GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
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Dear Councillor

Members of the Council you are hereby summoned to attend the Full Council meeting of GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL COUNCIL on **Thursday 15 January 2026 at 7.00 pm** at the Council Office, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall WA4 2SG for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Yours sincerely

Colette Fellows

Clerk to the Council/RFO

A G E N D A

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

198. Dispensation Requests
To consider any dispensation requests from members.

199. Disclosures of Pecuniary and Personal Interests
Members are reminded that personal interests 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 discussion on that item.

200. Minutes
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4 December 2025.
To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 11 November 2025.

201. Correspondence Miscellaneous
a) Correspondence has been received from the Assistant Chief Constable, Neighbourhood Policing of Cheshire Constabulary regarding the future of neighbourhood policing in Cheshire. The letter states that following the conclusion of consultation and careful consideration of a counter proposal as well as current understanding of the difficult financial forecast, the proposal to reduce the number of PCSO posts from 87 to 27 will now be progressed. Further details will follow from our Local Policing Unit Chief Inspector in the New Year and the opportunity to ask questions will be provided at that stage.

202. Information for Noting
Councillor Contact information update will be emailed to all Councillors before the meeting.

203. Update on actions from previous meetings

Agenda Item	Action Point	Lead	Status	Update

2024/134	Air Source Heat Pump	BD/CF	Ongoing	Work to commence 19 January 2026, which was agreed with the Clerk and Asst Clerk due to annual holidays colliding.
2025/109.2	New Bin Broad Lane	BD	Ongoing	WBC advise that the new bin for Broad Lane has now been ordered. Installation date to be advised.

204. Expenditure to date

The Clerk will present the expenditure to date. (to be sent out separately)

205. Accounts for Payment

196.1.1 A schedule of Accounts for Payment to be tabled. (to be sent out separately).

196.2 The Council has been contacted by Beechwood Industries as the grounds maintenance cost is to increase in line with the RPI as at October 2025 (4.3%). The increase is £31.95 + vat per month. Beechwood Industries is requesting payment be backdated to December 2025. For resolution to accept the backdated payment.

196.3 To note the following items over £500 for November that must be published under the Transparency Code or the Audit Regulations Section 13 (2) 'Payments over £500 each quarter.

a) Livewire Investment £13,672+vat purchase of Solar Panels on the GYCA roof.

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 relates to a Parish Council which has gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is the higher) exceeding £200,000.

205b. Precept 2026-27

To agree the budget for 2026/2027 with recommendations from the Resources Committee to adopt for Precept setting purposes. For discussion and resolution. See attached.

206. Asset Register

To note the Clerk has disposed of the £15,000 investment held with LiveWire Community. The Investment has now been used to purchase the Solar Panel on the GYCA roof and take over management.

207. Requests for Funding

The Clerk has received the following request for funding:
Grappenhall Community Library would like support in purchasing a Defibrillator. For discussion and resolution.

208. Warrington Borough Council Matters

Cllrs Browne, Hignett, Johnson and Speed will update members on Warrington Borough Council matters.

209. Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

Consultation on the Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) draft Neighbourhood Plan closed on 1 January 2026.

All households within the Parish received a leaflet with a link to the draft Plan and response form. In addition, 276 organisations/companies/individuals received a letter notifying them of the consultation and detailing how the draft Plan, response form and wider evidence base and supporting documents could be accessed.

Copies of the draft Plan and response form along with the wider evidence base and supporting documents was available online. Hard copies of the Plan and response forms were also available at 7 deposit locations (Parish Council Office, Grappenhall Community Library, Grappenhall Co-op, Thelwall Post Office, The Rams Head PH, The Little Manor PH and Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden) and drop-in sessions were held at the GYCA, Thelwall Parish Hall and Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden. Pop up sessions were also held at All Saints Christmas Fayre in Thelwall and St Wilfrid's Christmas Fayre in Grappenhall. It is estimated that around 200 people attended the drop-in/pop up sessions. In addition, several videos and regular updates were posted on social media platforms.

A total of 58 consultation responses on the draft Plan have been received. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will now review and consider the submitted representations before reporting them to the Council. Decisions will need to be made over whether to amend the Plan and the reasoning behind such decisions will be recorded, as the information will be incorporated into a consultation statement. The Council, as the neighbourhood planning body, will need to agree the modifications and approve the resulting draft of the Plan for submission to Warrington Borough Council as the local planning authority. After which responsibility for taking the process forward lies with the local planning authority.

210. Road Safety Working Party

Members of the Council's Road Safety Working Party would like to resume the Community Speed Watch initiative. This was previously led by a resident.

The working party has contacted the Police for guidance and training on carrying out Community Speed Checks including risk assessments. However, to undertake the checks a new Community Speed Radar Gun will be required as the one previously used is no longer working.

The working party recommend a new Community Speed Radar Gun and 5 Community Speed Watch signs be purchased at a cost of around £600 + vat and £79 + vat respectively. A total cost of around £679 + vat. For discussion and resolution.

211. PC Crime Report

An updated crime report will be emailed to Members prior to the meeting. PC Officer Burns and PCSO Samuel are unable to attend the meeting.

212. Consideration of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:
2025/01706/FULH Single storey extension to front and rear, 8 Mapperton Gardens, Grappenhall

2025/01711/FUL Erection of replacement stable block and store (for the keeping of donkeys, ponies and horses), construction of midden and reconfiguration/surfacing of existing track with permeable hard surface, Canal Bank Farm, Canal Side, Grappenhall