

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL
Executive Committee
(Parish)

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 13th May 2020
(via video conference)

Chair: Cllr P Watson

Councillors: Cllr T Williams Cllr D Price Cllr A King
 Cllr S Watson Cllr P Warburton Cllr R Knowles
 Cllr P Jones Cllr S Williamson Cllr S Pennington

Also present: K Carter, Parish Clerk

1. To be informed of changes to the electoral process during the Covid 19 crisis.

A briefing note had been circulated prior to the meeting confirming that the elections have been postponed until 6th May 2021 and informing members of procedures relating to casual vacancies until that time. The Parish Council is currently carrying one such vacancy and WBC will be informed of this following the meeting. It was proposed and agreed that GSPC retains its current Chair & Vice-Chair and continues to operate under the Executive Committee. Once restrictions have eased, the council will revert to its usual operating procedures and current committee structure.

EXEC/PARISH/2020/05

RESOLVED: *To retain the current Chair and Vice-Chair and continue operating under the Executive Committee with additional member input as required. The council to revert to usual operating procedures and current committee structure once restrictions have eased.*

2. Confirmation of Chair & declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Peter Watson confirmed as Chair; the declaration of office to be signed by Cllr Watson and witnessed by the Clerk as soon as possible.

EXEC/PARISH/2020/06

RESOLVED: *Cllr Peter Watson to remain Chair of Great Sankey Parish Council*

3. Confirmation of Vice Chair

EXEC/PARISH/2020/07

RESOLVED: *Cllr Tony Williams to remain Vice-Chair of Great Sankey Parish Council*

4. Confirmation of the membership of the Finance & Employment Committees and the Community Projects Group.

EXEC/PARISH/2020/08

RESOLVED: *To retain current membership of the Finance and Employment Committees and the Community Projects Group.*

5. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

There were no apologies.



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6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2020.

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

EXEC/PARISH/2020/09

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2020 as a true and accurate record

7. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 5.5.20

7.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting

Noted

7.2 to be informed of, and have the opportunity to question, items approved for payment

Noted with no questions.

7.3 to be informed of authorised payments of £9492.68 for net wages and £2293.52 for HMRC

Noted.

7.4 to consider recommendations and decide whether to accept them

Recommendations accepted with no queries.

EXEC/ PARISH/2020/10

RESOLVED: To approve quote from The Tom Taylor Company Ltd for upgrades to the Parish Council website (LGA 1972 s142)

8. To be informed of the current situation regarding the Council's community centres and to consider requirements for re-opening following Government guidance.

A briefing note had been circulated prior to the meeting. The office is considering options for re-opening the community centres on a phased basis following Government guidance. Risk assessments will be carried out, with an emphasis on safety of Council staff and centre customers. Working practices for staff and cleaning schedules will be prioritised. All assessments will need to be subject to constant review; Councillors will be updated accordingly.

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

Planning application 2020/36842 relating to Arpley Landfill Site was discussed and the problems experienced by residents acknowledged. However, it was accepted that whilst there will be additional short-term disruption for residents, this application is aimed at minimizing that disruption and therefore no objection was raised. WBC will monitor the traffic and soil quality as part of the planning requirement.

Amended plans had been received from St Helens Council relating to the development of Omega South West, but not in time for members to have considered the plans prior to the meeting. GSPC has already submitted an objection to the original plans; it was proposed and

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agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would review the amended documents and submit a further comment if necessary. It was agreed to contact the MP for Warrington and ask for his views on the development. Members were also reminded that a meeting with WBC to discuss the development of both Omega South West and the wider area had been put on hold because of Covid-19 and it was agreed to request that this now goes ahead.

EXEC/ PARISH/2020/11

RESOLVED: Chair and Vice-Chair to review amended plans for Omega South West and submit additional comments if necessary.

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

There was no correspondence.

11. To consider items raised by members of the Council

Cllr Williamson drew attention to the fact that some members of public are not using face masks correctly and pointed out that these must be worn over both the nose and mouth to be effective.

Cllr King gave a report on the volunteer group at Hood Manor Community Centre and answered questions from other members. The spreadsheet produced by volunteer admin team giving numbers of food parcels and recipients will be circulated to all councillors. Cllr S Watson stated that the committee for Sankey Seniors were keeping in touch with all members to ensure they are staying safe and to keep spirits raised.

Cllr Pennington informed members that work had recommenced on the field at Parsonage Way, now named Vicarage Community Park.

