GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
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12 February 2026

Dear Councillor

Members of the Council you are hereby summoned to attend the Full Council meeting of GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL COUNCIL on **Thursday 19 February 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

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

220. Dispensation Requests
To consider any dispensation requests from members. The Clerk has received as request from Cllr Ford requesting three months dispensation. For discussion and resolution to accept.

221. 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.

222. Minutes
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15th January 2026.
To receive the minutes of the resources Committee held on the 14th January 2026 and the Planning Committee held on 5th February 2026.

223. Correspondence Miscellaneous
a) Correspondence has been received from Thelwall Junior School; they held a cake sale at the school and raised £280 towards the Christmas tree that was planted in November.
b) A thank you has been received from Graham Skelland (Choir Master) of the Thelwall Choir for the purchase of new chairs. The chairs have yet to be purchased as the Parish Council is awaiting their decision for type.
c) The Thelwall 1100 Supporters and Management group will hold the final meeting of the organisation on 24th February 2026. The group has thanked the Parish Council for financially supporting the initiative. A completion report will be emailed to members.
d) The PCSO has kindly notified the Parish Council of his voluntary redundancy in March 2026.

224. Information for Noting

a) The biennial Arboriculturists reports have been completed for both the Parish Council's parks and the Walled Garden, the Assistant Clerk is now obtaining quotes for the works needed.
b) The Air-Source heat pump is now installed and fully operational. The Clerk would like to thank Cllr Davies for his support before and during the installation.
c) Two Defibrillators cases have been vandalised and instructions wiped away with Graffiti. Replacement stickers have been attached to three cases as an emergency repair at a cost of £140+vat.
d) The SLCC membership has been renewed at a cost of £379 for 12 months.
e) The Scribe accounting software is to be renewed at a cost of £789.60+vat for 2026/2027.
g) The Warden has unfortunately had a minor accident in the PC van, causing damage to a telecommunications vehicles wing mirror. The accident was reported to the insurance company to deal with. The wing mirror of the PC van will be repaired outside the claim.
h) Councillor Contact information update will be emailed to all Councillors before the meeting.

225. Update on actions from previous meetings

Agenda Item	Action Point	Lead	Status	Update
2025/109.2	New Bin Broad Lane	BD	Complete	
2026/210	Permissions and processes for a Speed Gun.	C Ford	Ongoing	The Road Safety Working Party are awaiting permissions and process before they purchase a speed gun to replace the broken old one.

226. PC Crime Report
An updated crime report will be emailed to Members prior to the meeting.

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

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

228.2 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) Magna Renewables final payment of £3308.00 for the Air Source Heat Pump installation
b) Scribe accounting software £789+vat
c) CJ Electrical – emergency repairs to the lights at the Walled Garden £521+vat.
d) Lowther Forestry Group £545.70+vat – tree safety survey for the parks.
e) Lally Tree Management £750+vat – tree survey Walled Gardens.

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.

228.3 To ratify the petty cash expenditure for the Walled Garden (November 2025 to January 2026) for £188.28+vat. Cllr Fisher has checked and verified all receipts.

229. Governance
229.1 Annual Review of Parish Council Risk Assessments. These can be found on the Parish Council website, and a copy of the amendments is attached to this document. For resolution to amend/adopt.

229.2 Annual Review of Parish Council Standing Orders. These can be found on the Parish Council website, and a copy of the amendments is attached to this document. For resolution to amend/adopt.

229.3 Annual Review of Financial Regulations. These can be found on the Parish Council website with no amendments is attached to this document. For information only.

231.4 Annual Review of Parish Code of Conduct for Councillors. These can be found on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council follows the Principal Authority policy (WBC). No changes have been made since June 2021. For information only.

230. Nantwich Town Council - Support for Legislative Change to the Sale and Use of Fireworks.

At its meeting on 15 January 2026 Nantwich Town Council adopted a Notice of Motion expressing concern about the widespread distress to pets and farm animals, injuries and accidents caused by the private use of fireworks, and the demands placed on emergency services as a result of their sale and unregulated use.

