MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL OF GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BELLHOUSE LANE, GRAPPENHALL ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2026

Present Councillors Browne (Chair) Davies, Dolan, Fisher, Furnell, Hockenhull, McQuillian, Speed, Taylor and Worsley

In Attendance Colette Fellows, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Beverley Doward, Assistant Clerk

Also in attendance were members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:
S Barwell, A King, M Stuart and J Wrigglesworth

284. Apologies for Absence
It **was resolved** that apologies and reasons for absence from Cllrs Ford, Fernyhough, Hignett, Johnson and Warner be accepted.

285. Dispensation Requests
No dispensation requests were made.

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

287. Consideration of draft Neighbourhood Plan
Sarah Barwell (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) gave a brief overview of the draft Grappenhall and Thelwall Neighbourhood Plan and the results of the Regulation 14 Consultation undertaken in November/December 2025. She also referred to the productive dialogue that had taken place with Officers of the local planning authority (Warrington Borough Council) and representatives of Homes England in the process of the plan preparation to date.

Cllr Browne (Chair of the Parish Council) addressed the meeting stating:
'This evening marks an important milestone for our community. The Neighbourhood Plan we are considering is the result of several years of careful thought, consultation, and genuine local engagement. I want to place on record our sincere thanks to the residents, volunteers, and Steering Group members who have given their time, often over many years, to bring this plan forward.

What makes this plan particularly valuable is that it has been shaped by the people who live here. It reflects local priorities, local concerns, and a shared vision for the future of Grappenhall and Thelwall. It gives us a framework to guide future development, protect what residents value, and ensure that change, when it comes, is in keeping with the character of our villages. This has not been an easy or quick process. It has involved consultation, revision, and scrutiny at multiple stages, which strengthens the plan and gives it real weight. Adopting this plan is not the end of the journey, it is the beginning of a new phase where it will help shape decisions and protect the interests of our community for years to come. Members will, of course, have an opportunity to express their views before we move to a decision. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this process'.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan and prescribed documents were considered, and it **was resolved** that the draft Grappenhall and Thelwall Neighbourhood Plan and prescribed documents in line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 now be submitted to Warrington Borough Council for Regulation 16 consultation.