

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT GRAPPENHALL LIBRARY, VICTORIA ROAD, GRAPPENHALL ON THE 16TH
DECEMBER 2021**

Present Councillors D Hockenhull (Chairman), R Bate, S Brookes, M Browne, Ms S Chisholm, B Davies, R Fisher, Ms W Johnson, J McQuillan, C Worsley.

In attendance Colette Fellows, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Action

137 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved that apologies and reasons for absence from Councillors M Biggin, Mrs Fernyhough, R Hignett, Mrs H Speed, C Taylor and P Warner would be accepted.

138. Disclosures of Pecuniary and Personal Interests

No disclosures were made.

139. Minutes

Resolved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 18th November 2021 and the Planning Committee Meeting of the 2nd December 2021 be approved as a true record.

140. Information for Noting

- a) Gas and Electric tariffs have increased for 2022 – the Clerk has secured a reduced rate for 12 months starting January 2022 for the Parish Council Office.
- b) Peel Holdings have permitted the approved waste bin to be installed down Ferry Lane.
- c) The double bins have arrived for Grappenhall Heys, previously approved to combat high-traffic areas.
- d) The new Sid Machine has arrived and the Clerk will contact the Volunteer Speedwatch Group to inform. At a cost of £2,555+vat, the extra cost of £110 was for a spare battery.
- e) The Clerk attended the SLCC annual general meeting on the 8th of December in Holmes Chapel.
- f) Tree and Hedge planting completed in Diamond Park at a cost of £611+vat. The budget was £1,000.
- e) Tree planting in the village green in Grappenhall took place on 15th December with the four local schools planting an Oaktree.

141. Correspondance

- a) WBC have confirmed the A50 Knutsford Rd traffic calming signs are the first part of the plan for Knutsford Road and the second part of the plan will be to install count-down signs and possibly other measures (this will happen in the New Year weather/workload permitting).
- b) The Land Trust has been contacted with reference to a possible tree planting exercise on the land at the back of the Cricket Club. Kelly Thompson Estates & Community Officer for the Land Trust is open to the idea. Kelly has suggested planting trees several metres deep along the existing woodland border which surrounds the field and they would greatly appreciate being involved with the project to increase their community engagement. The Clerk will set up a meeting to further discuss and report back to members. This meeting has now been scheduled for January 5th 2022. The Clerk will also contact Ian Heyes at Grappenhall Cricket Club for details of any future developments and improvements planned at the club.

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142. PCSO Crime Report

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

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

143. South Warrington Parish Council Local Plan Working Group

Councillor Bate provided an update to members.

Langtree Six56 was back on the table. SWP had written to Development Management Control (DMC) at Warrington Borough to reiterate their objections as a group. Cllr Bate asked members to consider doing the same. Application 2019/34799 was objected to at the Planning Committee meeting on the 2nd of December. The Clerk will also send a formal letter to DMC on behalf of Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council.

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Cllr Bate also asked members to consider writing to DMC to share concerns with regards to briefings by applicants to the DMC. The current process not being 'Open and Transparent'. Langtree Six56 was permitted to brief the DMC in a non-public event. It was **resolved that** the Parish Council would write to DMC to express their concerns.

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Grappenhall and Thelwall's contribution to SWP costs for the remainder of 2021/2022 to be £5,475.43. Members asked the Clerk for a breakdown of costs. The Clerk will contact the Assistant Clerk Rob Tucker at Lymm Parish Council for a breakdown of costs and report back to Full Council in January 2022.

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144. Climate and Ecological Emergency

Five of the six actions (from minutes 82/21) have been completed. With regard to the final action – 'Undertake to measure its own environmental impact and develop a plan to reduce that impact', it is proposed that a working group be established to investigate measures that can be introduced locally to address the climate and ecological emergency and to invite local groups (schools/local business/uniformed groups/scouts/brownies) and residents to contribute to ideas to improve the local area with climate and emergency in mind.

Councillor Mark Browne would like members to consider forming a 'Working Party' as outlined above to undertake the above measure and report back to Council. It was **resolved that** a working group would be set up, consisting of Mark Browne, Sally Chisholm, Brian Davies, Chris Worsley, and residents of the Parish.

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145. Request for Funding

No new requests for funding have been received. However, members considered a donation to the 'Room at the Inn' and also Warrington Food Bank.

We have previously donated to 'Room at the Inn' a charity for the homeless (in 2019 for the amount of £1,000). It was **resolved that** a £500 donation be made to The Room at the Inn and a £500 donation be made to Warrington Food Bank.

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The annual donation will be made to St Wilfrid's Church and All Saints Church for the upkeep of the graveyards in December of £150 per Church.

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The Clerk would like it noted that minute point 86/2021 request for financial support for a TTMO order was resolved using delegated powers (see Standing Orders section 17e) due to time restraints. The Clerk is awaiting the invoice from WBC for £1,200+vat. It was **resolved that** retrospective approval be approved under LGA 1972 S101.

146. Budgets

The Clerk presented budget information and presented members with draft budgets based on an increase of 2%,5% and 7%. The Clerk also reported on increases by other South Warrington Parish Councils. It was **resolved that** the precept would be increased by 5%. The Clerk would inform WBC.

147. Accounts for Payment

It was **resolved that** the accounts for payment totalling £ 24,778.40 be approved.

148. Expenditure to Date

The 'on target' expenditure for December (month Nine) was 75%.

- Parish Council expenditure was running at 60%
- Walled Garden expenditure was running at 79%
- The overall figure was 66%
- No concerns

149. 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.