In response, the Council has written to its Member of Parliament, the Prime Minister, and the Home Secretary to request national action to prevent the private sale of fireworks and to promote instead organised public displays and bonfire events conducted by responsible organisations under licence from the relevant principal local authority.
The Council believes this approach would improve public safety, reduce animal distress, and ensure better deployment of emergency services.

The text of Nantwich Town Council's motion is below for reference. Assistance is sought from the Council to support this call, including by writing to our local MP and relevant Government Ministers to request similar legislative action. Should the Council decide to support this initiative, Nantwich Town Council would appreciate a copy of the Council's correspondence to assist with collating support across the wider region.

The Council is asked to RESOLVE that

1. *Having regard to the upset to pets and farm animals , the injuries and accidents caused, and the resources spent by our emergency services, the Town Clerk is requested to write to our MP, the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary asking them to support legislation preventing the sale of fireworks and promoting, instead, public displays of fireworks and bonfires arranged by responsible organisations with licences issued by the relevant principal local authority for the area.*
2. *The Council further requests the Clerk to write to all Parish Councils in the former Crewe and Nantwich area and to all Town Councils in Cheshire East, asking them to join with this call and urging the Town Councils to send similar requests to all Parish Councils in their locality.*

For discussion and resolution to support the legislation change request.

231. Requests for Funding

231.1 The Clerk has received the following request for funding:
Grappenhall Community Library has requested a defibrillator for the outside wall of library. There will be 24-hour access to the defibrillator by a combination lock on the gates, the code to which will be provided to the emergency services. The cost of a new defibrillator is £1290+vat. The library would pay for the electrician to install. For discussion and resolution.

231.2 The Clerk has received a financial support request from Stockton Heath Festival for £400 (see attached). For discussion and resolution.

232. War Memorial – Thelwall

The War memorial needs some remedial works and re-planting. The Clerk is requesting a budget be set to update and improve the area and setting. For discussion and resolution.

233. Environment Committee – EV Chargers

233.1 Cllr Furnell will provide an update on the EV Charger installation, including the options suppliers are responding to and an indication of possible cost (notes to follow).
The Environment Committee are requesting authorisation to spend, subject to the proposals satisfying the Council's requirements. Authorisation is sought now to reduce the risk that the Council misses the 31st March 2026 deadline for a government grant contribution. For discussion and resolution.

233.2 In a PC Meeting in July 2023 (ref 2023/63) it **was resolved** that Council be recommended to explore the proposal further with WBC to installing a EV charger on our Stansfield Ave car-park. Members had agreed in principle to the proposal. WBC would manage a third-party provider. Due to permissions needed from Utilities companies the project has been very slow in progressing.
WBC are now requesting permission for Connected Kerb to make enquires and applications. Please find attached. For discussion and resolution to accept the request.

234. Warrington Borough Council Matters

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

235. Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is currently in the process of reviewing and considering all the representations submitted on the Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) draft Neighbourhood Plan. These will be reported to a future meeting of the Council and the Council, as the neighbourhood planning body, will need to agree any modifications and approve the resulting draft of the Plan for submission to WBC. Responsibility for taking the process forward then lies with WBC as the local planning authority.

236. Consideration of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:
2025/01561/FULH Single storey rear extension and boundary treatments, 609 Stockport Road, Thelwall WA4 2TH

2026/00135/NMA Non-material amendment to Condition 6 (Parking Provision) of outline ref.2022/42154 to remove reference to site layout plan, 225 Chester Road, Grappenhall, WA4 2QD (For information only)

2026/00049/DISCON Discharge of condition (CHEMP) on application 2022/42474 (Proposed demolition of existing office building and redevelopment of site for 10 no. residential dwellings), Warrington Hillcrest, Hillcrest Knutsford Road, Grappenhall WA4 3LA (For information only)

2025/01789/CLDP Single storey rear extension, 7 Lichfield Avenue, Grappenhall WA4 3LG (For information only)

2026/00144/TPOCA Proposed fell of 4 No. Trees, remedial works to 3 No. Trees and remedial work to 1 group of trees, Scout Hut Church Lane, Grappenhall WA4 3EP (For information only)

Agenda item 231.1

Name: Julie McQuillian

Organisation: Grappenhall Community Library {GCL}

Position: Secretary and Trustee for The Friends of Grappenhall Library GCL is a

registered charity. Charity Commission Reference 1144541 Payee Account; Friends of

Grappenhall Library

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- What are the main activities of the organisation?

