

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 16th JULY 2020

Present: Councillors D Hockenhull (Chair), R Bate, Ms S Chisholm, Mrs L Fernyhough, Ms W Johnson, J McQuillan, C Taylor, Mrs E Welborn and G Welborn

Action

40. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors R Fisher and P Warner would be accepted.

41. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests

No disclosures were made.

42. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18th June and Planning meeting on 2nd July be approved as a true record.

43. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

44. Information for Noting

- a) A meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee would take place on 23rd July.
- b) WBC work on the cobbles on Church Lane would continue from wk/com 27th July for 7 weeks.
- c) The Covid-19 Rainbow had been arranged in Diamond Park and Countrywide had agreed to cement in/preserve during wk/com 13th July.
- d) The Chains of Office had been returned from Fattorini, updated to include the current Chair.
- e) The position of Part Time Warden at the Walled Garden had become vacant, as Jim Mulhall had resigned due to ill health. The position had been advertised on our Facebook/Website account and with WBC Jobs website.

45. Update on Purchase of Vehicle for Parish Warden

Discussion took place on the proposed purchase of a van for the Parish Warden. It was **resolved that** to purchase an electric vehicle at the moment, was prohibitively expensive (and had limited capacity), but it would be considered again when technology had advanced. It was **resolved that** a petrol/diesel van would be leased for a 3-year term (cost circa £262 per month plus multi use insurance). **CF**

46. Covid-19 Update

The Clerk detailed the closure/re-opening of the Parish Council owned parks/play areas and the Walled Garden. The Assistant Clerk had arranged with Countrywide to deep clean the play areas at Jubilee & Diamond Parks during wk/com 20th July. It was **resolved that** both play areas would re-open soon after they had been deep cleaned.

47. South Warrington Parish Council Local Plan Working Group

Councillors Cliff Taylor and Ryan Bate provided an update to members, particularly on the Stobart 'Call in' by the Secretary of State. With reference to the Local Plan, the South Warrington Parishes (SWP) had written to WBC to complain about the lack of constructive dialogue with parties such as the SWP/Parish Councils. There had also been some concern over the lack of response by WBC of the 3500+ objections to the Local Plan.

48. Accounts for Payment

It was **resolved that** accounts for payment totalling £25,514.00 be approved.

49. Expenditure to date

The Clerk reported that for expenditure at month 4 (July), an on-target expenditure would be 33% of the total budget. Currently, Parish Council expenditure was at 26% and Walled Garden expenditure was at 33%. Overall, expenditure against budget stood at 28%. No issues/concerns reported.

50. Consideration of Planning Applications

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