

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE ON THURSDAY 18th APRIL 2019

Present: Councillors Mrs E Welborn (Chair), R Bate, R Fisher, D Hockenhull, Ms W Johnson, H Kazi, C Taylor, P Warner, G Welborn and P Wenlock

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

Action

229. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors M Biggin, Ms S Chisholm, Mrs L Fernyhough, J McQuillian and C Worsley be accepted.

230. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests

Councillor R Fisher declared an interest in minute reference 238 a) and took no part in discussion on this item.

231. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21st March and Planning Committee meeting on 4th April be approved as a true record.

232. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

233. Correspondence Miscellaneous

- a) Letter from Warrington Housing Association regarding the closure of the Quays Community Centre in Summer 2019.
- b) Letter from Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society regarding the Notice of Annual General Meeting on 25th April 2019.

234. Information for Noting

- a) A meeting of the Resources Committee took place on 25th March.
- b) The Parish Warden had arranged a very successful 'Community Litter Picking Session' on Saturday 6th April, which was attended by over 30 residents. Members wished to minute a special thanks to Martin for arranging such a successful event.
- c) The Clerk and Assistant Clerk had been preparing the year end accounts/payroll in readiness for the Internal Audit on 21st May and the External Audit to follow during the summer months by PKF Littlejohn. The accounts would be presented at the May Parish Council meeting.
- d) The Clerk and Councillor Hockenhull had met with Ape Bars on 23rd March to discuss and agree revised rental arrangements for the Walled Garden Café.

235. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

There has not been much to report on the NDP initiative. The Planning Consultants (Kirkwells) were still analysing the survey data and a further meeting of volunteers would take place at the end of June, once the Local Plan consultation work had been completed. Councillor Bate asked the Clerk to email all volunteers to inform them of the June meeting and also to chase Kirkwells for the survey results.

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236. Communications – Website Enhancements and Social Media Working Group

It was **resolved that** a Social Media Working Group would be set up consisting of Ryan Bate, Patrick Warner and Chris Worsley (lead) to progress this initiative.

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237. Local Plan (Proposed Submitted Version – PSV)

The draft Local Plan had been issued by Warrington Borough Council and the consultation period would run from 15th April to 17th June. The South Warrington Parishes Working Group had compiled a guidance leaflet, which had been distributed to each household (except Stockton Heath) during wk/com 15th April.

The leaflet provided guidance to residents on how to put views forward with the greatest impact and also detailed the main issues/concerns with the PSV.

The Working Group would be running 5 public briefing sessions on Saturday 27th April (1:30pm and 3pm) at Lymm High School , Saturday 4th May (1:30pm and 3pm) at Bridgewater High School Upper Site and Thursday 9th May at 7:30pm , also at Bridgewater High School.

The South Warrington Parishes Working Group had been meeting at least fortnightly. A press release was issued by the group on 27th March and a further press release would be issued at the end of April.

In terms of the specific PSV Local Plan response from Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council, the Clerk had sought a quote from GT Planning (quoted fee of £2250). It was **resolved that** a working group would be set up to work with GT Planning, consisting of Ryan Bate, Sally Chisholm, Cliff Taylor plus any other members who volunteered. This working group would have delegated powers in relation to compiling a response to the PSV on behalf of Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council and the utilisation of GT Planning (fee to be capped at £2250). **RB/CT/SB**

Councillor Bate briefed members on the current situation with Eddie Stobart and Six56 planning applications.

238. Requests for Financial Assistance

Two requests for financial assistance were received and discussed, as follows:

- a) Thelwall Rose Queen Festival Committee had requested a donation towards the running of the 2019 Rose Queen Event. It was **resolved that** a donation of £250 would be made. **JR**
- b) Playability had requested a donation towards school holiday playschemes and an evening youth club for children with severe/complex learning disabilities. It was **resolved that** a donation of £250 would be made. **JR**

239. Accounts for Payment

It was **resolved that** accounts for payment totalling £25,016.22 be approved.

240. Consideration of Planning Applications

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