

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT GRAPPENHALL LIBRARY, VICTORIA ROAD, GRAPPENHALL ON THE 17TH MARCH
2022**

Present Councillors D Hockenhull (Chairman), R Bate, S Chisholm, B Davies, Ms L Fernyhough, R Fisher, Ms W Johnson, J McQuillan and C Worsley.

In attendance Colette Fellows, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Action

192. Apologies for Absence

It was resolved that apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors M Biggin, S Brookes, M Browne, B Hignett, Ms H Speed, C Taylor and P Warner would be accepted.

193. Disclosures of Pecuniary and Personal Interests

No disclosures were made.

194. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Resource Meeting of the 8th February 2022, the Parish Council Meeting of the 13th February 2022, and the Planning Committee Meeting of the 3rd March 2022 be approved as a true record.

195. Information for Noting

- a) A Working Party for the Climate and Ecological group has been set up with 3 Cllrs and 5 members of the public. The first meeting was held on 3rd March 2022. The next meeting is on the 31st March 2022.
- b) The Android tablet has been purchased at a cost of £363+vat. David Shelton has now received and will proceed to monitor Stockton Lane as requested by members.
- c) The Resource Committee have requested a meeting with Arnold Stansby. This is currently being arranged.
- d) The Chair and Clerk have held meetings with J M Cross and residents of Weaste Lane/Cuerdon Drive to discuss Bird Scarers and frequency of shots fired to find a compromise between the two parties.
- e) Flower beds and hanging baskets are to be planted with red/white/blue flowers to mark the Platinum Jubilee, this includes the War memorial on Bell Lane.
- f) Local Government Services have issued the pay agreement for 2021/2022 of 1.75%. This will be back paid from April 2021.
- g) The Parish Council Alarm system has been replaced at a cost of £800+vat.
- h) John Henry – Internal Auditor attended the office on 17th March for an interim audit.

196. PCSO Crime Report

Members had been emailed the PCSO report prior to the meeting with the most recent crime statistics:

Anti-Social Behavior Incidents	= 21
Suspicious Activity	= 2
Burglary	= 2
Criminal Damage	= 1
Road Traffic Collisions	= 0
Shoplifting	= 0
Theft	= 1

197. Committee Meetings

An extended schedule of meetings was presented to members for all Committee Meetings It was **resolved that** the schedule be approved and if the meeting was not required it could then be cancelled

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198. South Warrington Parish Council Local Plan Working Group

Councillor Bate provided an update to members. The Six56 application was approved by the DMC recently. WBC has to notify the Secretary of State (Michael Gove) that it is 'minded to approve' the application. SWP has written to Mr Gove asking him to call the application in and assign it to a public inquiry by a Planning Inspector. MP Andy Carter has made the same request.

The final version of the Local Plan has now been made public and is now heading towards the Examination in Public probably late this year. It is almost unchanged relative to the last version which was consulted on last autumn. It still consigns large areas of Green Belt to development - including Thelwall Heys.

SWP is preparing to appear at the EIP with a Planning Consultant and a Barrister.

It was **resolved that** Cllr Bate and Cllr Taylor will continue to represent our Parish. It was also **resolved that** the proposed budget of £25,000 for 2022-23 be approved of which Grappenhall and Thelwall share is £7,343. All decisions to be brought back to Full Council for update and ratification.

It was **resolved that** John Groves would represent SWP in relation to the SIX:56 planning application as the lead consultant and to pay the associated costs in addition to work supporting SWP with the Local Plan.

199. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Worsley and the Clerk updated members on proposals made by the Jubilee Working Party. It was **resolved that** the Parish Council would set a budget of £10k for the celebration which would include: -

- Beacon Walking Trails, one in Grappenhall and another in Thelwall.
- A Beacon procession on the 2nd June, up to the village green in Grappenhall Heys.
- Jubilee memorabilia for all schools in both parishes.
- Two Commemorative benches.

The event planned will be advertised on the website/social media, notice boards and a leaflet will be produced and posted to all residents in the Parish. The Clerk will also apply for a grant with the National Lottery

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The next Working Party meeting will be held on the 31st of March.

200. Warrington Borough Council School and Travel Advisor

Ms Lesley Paterson (advisor for Schools and Travel) addressed members on the current traffic issues outside St Wilfrid's School in Grappenhall Village.

A possible partial resolution to the issue would be to introduce a scheme called 'WOW'. Children get rewarded for walking, cycling or scooting to school once a week and they receive a collectable badge. Ms Paterson asked if parents could use the car park outside the Parish Council offices as this was only 0.3 miles away from the school. Members reiterated that many parents already use this car park and that it is not a problem to do so.

WBC is working in partnership with Living Streets on the scheme called WOW and 28 Warrington schools have already signed up for the scheme. The scheme is funded by DfT and WBC await an official announcement that the funding will continue until the end of the academic year 2023.

Ms Paterson will contact St Wilfrids School to arrange a meeting to discuss.

201. Request for Funding

A request for funding had been received from the Thelwall Rose Queen Committee for £250 towards the cost of running the event on 18th June 2022 and would members also like a stand at the event.

It was **resolved that** a grant of £250 be awarded and members could like a stand at the event.

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202. Accounts for Payment

It was **resolved that** the accounts for payment totalling £ 18,981.48 be approved.

203. Expenditure to Date

The 'on target' expenditure for March (month 12) was 100%.

- Parish Council expenditure was running at 78%
- Walled Garden expenditure was running at 104%
- The overall figure was 86%
- No concerns

204. Consideration of Planning Applications

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

To note that due to IT and information accessibility, all planning applications to be considered at full Parish Council Meetings will be held during the afternoon in the Parish Council Meeting Room (rather than in Grappenhall Library) until the aforesaid meetings are held back in the Parish Council Meeting room.

Chair

Clerk