

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 18th MARCH 2021

Present: Councillors D Hockenhill (Chair), R Bate, M Browne, Ms S Chisholm, R Fisher, J McQuillan, Mrs H Speed, C Taylor, Mrs E Welborn, G Welborn and C Worsley

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

Action

185. Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved that** apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors M Biggin, Mrs L Fernyhough, Ms W Johnson, H Kazi and P Warner would be accepted. The Chair reminded members to send apologies for full Council and Committee meetings if they were unable to attend.

186. Disclosure of Pecuniary & Personal Interests

No disclosures were made.

187. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18th February and Planning Committee meeting on 4th March be approved as a true record.

188. Dispensation Requests

No dispensation requests were received.

189. PCSO Report

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

190. Information for Noting

- a) The repairs to the flat roof to the Parish Council Office had been carried out during early March.
- b) A Resources Committee meeting had taken place on 25th February.
- c) A Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting had taken place on 10th March.
- d) The vacancy for Assistant Clerk to the Council was advertised on 2nd March. The closing date was 26th March. There had been a lot of interest to date.
- e) The remedial works to the war memorial on Bell Lane were carried out at the end of February and the repairs to the sandstone wall nearby were carried out by Chaigley School.

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

Councillors Taylor and Bate reported the following:

- The SWP had commented on the Town Centre planning application.
- The SWP had not commented on the amended Six56 planning application as they were relatively minor changes. It was not anticipated that WBC would make a decision on this anytime soon.
- The SWP had been in discussion with Steve Park and Michael Bell. The Proposed Submitted Version of the Local Plan would be issued in summer 2021 and public examination would likely be in spring 2022.

192. Covid-19 Update

The Clerk reported that under law, virtual meetings were permitted until 7th May (due to Covid). This may be extended, so the Clerk would keep an eye on this matter.

193. Accounts for Payment

It was **resolved** that accounts for payment totalling £26,724.45 be approved. The Clerk noted that she would prepare the 2020/21 annual accounts before she retired.

194. Expenditure to date

- An 'on target' expenditure for March (month 12) was 100%
- Parish Council expenditure was running at 76%
- Walled Garden expenditure was running at 101%
- The overall figure was 84%

195. Consideration of Planning Applications

The recent planning applications were considered.

The following item was dealt with under Part Two of the Parish Council meeting, which excluded the press and public:

Part two

196. Retirement of the Clerk