MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES BELLHOUSE LANE, GRAPPENHALL ON 28 July 2026.

Present: Councillors Speed (Chair), Davies, Dolan, and Worsley

In Attendance: Beverley Doward, Assistant Clerk to the Council

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence
It was **resolved that** apologies and the reason for absence for Cllrs Browne, Fisher and Furnell be accepted.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests
No disclosures were made.

3. Parks Design and Management Strategy
Public consultation sessions were held at Thelwall Parish Hall on 25 April and at the Olde Barn, GYCA, Grappenhall on 16 May. The consultation materials were also displayed at the Parish Council's stalls at Thelwall Rose Queen and St Wilfrid's Walking Day, Grappenhall. The consultants have now produced a draft final report (attached) for discussion and feedback.

Members welcomed the report and considered that it provided the foundations for a long-term strategy for the future of the Council's Parks. The overall assessment of the parks was agreed and the 5 design principles for guiding future development (character, sustainability, wellbeing, community and inclusion) were supported. Overall, the report addresses the brief very well from a strategic landscape design perspective, but it is less complete as a management strategy. Consequently, several areas need to be expanded before it fully satisfies the original commission and can be signed off for consideration by the Committee/Council. It **was resolved** that the Assistant Clerk contact the consultants to request that the report address these areas.