MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2026 HELD AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, BELLHOUSE LANE, GRAPPENHALL.

Present: Councillors Browne (Chair), Hockenhull, Fernyhough, Ford, Speed, and Worsley. Observing Cllr Taylor.

In attendance: Colette Fellows, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

ACTION

27. Apologies for Absence
It was resolved that apologies received from Cllr McQuillian would be accepted.

28. Dispensation Requests
No requests received.

29. Disclosures of Pecuniary and Personal Interests
No disclosures were made.

30. Budget Review
30.1 Current Financial position across all Cost Centres - To note the financial position of the Council up to the end of December 2025. This information was available at the meeting.

30.2 Budget Setting – Members discussed draft budgets for 2026/2027, and recommended a 6.3% increase on the Precept for 2026/27. Details will follow. For discussion to accept the recommendation.

Current Precept having regard to 61 additional properties (total 4132 properties) would equate to £298,991.52. Per household £72.36.
The proposed precept would result in an increase of £4.52 per household (0.09p per week). This would generate a precept of £317,684.05. cost to resident £76.88 PY.

31. Grappenhall Heys Estate Endowment Fund
31.1 The current financial position of the Estate Fund. The Clerk presented the current cash statement and current portfolio for 2025/2026, which was emailed to all members before the meeting.

31.2 The Clerk had written to Nick Stockton (of Arnold Stansby) requesting advice on the current portfolio. Members of the Resources Committee have been sent a copy of the letter and the response received. Members resolved to accept Nick Stocktons proposal to investigate switching from fixed income, reducing renewables and looking at investments which are more geared towards giving capital growth. The Clerk will write to Nick Stockton. **CF**

31.3 In September members requested that in line with the Investment Policy that external expert advice be undertaken. The Clerk has contacted SLCC/LCC (Local Council Consultancy) The proposal has been received at a cost of £3560.00+vat for 8 days work, which was circulated to members of the Resources Committee. In addition, further information was requested as to the LCC Consultant previous experience. This was also circulated. It was resolved to accept the proposal. **CF**