

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

**Present:** Councillors Mrs E Welborn (Chair), A Bennett, M Biggin, H Kazi, J McQuillan, C Taylor, G Welborn, P Warner, P Wenlock and C Worsley.

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

**Action**

### 240. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors R Bate, Mrs L Fernyhough, R Fisher, D Hockenhull and W Johnson be accepted.

### 241. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

Councillors M Biggin and P Wenlock declared an interest in item 254b.

### 242. Minutes

**Resolved that** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March and the Planning Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> April be approved as a correct record.

### 243. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were made.

### 244. Correspondence Warrington Borough Council

- a) Notification of CCTV Traffic Surveys within Warrington (none in Grappenhall or Thelwall).
- b) Notification of consultation on the third revised draft WBC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. The consultation would end on 30<sup>th</sup> April and a link to the questionnaire is as follows: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WBCTAXI/>.
- c) Notification that from 19<sup>th</sup> March, for up to 21 days, Wilmslow Crescent, between property numbers 15 to 25, would be closed to vehicular traffic.
- d) Notification of commemoration event arrangements to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warrington bombing (20<sup>th</sup> March).
- e) Letter from Steven Broomhead, via Michael Bell, regarding the PDO Consultation.
- f) Introduction to the General Data Protection Regulation: Guidance for Parish Councillors April 2018.

### 245. Correspondence Miscellaneous

- a) An invitation from David Keane (Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire) to a meeting with Parish and Town Councils on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- b) Mid Cheshire Footpath Society AGM Agenda (Councillor P Warner requested a copy of this) **JR**
- c) Notification of an English Half Marathon Networking Event on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 5:30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. at the Gateway, Sankey Street, Warrington.
- d) Firelink – Online newsletter for Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, April 2018.
- e) Cheshire Constabulary Stakeholder Bulletin, Spring 2018.

### 246. Information for Noting

- a) Ian Fountain had resigned as a Parish Councillor on 7<sup>th</sup> March. A Casual Vacancy notice had been raised with WBC.
- b) The new Visitor Warden/Assistant Gardener (Mr Ian Sinclair) commenced employment at the Walled Garden on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Ian would work 10 hours per week in Spring/Summer and 7 hours per week in the Autumn/Winter (plus occasional cover for the Gardener/Manager).

- c) Work would commence on 30<sup>th</sup> April to install new play equipment in Jubilee Park. The work would take approximately 2 – 3 weeks and the play area would be closed during this work (the rest of the park would remain open). It was agreed at the meeting that the re-opening of the park would be celebrated by way of an event (i.e. picnic/BBQ) and would be opened by the Mayor.
- d) Work would commence on approximately 21st May to install new play equipment in Diamond Park. This date would be confirmed nearer the time after the completion of Jubilee Park. The work would take approximately 2 – 3 weeks and the play area would be closed during this work. A re-opening event would also be organised for this park.
- e) The new Parish Council website was almost complete and a link to access the website was circulated by the Deputy Clerk to all councillors on 4<sup>th</sup> April for comments/feedback. New photographs for the website would be taken (this has been delayed by the recent poor weather) and these would be uploaded a.s.a.p. The website would go live soon after staff training had taken place.
- f) Work had started on the new Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden website.

**247. Best Kept Village Competition**

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School had responded to the Parish Council letter regarding the Best Kept Village Competition and had made some suggestions regarding combining this with a Young Leaders Course (run by the Archbishop of York Trust). It was **resolved that** the school would be offered the triangular grassed area on the corner of Church Lane and Broad Lane to carry out re-planting/creating new flower beds. This would provide an area of land for the school children to actively improve and tidy up for their competition submission. It would also help to enhance the area for the Best Kept Village Competition.

**SB/EW**

**248. Mobile Post Office Service in Grappenhall**

The Post Master for Lymm Post Office had asked whether members would like a mobile Post Office Service in Grappenhall to run for a few days per week. He would need a small table and specified space within Grappenhall. Members thought that this was a good idea. It was **resolved that** the Clerk would initially speak to Post Master at Thelwall Post Office to see if this was of interest and, if not, the Clerk would speak with Lymm to make some suggestions for potential venues.

**JR**

**249. Grappenhall Women's Institute (WI)**

Grappenhall WI would like to plant a tree (with a plaque) to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WI in 2020. They had offered to pay for the tree and plaque but wanted suggestions as to where they could plant a tree. It was **resolved that** the Clerk would get in touch with the WI and suggest (and give permission) for a tree to be sited in either Jubilee Park or on Grappenhall Heys Village Green.

**JR**

**250. To review the 'Criteria for Financial Assistance'**

Members reviewed the current Criteria for Financial Assistance (2009) and **resolved that** no amendments would be made at present, but may be adjusted in the future as required.

**251. Update on South Warrington Parish Councils Local Plan Working Group**

Councillor C Taylor and the Clerk provided an update for members on this initiative and **resolved that** Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council would contribute a sum of up to a maximum of £6118.00 towards this project during FY 2018/19. Due to a crowdfunding initiative run by 'Rethinking South Warrington's Future' who were hoping to raise at least £20,000.00 towards this project, the final contribution is expected to be much less than £6118.00. The next stage of the project would be a workshop run by GT Planning on 23<sup>rd</sup> April for working group representatives from all South Warrington Parish Councils.

**252. Planning Consultant for the Local Plan**

It was **resolved that** GT Planning would be engaged/reserved for use by Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council for dealing with specific parish issues when the revised Local Plan was issued in late 2018.

**253. Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor P Wenlock and the Clerk provided an update for members on this initiative. The consultation had been completed and the Planning Consultants (Kirkwells) were currently preparing a Preferred Option Draft Plan, based on the consultation results. The next stage of the project would be to hold community consultation events to present this Preferred Option Draft Plan.

**254. Request for Financial Assistance**

a) Thelwall Morris Men had requested funding towards a visit to the Netherlands to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. It was **resolved that** a donation of £300 would be made on the proviso that the Morris Men would attend the Jubilee Park and Diamond Park Opening events to provide entertainment.

b) GYCA had requested a sum of £3816.66 for a share of the path resurfacing works. It was **resolved that** this request would be granted.

**255. Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved that** accounts for payment totalling £32,598.01 be approved.

**256. Consideration of Planning Applications**

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