

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

Present: Councillors P Wenlock (Chair), R Bate, Mrs L Fernyhough, R Fisher, D Hockenhull, H Kazi, Mrs E Welborn, G Welborn and C Worsley

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

Action

40. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors A Bennett, Ms Sally Chisholm, C Taylor and P Warner be accepted.

41. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests

Councillor R Fisher declared an interest in minute ref. 49a) and Councillor J McQuillian declared an interest in minute ref. 49b).

42. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20th June and Planning Committee meeting on 4th July be approved as a true record.

43. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

44. Correspondence Warrington Borough Council/Miscellaneous

a) Notification from Warrington Borough Council of structural maintenance works (resurfacing) on Bradshaw Lane, Grappenhall starting on 26th August for up to 5 weeks. The road would be closed between 7pm and 1am in order to carry out the works safely.

45. Information for Noting

- a) Jim Mulhall started work as the new Walled Garden Visitor Warden/Gardening Assistant on 7th July, following an induction by Graham Richardson. Jim would work every Sunday plus one other half day.
- b) The Parish Warden had organised a parish 'litter pick' on Saturday 29th June. Turnout was poor.
- c) The External Audit was completed by the end of June and all the necessary paperwork had been sent to the Auditors (PKF Littlejohn).
- d) There had been some further anti-social behaviour issues at Grappenhall Hall School. We had been awaiting further action by WBC regarding the security improvements. Tree pruning had been carried out along Church Lane at the request of Councillor Worsley. Further tree works had been requested along Narrow Lane by Councillor McQuillian.
- e) The Quays Community Centre would close on 31st July with a view to fully vacating the building by 31st August. Tugboats Pre-School would be relocating to a Portakabin at Bradshaw Community Primary School.
- f) The Horticultural Apprentice vacancy had been advertised on the WBC website and this had a positive effect. The Assistant Clerk had contacted 3 possible candidates to invite them to an interview and an Assessment Day at Reaseheath College.

46. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

A meeting of the NDP Volunteers would take place on 25th July in the Pre-School room at GYCA.

47. Local Plan & Associated Issues

The Local Plan PSV consultation had closed, however associated planning applications from Stobarts and Six56 were still 'live'. In terms of Stobarts, the previously refused planning application would be going to Public Enquiry in October 2019. John Groves would be representing the South Warrington Parishes at

the Enquiry, as a Rule 6 party. Warrington Borough Council had removed both their objection reasons and Stobarts had also submitted a further planning application for a very similar scheme. This would be decided by Development Management Committee on 24th July. The South Warrington Parishes would be speaking 'against' this application.

Six56 (Langtree and Panattoni) had submitted a huge application for 287,909 m2 of employment floor space on farmland near junction 20 of the M6/junction 9 of the M56. John Groves had submitted an objection from the South Warrington Parishes and we await a date for this to be heard at Development Management Committee.

The South Warrington Parishes had requested that both planning applications were 'Called In' by the Secretary of State.

The Clerk for G&TPC had recharged all the expenditure from January to July 2019 (£19,352), for the South Warrington Parishes (which had been paid for by G&TPC). Total expenditure to date had been £28,349.50 and G&TPC contribution was £8595.40.

48. Collapsed Wall on Halfacre Lane

It had been reported to the Parish Council that the damaged wall on Halfacre Lane (which collapsed in September 2018), near Thelwall Underbridge, had still not been repaired by WBC. It was **resolved that** the Parish Council would intervene and write a letter to WBC to expediate action. It was also **resolved that** the Parish Council would also involve the local press.

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49. Requests for Financial Assistance

a) All Saints Church had requested a sum of £25,000 towards the resurfacing of the car park at Thelwall Parish Hall. The Clerk had consulted the SLCC to ensure that a donation of this kind would be legal – and as long as members believe that the project will be of benefit to the parish as a whole, then a Section 137 contribution could be justified. It was **resolved that** the Clerk would seek a quote from Dowhigh (the contractors who did the GYCA car park) and this matter would be discussed further at the September Parish Council meeting. It was also **resolved that** the Thelwall Parish Councillors would speak to Rev'd Douglas Black regarding this situation.

JR & Thelwall P/Cllrs

b) Grappenhall Library had requested a sum of £1800 for essential building renovations (fascia replacement, paint of eaves and new indoor lighting). It was **resolved that** the Parish Council would make the full grant of £1800.

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50. Accounts for Payment and Expenditure to Date

It was **resolved that** accounts for payment totalling £20,015.83 be approved. Expenditure to date was on target for month 4 of the financial year.

51. Consideration of Planning Applications

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