

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE ON THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2018

Present: Councillors Mrs E Welborn (Chair), R Bate, R Fisher, I Fountain, D Hockenhull, Ms W Johnson, J McQuillian, P Warner, G Welborn and P Wenlock.

In Attendance: Janet Richards, Clerk to the Council/RFO.

Action

171. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors A Bennett, M Biggin, Mrs L Fernyhough, C Taylor and C Worsley would be accepted.

172. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

No disclosures were made.

173. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21st December be approved as a correct record.

174. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were made.

175. Update on Local Policing Issues by PCSO Jordan Calder

PCSO Jordan Calder attended the meeting and reported the following crime statistics:

- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Incidents	5
- Burglary	1
- Criminal Damage	2
- Road Traffic Collisions	5
- Theft – Shoplifting	2
- Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
- Theft	2

The priorities for the forthcoming month(s) in Grappenhall and Thelwall would be: shoplifting and school parking. The priorities for the forthcoming month(s) for Warrington South would be: anti social behaviour, youths on bikes and speeding

176. Correspondence Miscellaneous

a) Cheshire Constabulary Stakeholder Bulletin, Christmas 2017.

177. Information for Noting

a) A Resources meeting had taken place on Monday 15th January.

b) A Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting would take place on Monday 5th February at which ‘visuals’ of the proposed play area refurbishment would be available (for Jubilee and Diamond Parks)

c) The Clerk plus a number of Parish Councillors and Ape Bars would be meeting with Bill Brady (a representative of the English Half Marathon) on 25th January at the Parish Council Office.

d) The Clerk/Deputy Clerk had supplied all the necessary supporting information to WREN to enable the funding agreement to be completed.

e) Councillors Ms W Johnson, I Marks and C Taylor had attended a meeting with Network Warrington on 4th January to discuss problems with the no. 6 bus route along All Saints Drive.

178. Revised Standing Orders

The Deputy Clerk had revised the 2004 Standing Orders in line with the NALC Model Standing Orders. Members **resolved that** the amended Standing Orders would be adopted, subject to the following amendments:

- The Standing Orders would not include a provision in usual monthly meetings for public Participation.
- The Standing Orders would confirm that ALL motions in meetings would be proposed, seconded and then voted on.
- The Standing Orders would confirm that only procurement of goods/services in excess of £50,000, would be subject to a formal tender process (Note that the Financial Regulations would need to be amended to reflect this change).

SB/JR

179. Update on South Warrington Parishes PDO/Local Plan Liaison

The Clerk had written to all South Warrington Parish Councils to ascertain whether they would be interested in working together to employ a Planning Consultant to tackle broader issues when the revised PDO/Local Plan was issued. Assuming that most Parish Councils would be interested, as early discussions had confirmed, a preliminary meeting would be held during early February. The Clerk would also write to a number of Planning Consultants to ascertain their interest in representing the South Warrington Parish Councils, with a view to inviting them to a future meeting to provide an overview of what they could offer. Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council would lead on this project.

The recently issued consultation on the 'Draft Housing Strategy' for Warrington was also discussed, and it was **resolved that** the Clerk would ask the author of the document (David Cowley from WBC) to the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council's response to the consultation would be discussed at the 1st February Parish Council Planning Committee meeting. It was also **resolved that** the document would be circulated to the groups involved in opposing the draft PDO to ensure it reached a broader audience.

JR

180. Cheshire Best Kept Village Competition

Members' views were sought on whether to enter the 2018 Best Kept Village Competition, for the Large Village (with a population of between 5,001 – 10,000 residents). The entry cost would be £75 and judging would be start in mid-April 2018 and be completed by early September 2018. It was **resolved that** Grappenhall & Parish Council would enter the competition.

SB/JR

181. Accounts for Payment & Expenditure to Date

Resolved that accounts for payment totalling £18,287.23 be approved. The Clerk/RFO outlined expenditure to date and confirmed that expenditure was 'on target'.

182. Consideration of Planning Applications

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