

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

**Present:** Councillors D Hockenhill (Chair), R Bate, M Biggin, M Browne, Ms S Chisholm, Mrs L Fernyhough, R Fisher, H Kazi, Ms W Johnson, J McQuillian, Mrs H Speed, C Taylor, P Warner, Mrs E Welborn, G Welborn and C Worsley

**In attendance:** Janet Richards, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Colette Fellows, Assistant Clerk to the Council

**Action**

**166. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received.

**167. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests**

Councillor McQuillian declared an interest in minute ref. 175.

**168. Minutes**

**Resolved that** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January and Planning Committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February be approved as a true record.

**169. Dispensation Requests**

No dispensation requests were received.

**170. PCSO Report**

Members had been emailed the PCSO report prior to the meeting.

**171. Information for Noting**

- a) The new Parish Council Office kitchen had been fitted on 30/31<sup>st</sup> January.
- b) The emergency repairs to the Parish Council Office flat roof would be carried out asap at a cost of £1600.
- c) A Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting would take place within the next few weeks.
- d) A Resources Committee meeting would take place on 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- e) The repairs to Thelwall War Memorial would be completed by the end of February.
- f) WBC had authorised the positioning of the bin at Hilltop Road and it had been ordered.
- g) The replacement bench for the TPT had been ordered and requested that the wording on the plaque be 'Donated by Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council'

**172. South Warrington Parish Council Local Plan Working Group (SWP)**

Councillor Bate and Taylor briefed members on the progress to date and recent developments. The SWP had met with Steve Park and Michael Bell in January to discuss the direction of the Local Plan. Also noted that Six 56 had amended the 2019 planning application. Councillor Ms S Chisholm raised the HS2 implications at High Legh.

**173. Covid-19 Update**

The Assistant Clerk updated members with Covid data from the recent Parish Council Liaison meeting. Of particular note was the fact that Warrington Hospital was at double capacity and that there had been a Covid outbreak at 2 local prisons.

**174. Appointment of GT Planning**

It was **resolved that** GT Planning (John Groves) be appointed to represent the Parish Council in relation to the Urban Splash proposals at Grappenhall Heys, at a cost of £750.

175. **Green Bin Fee for Councillor McQuillian for Broad Lane Triangle**  
It was **resolved that** the Parish Council would fund a green bin for the Broad Lane Triangle, as requested by Councillor McQuillian. **JR**
176. **Request for Financial Assistance for St Wilfrid's Church**  
In December 2020, St Wilfrid's Church requested a large contribution (£15k to £20k) towards their new car park. It was resolved that upon supplying more detailed information, that a reduced contribution would be reconsidered. Additional information had since been received and it was **resolved that** a donation of £5000 for this community project, would be made. **JR**
177. **Accounts for Payment**  
It was **resolved** that accounts for payment totalling £20,124.26 be approved.
178. **Expenditure to date**
- An 'on target' expenditure for February (month 11) was 92%
  - Parish Council expenditure was running at 68%
  - Walled Garden expenditure was running at 93%
  - The overall figure was 75%
  - No concerns
179. **Consideration of Planning Applications**  
The recent planning applications were considered.