

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE ON THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

**Present:** Councillors Mrs E Welborn (Chair), R Bate, M Biggin, Ms S Chisolm, Mrs L Fernyhough, R Fisher, D Hockenhill, Ms W Johnson, H Kazi, J McQuillian, P Warner, G Welborn, P Wenlock and C Worsley

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

## 84. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors A Bennett and C Taylor would be accepted.

## 85. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests

No disclosures were made.

## 86. Minutes

**Resolved that** the minutes of the Recess Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August and Planning Committee meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September be approved as a true record.

## 87. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

**Action**

## 88. Update on local policing issues by PCSO Sharon Perrie

PCSO Sharon Perrie presented the following crime statistics:

ASB Incidents	8
Suspicious Activity	7
Burglary	4
RTC	3
Theft	2
Shoplifting	1
Criminal Damage	1

The priorities for coming months are: tackling anti-social behaviour, school parking, shoplifting and TruCam monitoring on Knutsford Road, Thelwall New Road and Broad Lane.

## 89. Correspondence Warrington Borough Council (WBC)

- Notification of Highway Works from 1<sup>st</sup> October for up to 8 weeks on the A56 Stockport Road for structural maintenance.
- Letter from John Thorp (Public Rights of Way) outlining the consultation on the production of a new definitive rights of way map and statement for Warrington (via a Legal Order). In particular, John required feedback on the change to a path in Thelwall (near Pickering Bridge/Weaste Lane). It was **resolved that** the Clerk would inform John that the Parish Council had no objections to this change. **JR**

## 90. Correspondence Miscellaneous

- Letter of thanks from the Grappenhall Bell Ringers for the Parish Council of £2500 towards the church bell restoration project.
- Copy of letter from Faisal Rashid to Steven Broomhead regarding the concerns over the future of Stockton Heath Recycling Centre.
- An invitation from Livewire to attend their AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## 91. Information for Noting

- The Assistant Clerk to the Council had completed the staff contracts and job descriptions and they were ready for signing by the Chair, Clerk and staff.

- b) The new Parish Council and Walled Garden websites were now being regularly updated with news items (with automatic feeds to Facebook)
- c) A meeting took place with Charles Jesudason/Jenny Pearce from St Wilfrid's extension project team with the Clerk, Councillor Bate and Councillor Hockenhill. A letter of support had subsequently been submitted.
- d) 7 staff/Parish Councillors would be attending a (free) First Aid Course on 30<sup>th</sup> October at Lymm Safety Central, run by Headstart Lymm.
- e) A meeting of the South Warrington Parishes PDO/Local Plan Working Group took place on 10<sup>th</sup> September.
- f) The Clerk would be attending the Parish Liaison Meeting at the Town Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- g) The Clerk had ordered 50 new Parish Council pin badges.

**92. Quays Community Centre**

Warrington Housing Association (WHA) had agreed to reduce the annual grant payment by the Parish Council to the Quays Community Centre from £20k to £10k per annum from 2019 onwards. It was **resolved that** the Parish Council wanted to carry on supporting the Quays with a £10k per annum grant and the preferred lease period would be maximum of 5 years.

**93. Review of Criteria for Financial Assistance**

The criteria for financial assistance was reviewed by members and it was **resolved that** the Clerk would make the necessary amendments and then present the revised version at the October Parish Council meeting for resolution to adopt (or make further amendments).

JR

**94. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Councillor Bate provided an update to members. In brief, the public consultation event would take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November at GYCA and the consultation questionnaire had been amended and would be distributed to all households in the parish in the coming months.

**95. Update on the South Warrington Parish Councils Liaison Group (PDO/Local Plan)**

The Clerk and Councillor Bate provided an update to members on the recent meetings that had taken place with the South Warrington Parish Councils Liaison Group. The revised Local Plan was due to be released in December 2018, with consultation starting in January 2019. The Planning Consultant employed by the Liaison Group, John Groves, was continuing to undertake background/evidence gathering work, in preparation for the release of the Local Plan. John had also prepared an objection response on behalf of the Liaison Group on the Stobarts application.

**96. Thelwall History Day**

Thelwall History Day would take place on 13<sup>th</sup> October at Thelwall Parish Hall. The Parish Council would be holding a stall at the event, run by Councillors Mrs Fernyhough and Ms Chisholm. The Clerk briefed members on the plans for the stall/display.

**97. Planting on the corner of Church Lane and Broad Lane**

The triangular grassed area on the corner of Church Lane and Broad Lane was planted in the summer with assistance from children from St Wilfrid's School. It was **resolved that** in order to ensure the maintenance of the area over the winter months, that Bellfield Landscapes would re-plant in October 2018 with autumn/winter plants, at a cost of £375+VAT. The future maintenance of this area, plus consideration of other options for planting in Thelwall, would be reviewed at the next meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee.

JR/CF

**98. Request for Financial Assistance**

a) Grappenhall & Thelwall British Legion had requested financial assistance towards the Remembrance Day celebrations on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It was **resolved that** a sum of £300 would be granted.

Also in relation to the above, discussion took place as to whether members would like to purchase Tommies (thin metal silhouette statues) to commemorate the end of First World War. The cost was approx. £150 each. It was **resolved that** two Tommies would be purchased (capped at £600) and the Clerk would further investigate costs and options. Exact specifications would be agreed by email between the Clerk and members. It would be preferable to order the Tommies from charitable organisations. **JR**

**99. Accounts for Payment**

It was **resolved that** accounts for payment totalling £25,699.98 be approved.

**100. Expenditure to Date**

The Clerk presented 'expenditure to date' and no issues were reported.

**101. Consideration of Planning Applications**

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