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 ENVIRONMENT 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 22 July 2025 at **6.30pm** 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. Actions from Previous Meetings
Parks and Open Spaces

Action	Description	Lead	Update	Progress
1	Tree planting		See agenda item 2025/6 below	
2	Elizabeth Park	BD	The Officer at WBC has confirmed that he is progressing the Council's resolution to fund a 25sqm apron at the entrance to Elizabeth Park at a cost of £2750 + vat (Min 2025/43.1). However, he advises that the surfacing material may need to change to something similar to Hoppath, as this is only periodically available. An update is awaited.	Ongoing
3	Jubilee Park Gym	BD	The Personal Training sessions have been running since 23 June. Attendance after	Ongoing

	Equipment		the first week has been limited. This may be due to the very hot weather experienced recently.	
4	Bulb Planting	BD	The Contractor has confirmed that he will progress the Council's resolution to implement the bulb planting (Bees Mix) at Stockport Road opposite Deans Lane (Site 2) this year at a cost of £2835 + vat (Min 2025/43.3). The planting will take place between September - December. Specific date to be confirmed.	Ongoing
5	Summer/ Winter bedding		See agenda item 2025/7 below	
6	RoSPA reports	BD	Repairs to the safety gate at Diamond Park have been undertaken by WBC at a cost of £677.34 + vat and a new side panel for the slide as purchased at a cost of £374.02 + vat. The Parish Warden has installed the new panel and undertaken repairs to the Carousel Supernova. The Assistant Clerk has obtained costings for the repairs to the safety surface areas at the parks see agenda item 2025/5 below.	
7	Design and Management Strategy	HS	BCA Landscapes have been informed of the Council's resolution to accept their submission at a cost of £14,355 + vat and expenses. Arrangements for an Inception meeting are being progressed.	Ongoing

Climate and Ecological Emergency

Action	Description	Lead	Update	Progress
8	Electric vehicle chargers	BD/LW/RF	An update on the installation of EV chargers at Stansfield Drive and further work undertaken to investigate the potential for EV charging at the GYCA car park will be provided at the meeting.	Ongoing
9	Air Source Heat Pump	BDa	An update on progress will be provided at the meeting	Ongoing
10	Grappenhall Heys Working party	PW	Cllrs J McQuillian and P Warner are leading on progressing a joint Working Party to review the 2023 energy survey (Min 2024/29). An update will be provided at the meeting.	Ongoing
11	Air quality	BD	At the last meeting of the CEE Committee, it was resolved to recommend to Council that signage be purchased to install in various locations within the Parish to encourage the drivers of vehicles to switch off their engines when stationary. It was also agreed to investigate the installation of air quality monitors on major arterial routes through the Parish. (Min 2025/3.4) The Assistant Clerk will look to take forward this action in the coming months.	Ongoing
12	Community Events	ALL	An update regarding future community events to promote climate initiatives will be provided at the meeting.	Ongoing

4. Terms of Reference

The draft terms of reference of the Committee will be reviewed and any necessary amendments identified. For discussion and resolution.

5 Play surface repairs

In addition to the repairs to the play equipment referred to above (agenda item 3.6) the RoSPA reports identified the need for various repairs to the play surfaces at both parks. The Assistant Clerk will present costings for the necessary works at the meeting. For discussion and resolution.

6. Tree Planting

At the last meeting of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee it was agreed that the Committee would investigate sites for future tree planting. For discussion and recommendation to Council.

7. Winter 2025 bedding/hanging baskets

Bellfield Landscapes were unable to undertake the planting and provision of hanging baskets this year (Min 2025/33e). Council staff, along with Cllr Dolan worked together to replant the Broad Lane triangle and baskets and two residents helped with the installation of the hanging baskets. However, due to health and safety reasons relating to the installation of the hanging baskets such an arrangement is not acceptable going forward and alternative measures need to be sought. For discussion and recommendation to Council.

8. Book Swap

Work is being undertaken to replace the current book swap in Diamond Park. An update will be provided at the meeting.

9. Planters

The feasibility of providing planters on the public realm is being explored. An update will be provided at the meeting.

10. Christmas tree lights

The Parish Council previously funded Christmas lights on a tree at Thelwall Junior School. However, the tree has now been removed. The Assistant Clerk will provide an update on identifying an alternative site for a Christmas tree in Thelwall. For discussion and resolution.

11. Parish Warden update

The Parish Warden will provide an update of recent/forthcoming activities.

12. Budget Review

The Assistant Clerk will present the 2025/26 expenditure to date.

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