GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
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To: Councillors H Speed (Chair), M Browne, B Davies, M Dolan, R Furnell, R Fisher, W Johnson, and C Worsley.

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 3 MARCH 2026 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	ALL	Details of the potential locations have been forwarded to WBC Street Services, Highways and Landscape teams. A response from WBC's Environment Services team has been received suggesting only 3 of the potential locations may be suitable from their perspective. A response from WBC Highways/Road Safety/Street Services is still awaited.	Ongoing
2	Elizabeth Park	BD	WBC has completed the resurfacing works at the entrance to Elizabeth Park	Complete

			from Parry Drive.	
3	Bulb Planting	BD	Planting at the previously agreed locations (Sites1,3 and 4) will be subject to inclusion within future years budgets. (Council Min 2025/43.3).	Ongoing
4	Design and Management Strategy	HS	A date for public consultation is to be arranged for the Spring. Unfortunately, the Mersey Forest's Forest Pod is no longer available. The consultants suggest having a staffed exhibition in indoor venues. A teams meeting has been arranged for 26 February 2026 to discuss progress.	Ongoing
5	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. However, the Garden Manager at the Walled Garden advises that planting either directly into a wooden planter or a wooden planter lined with plastic should be avoided. Therefore, alternative types of planters are being investigated. Details of the potential sites have been forwarded to WBC. A response is awaited. The Assistant Clerk is investigating the possibility of planters on the forecourts of the shops at Barley Road and railing planters at Knutsford Road shops. An update on progress will be provided at the meeting.	Ongoing
6	Book Swap	MD/MS	The Committee has previously discussed the feasibility/design of a replacement book exchange at Barley Road. However, it is suggested that this be put on hold until further details of the design and management strategy for the park is available.	Ongoing
7	Christmas Lights - Thelwall	CF/BD	A replacement Christmas tree at Thelwall Junior School was planted at the beginning of December 2025. The school fundraised and contributed £280 towards the cost of the replacement tree.	Complete
8	Environmental Improvements	ALL	Future environmental improvements to improve the environment of the villages	Ongoing

Climate and Ecological Emergency

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9	Electric vehicle chargers	BD/LW/RF	WBC is moving forward with a new operator (Connected Kerb) for the LEVI project. A letter of authority has been forwarded to WBC providing permission for the operator to contact the Distribution Network Operator to establish the feasibility of installing EV chargers on the Stansfield Drive car park. If feasible, WBC will then be able to provide plans to pass to United Utilities and Homes England to gain the	Ongoing

			permissions necessary for WBC to enter a lease with GTPC for the charger spaces. Following the resolution of the Council at its meeting on 19 February 2026 a cost/benefit evaluation is to be prepared to inform further consideration of the installation of an EV charger on the Bellhouse Car Park to enable the acquisition of an EV for the Council at the end of the current vehicles lease. An update will be provided at the meeting.	
10	Air Source Heat Pump	BDa	Work to install the air source heat pump was undertaken in January 2026.	Complete
11	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
12	Air quality	BD	The Assistant Clerk has contacted WBC and Stockton Heath PC to seek advice on installing signs requesting drivers to switch off their engines at various locations in the Parish. Stockton Heath PC has responded to say that due to staff changes it is unable to provide any information. A response from WBC is awaited. Cllr Browne undertook to raise Cllr Davies' concerns regarding WBC employees leaving their vehicle engines running when parked up. A response is awaited.	Ongoing
13	Community Events	ALL	Future community events to promote climate initiatives.	Ongoing

4. Tree surveys

The tree safety survey reports for Jubilee Park and Diamond Park were received on 3 February 2026. The report recommends some tree safety works at both parks. In addition, some work is recommended to trees on the boundaries of Jubilee Park and adjoining residential properties to minimise the potential for conflict with these properties. The Assistant Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for the work. The costs will be reported to the Committee. For discussion and resolution.

5. Parish Warden update

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

6. Budget Review

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

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