GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Martin Stuart, Parish Warden.

Copied to all members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

Members of the PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE you are hereby summoned to attend the Committee meeting of Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council to be held at the **Council Office, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall** on Tuesday 29 October 2024 at 7.00pm for the purposes of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Doward

Assistant Clerk to the Council

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
To consider apologies and reasons for absence. For resolution.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests
Members are reminded that personal or prejudicial interests, as defined in the Code of Conduct, in any matter before the meeting, must be disclosed no later than the start of the discussion on that item.

3. Information for noting
a) Village Signage - the Committee's recommendation to accept the revised costings of £4722.69 received from WBC to provide and install 7 replacement village signs is to be considered by Council on 19 October.
b) Jubilee Park Gym Equipment - the Committee's recommendation to continue the personal training sessions each summer for the next 3 years is to be considered by Council on 19 October.
c) Sweeping Seesaw, Diamond Park - the Sweeping Seesaw- Gyro Spiral in Diamond Park has now been repaired at a cost of £1350 + vat plus an additional cost of £375 for installation.
d) Jubilee Park tree works - emergency works at a cost of £850 + vat have been undertaken to trees in Jubilee Park as a result of storm damage in early September. The works comprised removing the damaged branches within the crown of 2 lime trees adjoining 47 Euclid Avenue's rear garden, cutting back remaining overhanging branches to the boundary line of both trees along with an additional lime tree sandwiched between the two.

4. Update on Actions from Previous Meetings

Action	Description	Lead	Update	Progress
1	Morris Brook Park	Cllrs H Speed/ Assistant Clerk/Parish Wardens	The Parish Warden will update the Committee on the continuing programme of works to cut back the bushes alongside the accessways into the park.	Ongoing
2	Narrow Lane footpath	Assistant Clerk/Parish Wardens	The Assistant Clerk has continued to pursue a proposal put forward by the Parish Warden to assemble a work party to carry out work over the length of Narrow Lane. A response from WBC is still awaited. .	Ongoing
3	Trees on Thelwall New Road	Assistant Clerk	The Tree Team at WBC advise that the land is not owned by the Council and that it does not have details of land ownership. The Assistant Clerk will investigate land ownership	Ongoing
4	SID		No recent meetings of the SID/Traffic Calming working group have been held.	Ongoing
5	Elizabeth Park	Assistant Clerk	The Assistant Clerk has contacted WBC for indicative costings to tarmac the entrance to the park. A response from WBC is awaited.	Ongoing

5. Bulb Planting

At the last meeting it was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would contact WBC to obtain indicative costings for planting in the areas identified with the potential for future planting. WBC does not offer bulb planting directly but has recommended a company that provides machine bulb planting. The Assistant Clerk has obtained indicative costings for bulb and wildflower combinations that are suitable for planting until end November/beginning December. The costs range from £15-£60 per sq. m + vat depending upon the number of bulbs per sq.m. For discussion and recommendation to Council.

6. Design and Management Strategy for the Parks

At the last meeting it was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would prepare a brief for a management/landscaping plan for both parks.

Following discussions with the Chair of the Committee a draft brief for expressions of interest to develop a design and management strategy for the parks has been prepared (see attached). For discussion and resolution.

7. Budget Review

The Assistant Clerk will present the current expenditure to date with an overview for the remainder of the 2024/25 budget.

8. Budget 2025/26

Members to discuss the Committee's budget for 2025/26. For discussion and recommendation to Council.