

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 9th October 2024
Tim Parry Community Centre

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

Also present: D Price
 L Brereton, Deputy Parish Clerk
 Cllr Peters

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

No apologies received

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2024.

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

PARISH/2024/72: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

4. Police Liaison & PCSO report.

Received and noted.

Cllr Wren has met with Sergeant Bell to develop a channel of communication.

It was agreed that the PCSO monthly report should remain confidential and not be in the public domain.

It was reported that Cheshire Police do not have the resources to support the Penketh and Sankey Remembrance Parade.

It was agreed that the Chair will contact Sergeant Bell to ask for police support for the Remembrance Parade.

Cllr Wren is to contact the police to ask that a PCSO attends the Parish Council meetings.

5. Finance Committee:

Meeting of 1.10.24

5.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1.10.24

Minutes received and noted.

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

- External Auditor's report

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- Parish Newsletter

The following recommendations were approved.

PARISH/2024/73: *To accept the External Auditor's report for the annual accounts for 2023-24. To restate the figures prior to the 2024-25 AGAR.*

PARISH/2024/74: *To engage Beauty Beneath Flooring to sand and recoat the main hall floors at Tim Parry and Whittle Hall Community Centres at a total cost of £4,580 +VAT (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1976 s19).*

PARISH/2024/75: *To cancel the production and delivery of the 2024-25 annual newsletter, reallocate the budget to another project (to be decided). The Community Projects Committee to consider alternative options for format, frequency, size and distribution.*

6. Parish Estates Committee: to be informed of meeting held on 2.10.24

6.1 to receive draft minutes of the meeting

Minutes received and noted

6.2 to approve the Terms of Reference for the Committee

The Terms of Reference were approved.

PARISH/2024/76: *The Terms of Reference for the Parish Estates Committee were approved (LGA 1972 s102).*

7. Sankey Station project update/presentation.

It was agreed to move item agenda 7 to 4, to allow Dan Price to leave after the presentation.

Cllr Morley and D Price delivered the presentation to update on the Sankey Station Project.

Matt Baker has now completed his agreed contract with the CIC Company.

The CIC Company would like to appoint a new Project Manager to take the project forward. They have identified the skills of a CIC member and have asked that they draw down £10k of the Parish Council's allocated money to appoint the Project Manager. The £10k would fund website development, planning applications and work on fund-raising ideas. It was advised that the contract between the CIC and Project Manager is shared with the Parish Council.

PARISH/2024/77: *To drawn down £10k from the Parish Council's allocated Sankey Station budget to fund a Project Manager to develop a website, work on planning applications and fund-raising ideas (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).*

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8. Brentnall Boat Park: update on discussions with Your Housing.

Your Housing want to transfer the asset as seen, which also includes 26 trees.

It was agreed that the discussion can't move forward any further unless Your Housing agree to retain the responsibility for the trees.

It was also reported that the playground is currently damaged and is being kept locked until the damage is repaired. It was suggested that the Council would not consider taking responsibility of the play area until it has been brought up to a good standard.

It was agreed that the Council should contact Your Housing to ascertain whether they would transfer the play area without the trees.

***PARISH/2024/78:** To contact Your Housing and discuss the option of transferring the Play Area without the trees (LGA 1972 s124).*

9. To discuss strategic objectives for the council.

It was agreed that Cllrs Watson and Wren will work on developing a strategic document to bring back to the Council for discussion.

10. Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2024. To receive details on the event and cover any outstanding items required.

It was reported that the Event Management Plan and Risk Assessment had been submitted to WBC Events team. The Traffic Management Company that was used for the previous year's event has been engaged to manage the road closures for this year's event.

Cllr Watson is the named Event Organiser, Cllr Morley will act as the Event Manager and Cllr Pennington is the Steward Coordinator.

10 volunteers from Penketh and 6 volunteers from Sankey have Marshalling duties. It was suggested that 20 Marshalls in total would be preferred.

It was advised that Cllr Warburton has a group that may be available to volunteer.

The steward briefing will take place at 9.45am.

Social media will be used to communicate Road Closures and letters to affected residents will be delivered.

Cllr Williams is to lay the wreath at the Cenotaph. Cllr Catlow volunteered to lay the wreath at the library.

Cllr Watson is to arrange a meeting to discuss final arrangements on Monday 4th Nov with Cllrs Pennington, Williams, and Peters.

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

Applications noted with no comments.

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- 12. To consider correspondence received by the Council and decide if any action is required.**

Received and noted.

- 13. 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 should be installed by 21st October.

An e-mail from Cllr Parish had been circulated prior to the meeting regarding the Parish boundaries on zone 4 of the Omega Development. It was agreed to write to WBC to request a community governance review in respect of Parish ward boundaries.

Cllr M Hussain reported that a litter pick was taking place on Sunday 20th October for two hours, meeting at Hood Manor Shops at 9.45am.

Cllr Morley raised concerns regarding unauthorised Firework displays that had taken place in previous years on Vicarage Community Park and Tim Parry Recreation Ground. It was suggested that the gates to Tim Parry Recreation Ground are locked, and the police are contacted to request that they give passing attention on bonfire night to the two sites and also make them aware that we have no licensed events scheduled.

Cllr Simpson reported flooding on Burtonwood Road and Boston Boulevard. It was agreed that the Parish Council would report the issue to WBC Highways department.

Cllr Cameron reported that the mini roundabout at the top of Barrow Hall Lane, off Lingley Green Avenue will be changed into a T-Junction in Nov/Dec.

PARISH/2024/79: To write to WBC to request a community governance review in respect of Parish Ward Boundaries.

PARISH/2024/80: To write to WBC Highway's Department to notify them of flooding on Burtonwood Road and Boston Boulevard.