GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL PARISH COUNCIL
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Dear Councillor

Members of the Council you are hereby summoned to attend the Full Council meeting of GRAPPENHALL AND THELWALL COUNCIL on **Thursday 15 October 2026 at 7.00 pm** at the Council Office, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall WA4 2SG for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Yours sincerely

Colette Fellows

Clerk to the Council/RFO

A G E N D A

109. Apologies for Absence
To consider apologies and reasons for absence. For resolution.

110. Dispensation Requests
To consider any dispensation requests from members. For discussion and resolution.

111. Disclosures of Pecuniary and Personal Interests
Members are reminded that personal interests 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 discussion on that item.

112. Minutes
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 19th September, item 97 has been amended. To receive the minutes of the Strategic Plan Working Group held on the 15th September, the Environment Committee held on the 22nd September, and the Planning Committee held on the 1st October. 2026.

113. Correspondence Miscellaneous
The Clerk has been contacted by Cheshire East and Chester Nature Recovery Officer wishing to present to members. The Clerk has suggested they contact all South Warrington Parishes to enable one presentation at one venue, one date for all to attend. The Clerk will support the Officer in organising.

114. Information for Noting
a) The Clerk and Assistant Clerk attended Grant Funding Course in Knutsford.
b) The Clerk attended an online Appraisal Course delivered by HR Company Worknest.
c) The Clerk and Asistant Clerk attended SLCC conference in Middlewich on the 24th September.
d) Councillor Contact information will be circulated to members before the meeting.

115. Update on actions from previous meetings

Agenda Item	Action Point	Lead	Status	Update
2025/279	Library Conference Equipment.	Clerk	Ongoing	The library Trustees are looking at a business case for use.
2026/36	Knutsford Road Verges	Assistant Clerk	Ongoing	See agenda item 123.1 below
2026/92	Regular donations	Clerk	Complete	
2026/93	Co-option	Clerk	Complete	All paperwork sent to WBC
2026/94	Governance	Clerk	Complete	All adopted policy is now on the website
2026/96	Remembrance Sunday Wreaths	Clerk	Ongoing	The Outreach Officer has agreed to make two wreaths.
2026/97	SID machine	Assistant Clerk	Ongoing	A meeting has been held on site with the relevant WBC Highways Officer to obtain advice on the most appropriate location for a permanent SID to be located on Thelwall New Road (Council Min 2026/97). WBC Officers are preparing the necessary drawings and WBC will fund and install the post. The solar panel and installation kit have been ordered.
2026/96	Grounds Maintenance Contract	Assistant Clerk	Complete	

116. PC Crime Report

An updated crime report will be emailed to Members prior to the meeting.

117. Expenditure to date

The Clerk will present the expenditure to date. (to be sent out separately).

118. Accounts for Payment

118.1 A schedule of Accounts for Payment to be tabled. (to be sent out separately).

118.2 To note the following items over £500 for June that must be published under the Transparency Code or the Audit Regulations Section 13 (2) 'Payments over £500 each quarter.

a) Thomas Fattorini £542.08+vat – Chains of Office engraving and cleaning costs.

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 relates to a Parish Council which has gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is the higher) exceeding £200,000.

119. Pay awards

The Clerk reported in the September meeting an incorrect pay rate for the holiday cover warden for Diamond and Jubilee Parks, who is currently on a fixed rate of £13.93 (not £13.50 as reported) to increase by 3.3% would make the hourly rate £14.39. For resolution to accept,

120. Requests for Funding

A funding request has been received from Thelwall Parish Hall towards a 'Carols around the tree' event (application to be sent out separately).

121. Thelwall War Memorial and village planting

121.1 In the 2025/26 budget a figure of £1k was agreed to replant the War Memorial in Thelwall.

Spend to date on this project has been £374. The Clerk will present some ideas on a herbaceous border with seasonal flowering which once established shouldn't be high maintenance. For discussion and resolution.

121.2 The planter on Barley Road will need replanting for the winter. Summer plant costs were £300+vat. For discussion and resolution to accept further costs for winter planting.

121.3 The triangle on Broad Lane needs winter planting. For discussion to redesign.

122. Committees, Appointments and Councillor Training

122.1 Cllr Stuart has requested to join the Planning Committee and the Environment Committee. For resolution to accept.

122.2 The Clerk has emailed all Councillors the ChALC training courses; can members confirm which courses they wish to attend.