Operating a volunteer run lending library, including books and jigsaw puzzles. Operating a wide range of community accessible activities, events, networking and support groups.

- Number of volunteers?

We have an active regular volunteer base of 35 people over a wide range of roles, with a number of 'ad hoc' volunteers also involved.

- How do the residents of Grappenhall and Thelwall benefit?

The range of activities we operate are open to all members of the community. We encourage people to start new groups and we offer and host activities of interest to all ages. For example: the lending library; book clubs; adult and children's crafts; story time; 'Time to Chat' (for people with dementia and their carers); several crafting groups; Duke of Edinburgh award students.

Grappenhall Library is in an area of residential housing. There are no other facilities in the immediate area with publicly accessible defibrillators.

- What would you like us to fund?

To purchase a defibrillator and cabinet system for fitting to the external wall of the building. Accessible 24/7 to members of the community using an on-request combination lock code for the library gates and the defibrillator. Cost of Defibrillator
£1290.00

- How much funding are you requesting from G&T Parish Council?

Funding 100% of the purchase of a defibrillator plus ongoing maintenance in line with other facilities in the community.

- Details of support provided by GCL?

GCL will arrange and pay for the installation of the defibrillator by a qualified electrician. The library will also arrange training for members of the volunteer base willing to participate.

3rd February 2026

GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL

Please complete the form below and email or post it to the contact details given in the accompanying a 'Guide to applying for a grant or Donation'

How we can contact you	
Your Name	Peter Iles-Smith
Name of organisation you are representing	Stockton Heath Festival
Position in organisation	Festival Co-ordinator
Payee Account details (include account name, sort code and account number)	[redacted]
Postal address	[redacted]
Email	peter@iles-smith.co.uk sponsors@stocktonheathfestival.co.uk
Telephone number	[redacted]
What the organisation does	
What are the main aims/activities of the organisation?	Stockton Heath Festival is a registered charity, founded in 2008, run entirely by unpaid volunteers, and aims to celebrate art, culture and heritage while strengthening community connections across Stockton Heath and the surrounding area. Each summer, over an extended four-day weekend, the Festival transforms the village into a vibrant, inclusive cultural destination, delivering around 50 events across multiple venues including the Festival Field, St Thomas' Church, the Library, green spaces and community buildings, and Grappenhall Walled Garden
How many people work for or help the organisation?	Stockton Heath Festival Trust currently has four Trustees and there is an organizing committee of around 12 people. All are volunteers. We are assisted by up to 40 additional volunteers over the festival weekend.
How do the residents of Grappenhall and Thelwall benefit from the organisation's activities? You can refer to the questions we will ask when considering your application that can be found in our 'Guide to applying for a grant or Donation'.	The festival: • Provides a live open air theatre event at Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden • provides opportunities for local groups and individuals to showcase and publicise their activities and talents (artistic, musical or dramatic) • generates community spirit by providing opportunities for local residents to come together on the Festival Field and at the various events around the local area

	• provides opportunities for other local charities and organisations to promote themselves by offering a number of free stalls on the festival field • aims to provide 'something for everyone' with a range of events, some of which are free, covering everything from sports 'taster' sessions to classical music concerts. We aim to keep ticket prices at an affordable level. • benefits local businesses by increasing footfall and providing publicity opportunities through sponsorship.
Is the organisation registered with the Charity Commission?	Yes
Registered Charity Number (if applicable)	1127698
What you would like us to fund	
Please describe your project/event and how you will use the funding	The grant will be used towards the non-performers' costs (marquees, sound, lighting, security, toilets, etc) of the 2026 festival, which we estimate to be around £35,000.
How much will the project or event cost?	The grant will be used towards the non-performers' costs (marquees, sound, lighting, security, toilets, etc) for the 2026 festival, which we estimate to be around £35,000.
How much funding are you requesting from Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council	£400
If this is not the full amount, please give details of additional funding from other sources	Other grants to be applied for: £4500 Sponsorship from local businesses (estimate): £10,000 Ticket sales, market stalls and catering (estimate): £26,000 Raffle and donations (estimate): £2500