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 11 NOVEMBER 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		Two meetings of the working party have been held to identify potential sites and funding opportunities for future tree planting. Details of the potential locations have been forwarded to WBC Street Services, Highways and Landscape teams. A response is awaited.	Ongoing
2	Elizabeth Park	BD	An update from WBC on timescales for progressing the work is awaited.	Ongoing
3	Bulb Planting	BD	The bulb planting at Stockport Road opposite Deans Lane (Site 2) was	Ongoing

			undertaken in October at a cost of £2835 + vat. Planting at the other locations (Sites1,3 and 4) will be subject to inclusion within future years budgets. (Council Min 2025/43.3).	
4	Hanging baskets/ Winter planting		At the last meeting of the Committee it was recommended (Min 7) that the hanging baskets and irrigation system should be dismantled in the Autumn and alternative measures be sought for planting in the Parish in Summer 2026 see item 3.7 below.	
5	RoSPA reports	BD	At the last meeting of the Committee it was resolved to undertake the repairs to the safety surface areas at both Jubilee Park and Diamond Park (Min 6). These works have now been completed.	Complete
6	Design and Management Strategy	HS	BCA Landscapes have commenced work on the Design and Management Strategy for the parks. Two progress meetings have been held with the Steering Group. An update will be provided at the meeting.	Ongoing
7	Planters	MD/MS	Meetings with representatives of Thelwall Mens Shed have been held to discuss the feasibility/design of providing planters on the public realm. Details of the potential sites and designs have been forwarded to WBC. A response is awaited.	Ongoing
8	Book Swap	MD/MS	Meetings with representatives of Thelwall Mens Shed have been held to discuss the feasibility/design of a replacement book exchange at Barley Road. A response is awaited	Ongoing
9	Christmas Lights		At the last meeting of the Council (Min 2025/134) it was resolved to fund a replacement Christmas tree at Thelwall Junior School. The Assistant Clerk has contacted WBC to request additional lights be installed on the trees on the village green at Thelwall New Road, opposite Gigg Lane. However, WBC Officers advise they do not have capacity to price or carry out any additional works.	Ongoing

Climate and Ecological Emergency

Action	Description	Lead	Update	Progress
8	Electric vehicle chargers	BD/LW/RF	WBC is still awaiting a response from UU and HE to provide agreement in principle to the installation of EV chargers at Stansfield Drive. See also agenda item 2025/4.	Ongoing
9	Air Source Heat Pump	BDa	The contractor has indicated that the air source heat pump installation has been provisionally arranged for early December pending a further survey. Any further update 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). No progress.	Ongoing

11	Air quality	BD	The Assistant Clerk has contacted WBC to seek advice on installing signs requesting drivers to switch off their engines at various locations in the Parish. A response is awaited.	Ongoing
12	Community Events	ALL	Future community events to promote climate initiatives.	Ongoing

4. EV Charging at the GYCA car park

Further work has been undertaken to investigate the potential for EV charging at the GYCA car park. An update will be provided at the meeting. For discussion and recommendation to Council.

5. Tree surveys

The Assistant Clerk has sought quotes to undertake the biennial tree safety surveys of Jubilee Park and Diamond Park. An update will be provided at the meeting.

6. Parish Warden update

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

7. Budget Review

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

8. Budget 2026/27

Members to discuss the Committee's budget for 2026/27. For discussion and recommendation to Council.

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