123. Environment Committee

123.1 Knutsford Road Verges

Members have requested that the potential to improve the appearance of the verges along Knutsford Road running from Cross Lane to Mayfield Road (approximately 182 metres in length) be referred to the Environment Committee for further exploration before any commitment is made to explore what utilities may lay underneath (Council Min 2026/36 and 2026/61).

The Environment Committee **resolved to recommend** to Council that the indicative costings (please see Environment minutes for full details, item 8) for either Option A or Option B were such that it was recommended that at this point in time the Council does not fund the trial pit work necessary to explore what utilities lie underneath at a cost of £723.87+vat. Cllr Speed and the Assistant Clerk will investigate whether there are any ring-fenced funding opportunities for such schemes from WBC and/or grant funding. For resolution to accept the proposal.

123.2 EV Chargers on Stansfield Road

Council authorised the Clerk/Assistant Clerk to seek quotes for legal assistance on preparing Heads of Terms (HoTs) to propose to WBC in relation to granting a lease on part of the Stansfield Drive car park to install EV chargers (see item no 11 on Environment minutes) and following that to negotiate and prepare a lease and to seek confirmation from WBC that it will pay all Parish Council's legal fees (Council Min 2026/62).

Members considered the submissions and **resolved to** recommend to Council that the quotes should now be forwarded to WBC along with its recommendation on the preferred quote (Quotation 2) and to seek confirmation that WBC will pay all Parish Council's legal fees. For resolution to accept the proposal.

123.3 Thermal Imaging Camera

A local resident has requested whether the Council would consider initiating a thermal imaging camera loan service similar to that provided in Lymm. The loan service in Lymm is administered by Lymm Environmental Action Forum (LEAF), a local community group which was granted monies from Lymm Parish Council to obtain the camera which allows residents to identify where they are losing heat within their homes. The camera is loaned to residents free of charge but with a £40 refundable deposit.

The cost of a thermal imaging camera, like that used by LEAF (FLIR ONE Edge Pro), is approximately £350. There is currently no evidence as to how much interest there would be from residents to borrow it. There would also be logistical and administrative implications for the Council in charging and loaning the equipment out to residents. It **was resolved** to recommend to Council that it does not to pursue a Council run loan service, but that it be suggested to the resident that if they were aware of any

community group(s) willing to administer such a scheme they could apply for a grant for the purchase of the necessary equipment. For resolution to accept the proposal.

124. Neighbourhood Plan Update

WBC has now forwarded copies of the Regulation 16 Consultation responses on the Neighbourhood Plan. Nineteen individual responses were received. These include representations from WBC and Homes England.

WBC has requested the Neighbourhood Plan Independent Referral Service (NPIERS) provide details of suitably qualified and available Examiners and a shortlist of three Examiners has now been received.

WBC's preference is that the same Examiner will be used for both the Grappenhall and Thelwall Neighbourhood Plan (GTNP) and the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan to speed up the process although WBC has indicated that if agreement cannot be reached it would accept separate Examiners.

The shortlist has been reviewed and discussions held with WBC and representatives of the Lymm Neighbourhood Plan Group and Lymm Parish Council. WBC has subsequently contacted NPIERS to seek clarification regarding the shortlisted Examiners in relation to any conflicts of interest they may have and to seek confirmation of the earliest date they would be able to start the examination. This information along with details of the preferred Examiner for the GTNP will be circulated to members prior to the meeting.

As the Qualifying Body, the Parish Council is required to confirm its agreement to the preferred Examiner.

Homes England has indicated that it would like the Examiner to consider holding a hearing as part of the Examination process. It is considered that the Examination can be conducted by written representation. However, the format of the Examination will ultimately be determined by the appointed Examiner.

For resolution to confirm to WBC that the appointment of the preferred Examiner is acceptable.

125. Warrington Borough Council Matters

Cllrs Browne, Hignett, Johnson and Speed will update members on Warrington Borough Council matters.

126. Consideration of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning application:

2026/01289/TPO – 5 Gateley Close, Thelwall WA4 2WN. Remedial works to 3 No. Trees