

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE ON THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2019

Present: Councillors Mrs E Welborn (Chair), R Bate, Ms S Chisholm, 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

209. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillor A Bennett be accepted.

210. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests

No disclosures were made.

211. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21st February and Planning Committee meeting on 7th March be approved as a true record.

212. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

213. Local Policing Issues

PCSO Sharon Perrie attended the meeting to report on local policing issues, as follows:

• ASB Incidents	5
• Suspicious Activity	5
• Burglary	2
• Criminal Damage	1
• Road Traffic Collision	2
• Shoplifting	0
• Theft	4

Sharon reported that the priorities for the coming months would be: ASB, school parking, shoplifting, Tru Cam, Community Speed Watch and Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

214. Correspondence Warrington Borough Council (WBC)

a) Notification of Church Lane Heritage Scheme Phase 5, during Easter, Whit and Summer 2019.

215. Information for Noting

- The Clerk attended a one day formal First Aid Training Course on 25th February.
- The Assistant Clerk attended a Pensions Training Course on 1st March.
- A meeting of the Resources Committee would take place on 25th March.
- A Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting took place on 26th February.

216. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Councillors R Bate and Ms S Chisholm presented members with an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. A productive meeting had taken place on 7th March with the Planning Consultant from Kirkwells and a number of volunteer residents.

217. GDPR

The Clerk presented the newly compiled 'General Privacy Notice' and 'Information & Data Protection Policy' for Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council. It was **resolved that** both these would be adopted by this Council.

218. Horticultural Apprentice

The Assistant Clerk had prepared a proposal for the Council to employ a Horticultural Apprentice in conjunction with Reaseheath College. The apprentice would work primarily at the Walled Garden but would also support the Parish Warden. The apprentice would work 30 hours per week (which would include a day release to Reaseheath College), and would be paid £111 per week for 30 hours. The working days would be Tuesday to Friday to coincide with the working days of the Gardener. It was **resolved that** this proposal would be adopted. The aim would be to recruit an apprentice to start in September 2019. Councillors wished to thank Colette Fellows for the excellent work she has carried out to date in relation to the apprentice initiative.

219. Quays Community Centre

Warrington Housing Association had been approached by a prospective purchaser for the Quays Community Centre, and a sale was progressing. It is likely that the centre will close at the end of summer 2019. Warrington Housing Association were working with the regular centre users/hirers to help them find alternative venues. The remaining Parish Council donation, budgeted for in 2019/20 could be partially re-allocated. For noting.

220. Local Plan (Proposed Submitted Version – PSV)

The Local Plan PSV had been available in the public domain since 4th March, as was the Local Transport Plan LTP4. The initial changes from the PDO to the PSV had been identified as follows:

- Housing numbers were down by 15% (1113 in the PDO down to 945 in the PSV)
- Greenbelt release land was down by 20%
- Employment land was very similar in the PDO and PSV at 362 acres
- The PSV period was for 20 years (2017 to 2037) and would be reviewed every 5 years
- The new Garden Suburb was still proposed (up to 5000 new houses, employment land and a country park)

The consultation period would start on 15th April for a period of 8 weeks. Warrington Borough Council were proposing to leaflet every household in Warrington and to carry out public consultation sessions at the Halliwell Jones Stadium during May.

The South Warrington Parishes, after careful study of the PSV by John Groves, would be issuing a leaflet to each household in South Warrington and would be arranging a number of resident briefing sessions. John Groves would also produce a formal PSV response to Warrington Borough Council on behalf of the joint South Warrington Parishes.

It was discussed and **resolved that** the Clerk would ask John Groves for a quotation for producing a specific parish response to the PSV from Grappenhall & Thelwall Parish Council.

It was also **resolved that** a Parish Council Working Group would be set up consisting of Councillors R Bate, Ms S Chisholm, C Taylor plus others. This would be discussed in further detail at the April Parish Council meeting.

Discussion on the communication of the PSV led to members discussing broader communication and education issues. It was **resolved that** the Clerk and Assistant Clerk would compile a proposal to be presented at the April Parish Council meeting relating to communication/education. Initial suggestions centred around enhancing the Parish Council website to include ‘current/live’ issues i.e. PSV, Stobart, Six56, Rectory, dog fouling etc plus education on how the Parish Council deals with planning applications as a statutory consultee.

221. Accounts for Payment

It was **resolved that** accounts for payment totalling £13,200.96 be approved.

222. Expenditure to Date

The Clerk presented 'expenditure to date' against the budget and reported that at month 12 (March 2019), the Parish Council had a budget underspend of circa £16,000 and a Walled Garden overspend of circa £3500. More detail on this will be provided in the end of year accounts summary.

223. Consideration of Planning Applications

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