PARISH OF GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2026

Present: Councillors M Browne (Chair), B Davies, Ms M Dolan, Ms L Fernyhough, R Fisher, D Hockenhull, Ms W Johnson, P Warner.

In Attendance: Colette Fellows, Clerk to the Council/RFO.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors C Ford, R Furnell, B Hignett, J McQuillian, H Speed, D Taylor, and Worsley sent their apologies and reasons for absence, and it was **resolved that** these apologies be accepted.

2. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2025 were approved as a true record.

3. Chair's Report 2025-2026 Civic Year

The Chair gave a report on his year in office. See report below.

As I come to the end of my time as Chair of Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council, I would like to take a few moments to reflect on the past year and, most importantly, to say thank you.

First and foremost, thank you to the residents of the Parish. Parish Councils can only be effective when people take an interest in their community, and throughout the last year residents have continued to support local events, contribute to consultations, volunteer their time, and help shape the future of our Parish. Your involvement and community spirit are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank my fellow councillors, staff and particularly our Clerk for their efforts and contributions over the last year.

During that time, we said farewell to two Parish Councillors to two of our Parish Councillors, Leila Williams and Helena Drogan, and I would like to place on record our thanks for their service and contribution to the Parish.

We also welcomed new councillor, Dianne Taylor, who we thank for stepping forward to serve her community.

The Parish Council has remained busy throughout the year. We considered and commented on 123 planning applications, ensuring residents' views and the character of the Parish were properly represented. One of the most significant achievements this year has been the successful delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan to WBC. That was a tremendous community effort, led largely by residents and parish council staff, who

gave up a considerable amount of time and energy, and they deserve credit for that achievement.
We were also pleased to support local organisations and groups through grants and donations totalling £6651, helping valuable groups and causes within

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