

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE ON THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

**Present:** Councillors P Wenlock (Chair), R Bate, Ms S Chisholm, Mrs L Fernyhough, R Fisher, H Kazi, J McQuillan, C Taylor, Mrs E Welborn (took the Minutes), G Welborn and C Worsley

**Action**

### 148. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors A Bennett, M Biggin, D Hockenhull, Ms W Johnson and P Warner would be accepted.

### 149. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests

Councillors R Fisher, Mrs L Fernyhough and C Taylor expressed a personal interest in minute no. 152.

### 150. Minutes

**Resolved that** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January and Planning meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February be approved as a true record.

### 151. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received, however it was **resolved that** Councillor R Fisher, Mrs L Fernyhough and C Taylor would be allowed to vote on minute no. 152.

### 152. Request for Financial Assistance

Frank Whittaker and Philip Young from All Saints PCC attended the meeting to update members on the proposed car park improvements to Thelwall Parish Hall, with a view to the Parish Council providing financial assistance. It was **resolved (unanimously) that** a donation of £12,500 would be made, on the basis that the Parish Hall is a valued and well utilised community facility.

**JR**

### 153. Update from the Speedwatch Group

David Skelton from the volunteer Speedwatch Group provided members with an update. In brief, the group had spoken with WBC Highways, who had agreed that the data collected by the group had proven that there was a problem with speeding traffic in the parish. They were looking at the possibility of traffic calming measures but predicted that costs would be high. It was **resolved that** the group would put together a paper of ideas/costs for the Parish Council, with a view to the Parish Council making a financial contribution in the future.

### 154. Information for Noting

- a) A meeting of the Grappenhall Heys Estates Committee had taken place on 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- b) A meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee had taken place on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

### 155. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Liverpool John Lennon Airport regarding the consultation on future aircraft flight paths.
- b) Email of thanks from St Wilfrid's Church PCC for the Parish Council donation of £150 towards the upkeep of the graveyard.
- c) Letter from Warrington Borough Council regarding the Speed Limit Order to 30mph on A50 Knutsford Road.
- d) Letter from Warrington Borough Council regarding the proposed Church Lane Heritage Scheme Phase 6 during the Easter school holidays (emailed to all members on 10/2).

### 156. Sponsorship of the 'What's On' Column in Village Life Magazine

We had received a letter from David Skentelbery to enquire as to whether the Parish Council would continue to sponsor the 'What's On' column in Village Life magazine. The cost would be £180+VAT. It was **resolved that** we would continue to fund this.

**JR**

- 157. South Warrington Parish Council Local Plan Working Group**  
Councillors R Bate and C Taylor provided an update to members. In brief, WBC had not yet reached a decision on the Local Plan and there was little to report. It was anticipated that we would hear about the Local Plan from WBC after May 2020.
- 158. VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
Discussion took place as to whether the Parish Council wanted to do anything to celebrate VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May. It was **resolved that** members wished to do something to celebrate this occasion, but a firm decision would be made once the Assistant Clerk had contacted local organisations (Walled Garden, British Legion Club, Ex-Serviceman's Club and Grappenhall Library) to see what they were planning to do. Also, to ascertain local interest via Facebook and to find out what Stockton Heath Parish Council are planning for the VE Day celebrations.  
**CF**
- 159. Village Gateways**  
The Parks & Open Spaces Committee had referred the decision on whether to create village gateways at various locations to full council. It was **resolved that** a sum of £2500 would be allocated to the Parks & Open Spaces Committee to pay for the creation of new village gateways. The exact locations for these gateways would be decided on by the Parks & Open Spaces Committee. **CF**
- 160. Accounts for Payment**  
It was **resolved** that accounts for payment totalling £16,496.48 be approved.
- 161. Expenditure to date**  
The Clerk reported that expenditure at month 11 (February) was under budget. The 'on target' budget was 92%, however the overall actual expenditure was running at 75%.
- 162. Consideration of Planning Applications**  
The recent planning applications were considered (see attached report).