

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 10th July 2024
Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: P Watson
Councillors: B Simpson A Morley N Cotter
 S Parish M Hussain L Hussain
 C Lynas N Catlow
 C Wren H Cooksey

Also present: Cllr Pete-Echieh, WBC Chapelford & Old Hall ward
K Carter, Parish Clerk

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Williams, Pennington & Cameron.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2024.

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved as an accurate record.

PARISH/2024/55: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2024 as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

4. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 2.7.24

4.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

Received and noted.

4.2 to consider recommendations and decide whether to approve them, including

- **Internal Audit report**
- **revised Financial Regulations.**

An explanation of the recommendations was provided. There was discussion on the proposal for additional signage at Tim Parry Recreation Ground to emphasise the restrictions on driving up to the centre. Access is for loading/unloading and disabled parking only, but this is being increasingly ignored. There have been several near misses with pedestrians and children on the playground. Costs are being sought for a new barrier but in the meantime, it was agreed to install a separate, more visible sign for drivers.

PARISH/2024/56: To note and implement the recommendations in the Internal Auditors Report.

PARISH/2024/57: To amend the Parish Council's Financial Regulations to include statutory updates, and renumber and reorganise to better match the model regulations.

PARISH/2024/58: To install a separate parking/access sign at Tim Parry Recreation Ground (LG (Misc. Prov.) A 1976 s.19)

PARISH/2024/59: To engage Moore Construction to enclose the stairway at Bewsey Barn Community Centre at a cost of £7,260 + VAT (LG (Misc. Prov.) A 1976 s.19).

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5. **Police Advisory Group: to be advised of the revised SLA for a Parish-funded PCSO and to decide whether to accept and sign.**

The SLA for the Parish-funded PCSO has been redrafted following meetings between the police and the Advisory Group, the priorities updated, and the reporting structure improved. The main priorities for the role are:

- To maintain highly visible foot and cycle patrols
- To encourage and develop community crime reduction initiatives, such as Neighborhood Watch Schemes, in conjunction with residents
- Undertake youth engagement at schools
- Assist with the deployment of Speed Indication Devices and undertake activities to enhance and maintain road safety
- Attend Parish Council meetings and provide a monthly report.

The monthly meetings between a specified Councillor and the Warrington West Beat Sergeant will also be reintroduced to maintain an ongoing dialogue. This will enable the council to respond to short-term issues within the Parish, for example, instances of a spate of specific thefts to property or vehicles, by re-focusing the PCSO's activities or disseminating information to residents.

PARISH/2024/60: *To accept and sign the proposed SLA for the parish-funded PCSO (Police Act 1996 s92).*

Cllr Wren was proposed and agreed as the liaison for the police at the last meeting; he will meet with the current Beat Sergeant and PCSO to discuss the details of the new SLA along with the Clerk.

6. **Project updates**

6.1 **Parish Playing Field: funding for drainage system**

The funding application is still in progress with the Football Foundation who have just sent through a further 5 forms for completion. They have also requested a revised quote for the work from the contractor. The information will be collated and sent as soon as possible.

6.2 **Brentnall Boat Park: proposed transfer of ownership**

The solicitor for Your Housing had provided some answers to the queries raised by GSPC at the June Parish Council meeting. The main queries relate to the boundary limit beyond the playground and the trees, pathway and railings within this. The Clerk and Head Gardener were tasked undertaking a second site visit to confirm the position and number of trees and identify the site boundary. It was proposed and agreed that the Chair and Sankey South Councillors arrange a meeting with Your Housing to discuss the points raised.

A request was made for the Parish Council to purchase hi-vis vests for the volunteers who open and close the playground, which was agreed.

PARISH/2024/61: *To purchase 10nr hi-vis vests for the volunteers of Brentnall Boat Park (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19(3)).*

6.3 **Sankey Station: community hub**

The CIC has recently received revised Heads of Terms from Arch Co. for the station house, although these have not yet been reviewed. More funding opportunities have been

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launched; these are for smaller amounts of money; the CIC may need to apply to a number of them to reach the amount needed to refurbish the property.

It is expected the CIC will be meeting shortly to discuss the Heads of Terms and the next steps for the group. It will be important to keep communications with the public going and continue the consultation on the station to make sure the group is still on the right track for the development of the building and the grounds as the outdoor space has possibilities for community initiatives.

7. To consider planning applications received by the Council and decide if any objections are to be raised.

Noted with no comments.

8. To consider correspondence received by the Council and decide if any action is required.

None.

9. To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors and from Borough Councillors on items of note within the Parish.

Cllr Parish informed members that Dakota Park Pump Track, towards which the Parish Council contributed 20k of funding, was officially opened earlier today. Whilst the track is only a small one, it is already very popular.

Cllr Cotter mentioned that there had been a complaint from Sankey Summer Fun Day which the council was unaware of on the day but had come to councillors' attention via Facebook. The complainant has been contacted and the matter is being dealt with directly through the Community Projects Group. Cllr M Hussain thanked everyone involved in the day for the contribution to a very successful event.

Cllr M Hussain reported that one of the benches funded by the Parish Council for Marina Park has been installed; the other is due for installation shortly.

Cllr Morley provided an update on the resident's complaint regarding inconsiderate parking for the Saturday Market. The measures put in place to address this have been helpful (double yellow lines on Highfields Avenue, traffic cones at the other end of Highfields Avenue, plus a reduction in the number of stalls). The situation will continue to be monitored.