

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 11th September 2024
Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: T. Williams
Councillors: B Simpson S Parish S Pennington
 N Catlow N Cotter H Cooksey
 L Hussain A Morley C Wren
 M Hussain

Also present: PCSOs Kirkham & Grady
 K Carter, Parish Clerk

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Watson, Lynas & Cameron.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024.

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

PARISH/2024/62: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

4. Police Liaison & PCSO report.

The parish PCSO was present along with the PCSO for Sankey North. They briefly introduced themselves to the council as most members had not met them before.

The new reporting format was well-received and gives more pertinent information than previously. Cllr Wren will also be meeting regularly with Beat Sergeant Anna Bell to develop the relationship between the police and council.

Cllrs raised various items for discussion, including

- Problem parking on double yellow lines. It was explained that the police do not have powers to enforce or ticket this, it is WBC. The PCSO's talk to people who have parked inconsiderately and will ask drivers to move if they have created an obstruction.
- In addition to this, the poor parking at schools during drop off and pick up was raised. This is an issue at most schools, not any specific one. It was recognised that it can be difficult for parents who need to drive, but parking is frequently inconsiderate or obstructive. PCSO Kirkham is liaising with the Civil Enforcement Officer at WBC to undertake patrols at the same time to reinforce parking regulations.
- Underage vaping. PCSO's were asked if they could monitor this and look into how these are being obtained. Livewire are running sessions in High Schools for parents, funded by Public Health England, to highlight the issues associated with vaping. Uptake so far has been disappointing; PCSO Kirkham will contact the school liaison officer to discuss.

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5. Finance Committee:

Meeting of 6.8.24

5.1 to receive the approved minutes of the meeting held on 1.8.23, including expenditure.

Minutes noted and accepted. The recommendation to install the Christmas tree at Chapelford was approved.

PARISH/2024/63: To purchase a 25' Christmas tree from WBC to be installed at the junction of Moran Drive and Boston Boulevard in Chapelford (LGA 1972 s44).

Meeting of 3.9.24

5.2 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting

Resolutions noted with no questions.

PARISH/2024/64: To note the delay in the installation of the 2 benches on Marina Park and to add plaques to the order. Total cost £2,800 +VAT. (Open Spaces Act 1906 s10).

5.3 to be informed of decisions and consider any recommendations requiring full council approval.

No recommendations.

6. Community Projects Committee

Meeting of 18.7.24

6.1 to receive the approved minutes of the meeting.

Received and noted.

Meeting of 5.9.24

6.2 to receive a verbal report of the meeting

Sankey Summer Fun Day 2025: provisional dates of 8th or 22nd June 2025

6.3 to be informed of decisions and consider any recommendations requiring full council approval.

No recommendations.

7. To review membership of Community Projects Committee and Grounds Strategy Committee.

Proposed and agreed to add Cllr Pennington to the Community Projects Committee.

PARISH/2024/65: Cllr Pennington elected as a member of the Community Projects Committee.

The title of the Grounds Strategy Committee was discussed and changed to the Parish Estates Committee. Cllr Pennington was also added to the membership.

PARISH/2024/66: Grounds Strategy to be renamed as the Parish Estates Committee; membership is Cllrs Williams (Chair), Mugeem, Simpson & Pennington.

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8. Sankey Station: to note documents and comments from solicitor and make any decisions necessary.

It was proposed and agreed that the discussion for this item is confidential because of the business relating to lease negotiations and corporate interests. Decisions only are noted below.

***PARISH/2024/67:** To accept the difference in endpoints of the leases from Arch Co. and Network Rail and inform the solicitor of this (LGA 1972 s124; LGA 1972 s133).*

***PARISH/2024/68:** To agree payment of £1944 (incl. VAT) requested by Network Rail for the agreement for lease (LGA 1972 s124; LGA 1972 s133).*

***PARISH/2024/69:** To arrange a separate meeting between GSPC and Sankey Station CIC to discuss the project in detail.*

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

Applications noted with no comments.

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

Item 1: from resident re overgrown area between Boston Boulevard and Virginia Gardens asking if GSPC could take ownership of the area. This is not possible as GSPC only has sufficient resource to manage its own sites. The area in question is WBC property and the issue will be referred to them for attention.

***PARISH/2024/70:** To refer issue of overgrown shrubs in Chapelford to WBC and inform resident.*

Item 2: WBC Gambling Policy, noted.

Item 3: Request to support campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries and their disposal. Agreed to write in support.

***PARISH/2024/71:** To write in support of the campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries.*

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

Cllr Parish reported that the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Burtonwood Road has been delayed until the end of October.

Cllr M Hussain informed that road closures will shortly be in place to allow works to upgrade cabling for electric vehicles in Mapplewell Crescent and Tankersley Grove.

Cllr Williams stated that the Friends of Tim Parry Park have requested continued use of Tim Parry Annexe to run the weekend café up to Christmas (had intended to stop at end of September) and this has been agreed. The group is considering putting on a number of small events, possibly in conjunction with GSPC and will liaise through the Community Projects Committee for these.