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 Thursday 7 May 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	Bulb Planting	BD	At the meeting of the Committee held on 3 March 2026 it was resolved that the site	Ongoing

			at Chester Road/York Road (Site 4) should be the next to be planted. The contractor has confirmed that the quote of £4550 + vat provided in April 2025 remains valid. The Assistant Clerk will arrange with the contractor in the Autumn.	
3	Design and Management Strategy	HS	The first public consultation session was held at Thelwall Parish Hall on 25 April. Unfortunately, attendance was very low. A further session has been arranged at the Olde Barn, GYCA on 16 May. The Assistant Clerk is arranging to put the consultation material and questionnaire onto the Council's website.	Ongoing
4	Planters	MD/MS	At its meeting on 19 March 2026 (Council Min 2025/254). The Council resolved to purchase and install 2 Broxap Bedlington planters on the forecourt of the shops at Barley Road, Thelwall at a cost of £1423.00 + vat each plus a delivery charge of £192.00. The planters are due to be delivered on 5 May. Arrangements will be made for the planters to be filled with soil/plants following delivery. An update on the possibility of planters on the forecourt of the Co-op/Chemist on Knutsford Road will be provided at the meeting.	Ongoing
5	Book Swap	MD/MS	At the meeting of the Committee held on 3 March it was agreed that further consideration of this be put on hold until further details of the design and management strategy for the park is available.	Ongoing
6	Environmental Improvements	ALL	Future environmental improvements to improve the environment of the villages. An update on progress will be provided at the meeting	Ongoing
7	Tree work	BD	The tree safety survey reports for Jubilee Park and Diamond Park received on 3 February 2026 recommended some tree safety works at both parks and some work to trees on the boundaries of Jubilee Park and adjoining residential properties to minimise the potential for conflict with these properties. At the meeting of the Committee held on 3 March 2026 3 it was **resolved** to appoint Beechwood Industries to undertake the works at a cost of £1470 + vat. The works were undertaken on 22 April 2026	Complete

Climate and Ecological Emergency

Action	Description	Lead	Update	Progress
7	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 permissions necessary for WBC to enter a lease with GTPC for the charger spaces. An update will be provided at the meeting. Following the resolution of the Council at its meeting on 19 February 2026 the Clerk and Cllrs Furnell and Worsley are preparing a cost/benefit evaluation 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.	Ongoing
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. Cllr Worsley to discuss with Cllrs McQuillian and Warner. An update will be provided at the meeting.	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. The Assistant Clerk to contact WBC to chase responses.	Ongoing
13	Community Events	ALL	Future community events to promote climate initiatives. See agenda item 4	Ongoing

4. Community events

4.1 At its meeting on 3 March 2026 the Committee agreed to use the two summer events in the Parish (Thelwall Rose Queen and Grappenhall Walking Day) to promote climate initiatives. Both events fall on

Saturday 20 June. The Committee resolved to request Council to purchase an additional gazebo and banner. The request will be considered by the Council at its meeting in May. The logistics of attending two events on the same day will require careful planning in advance. For discussion and resolution.

4.2 At its meeting on 3 March 2026 the Committee also discussed the potential for a future community event at the Walled Garden possibly around the issue of recycling. The Outreach Officer has events organised for 28 September 2026 (Autumn Fair) and 16 November 2026 (Winter Fair). There may be the opportunity to 'piggyback' onto one of these events. 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 2026/27 expenditure to date.

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