) Traffic Regulation Notice relating to works to be carried out on Higher Knutsford Road, Knutsford Road and Hunts Lane from 24<sup>th</sup> April for a period of 6 weeks.

### 268. Correspondence Miscellaneous

The following correspondence had been received from a variety of sources and copies were available from the Clerk:

- a) A letter of thanks from North West Air Ambulance Charity for the Parish Council donation of £400.
- b) 'Safe and Well Visits' had been launched by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service to help to improve the safety and health of potentially vulnerable people over the age of 65 or those referred by partner agencies.
- c) The 'Herbert Protocol' had been launched by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service to record information relating to dementia sufferers to aid finding them more quickly should they ever be reported missing.
- d) An invitation to the Police & Crime Commissioners Meeting with Parish Councils in Warrington on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (Note that Councillor Mrs Elaine Welborn had agreed to attend).
- e) Annual subscription renewal for the Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society and notification of the AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- f) A letter of thanks from Thelwall Rose Queen Committee for the Parish Council donation of £250.
- g) A resident had written to request that a 'Grappenhall in Bloom' initiative should be set up to 'engage local people in brightening up shared areas, grass verges etc. and to increase the flower displays around the village. (It was **resolved that** this letter would be referred on to Martin Stuart, Parish Warden) **SB**

### 269. Information for Noting

- a) New carpets had been fitted to the Parish Council office, hall, stairs, landing and committee room.
- b) An Extraordinary Meeting of the Grappenhall Heys Estate Committee had taken place to discuss the

proposals put forward by Arnold Stansby & Co, to increase the income from the investment fund. An increase of £14,000 per year would result from the changes made to the investment. Minutes of the meeting had been emailed to all Councillors.

- c) Councillor J McQuillan would be attending the CHaLC Powers, Duties and Precept training course on 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- d) A letter from the Parish Council, also signed by the Head Teacher of Thelwall Junior School, had been sent to Network Warrington regarding concerns over the route of the No. 6 bus along All Saints Drive.
- e) The 'No Dogs Allowed' signs had been repeatedly removed, by visitors, from the fences around the children's play areas at Diamond Park and Jubilee Park, and it had been reported that dog owners had been taking dogs into the fenced play area. Following a recent incident, which had been reported to PCSO's, the Clerk would order more robust and permanent signs as soon as possible.
- f) The Clerk would be attending the first day of a 4 day course relating to the CiLCA Qualification on 20<sup>th</sup> April at Deeside.

**270. Updated Standing Orders**

This item would be deferred until the May/June 2017 Parish Council meeting.

**SB**

**271. Introduction of Charges for the WBC Transit Tipper Van**

The RFO outlined the charges that would be introduced for the Transit Tipper Van from April 2017, that the Parish Warden, Martin Stuart, borrowed from WBC on a Monday and Friday (half a day each). The cost would be £11.06 for half a day. **Resolved that** these charges are accepted.

**272. HCA Development Proposals at Grappenhall Heys**

Councillor R Bate outlined the current situation with regards to the HCA proposals at Grappenhall Heys. Of particular concern to the Parish Council and residents were traffic and road issues since the Howshoots Link would not form part of the proposal.

**273. Mobile Telephones for Staff**

This item would be deferred until the May Parish Council meeting.

**SB**

**274. Stockton Heath Library**

Stockton Heath Parish Council had requested involvement and support from Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council in relation to how the library service would continue to operate within new budgetary constraints. It was **resolved that** Councillor G Welborn would attend the next meeting to represent Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council.

**275. New Websites**

The Clerk had requested quotes from three local companies to upgrade the Parish Council and Walled Garden websites. Two quotes had been received, and Daniel Pala from Liberonet had offered to attend the meeting to talk through his proposals. Daniel gave a very thorough and useful presentation, and it was **resolved that** we would work with Daniel, in principle, but exact requirements would need to be discussed in-house amongst Parish Council staff and Councillors. Councillor R Bate agreed to work with the Clerk on this matter and involve Councillors and staff. **SB**

**276. Requests for Financial Assistance**

a) F.UN Families United requested financial assistance towards their Kidz on the Move project. It was **resolved that** a grant of £250 would be made and also information would be requested on how children from Grappenhall and Thelwall utilise their services.

b) Playability had requested financial assistance to provide support to children with severe learning disabilities and other complex needs. It was **resolved that** a grant of £250 would be awarded.

**277. Accounts for Payment**

It was **resolved that** accounts for payment totalling £20,581.15 be approved.

**278. Consideration of Planning Applications**

The recent planning applications were considered (see attached report).