

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 19th May 2021

Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: Cllr P Watson
Councillors: Cllr D Price Cllr P Jones Cllr M Hussain
Cllr P Warburton Cllr A King Cllr D Clark
Cllr N Catlow Cllr L Butler Cllr A Morley
Cllr H Patel Cllr B Sutcliffe Cllr S Pennington

Also present: K Carter, Parish Clerk
L Brereton, Deputy Clerk

1. Election of Chair.

Cllr Peter Watson elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

PARISH/2021/40

RESOLVED: Cllr Watson elected as Chair of Great Sankey Parish Council

2. To hear Declaration of Acceptance of Office from Chair.

Cllr Watson formally accepted the office of Chair of the Parish Council. The declaration will be signed and witnessed by the Clerk following the meeting.

3. Election of Vice Chair.

PARISH/2021/41

RESOLVED: Cllr Price elected as Vice-Chair of Great Sankey Parish Council

4. To elect Chair of Finance Committee plus five further members.

PARISH/2021/42

RESOLVED: Cllr Price elected as Chair of the Finance Committee; other members to be Cllrs Morley, Sutcliffe, Clark, Hussain & Jones.

5. To elect Chair of Employment Committee plus four further members.

PARISH/2021/43

RESOLVED: Cllr Jones elected as Chair of the Employment Committee; other members to be Cllrs King, Clark, Patel and Pennington.

6. To elect Chair of Community Projects Group plus five further members.

PARISH/2021/44

RESOLVED: Cllrs King, Morley, Sutcliffe, Catlow, Warburton & Jones elected as members of the Community Projects Group; the Chair to be elected at the first meeting of the group.

7. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Knowles.



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8. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2021.

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

PARISH/2021/45

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 as a true and accurate record.

9. To receive any declarations of interest.

An explanation was given for new members on declarations of interest. There were no declarations for the current meeting.

10. PCSO reports

The report from PCSO Potts had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The role of the Parish-funded PCSO was highlighted for new members and it was agreed to invite PCSO Potts and the new Sergeant for the area to a future meeting.

11. To be informed of training sessions for Councillors given by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

Information on online training sessions for Councillors had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was primarily aimed at new Councillors but would be open to anyone interested. Members to email the Clerk following the meeting to register interest for the Parish Office to organise the sessions with ChALC. Councillors would also be forwarded copies of the Good Councillors Guide and the Parish Council Toolkit.

12. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 4.5.21 12.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

Received and noted.

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

The items approved for payment were accepted with no questions.

12.3 to consider recommendations made and decide whether to accept them.

Recommendations from the meeting were approved with no comments.

PARISH/2021/46

RESOLVED: To offer an extension to the temporary contract for the new caretaker at Bewsey Barn until Christmas 2020 (LGA 1972, s112).

PARISH/2021/47

RESOLVED: To note the end-of-year financial statement for the Council and agree the final figure for movement of funds to earmarked reserves (Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015, reg. 4)

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RESOLVED: To allow one month's storage for Gemini Theatre Group following their departure from Hood Manor Community Centre. To dispose of, or impose a charge, following this period if equipment is not removed (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act, 1976, s19(2)).

13. To be advised of the current status of ongoing Council business:

13.1 Renewable energy for community centres

13.2 Parish Playing Field drainage

13.3 Sankey Station building

13.4 Westbrook library

A note had been circulated prior to the meeting with an explanation of the projects listed above and these were discussed briefly. Two new members indicated that they have experience in some areas which may be helpful in the future for the renewable energy, drainage on the Parish Playing Field and Sankey Station projects.

14. To be advised of process for creating agenda items for Parish Council meetings.

All members were advised of correct procedure. Any councillor may request an agenda item through the Clerk in writing/email which must be received at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Any item received after this will be deferred to the next appropriate meeting. This ensures that there is sufficient information on any items to be put forward for discussion and that this information is received in time to be circulated and read by all Councillors prior to discussion at the meeting.

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

2021/39262: Storage container by Lingley Mere Business Park.

It was recognized that this storage container belongs to the Land Trust and that it stores equipment used during training courses. It was also recognized that the Parish Council supported the initial application to site the container and the works achieved in the wooded areas as part of the training courses have improved the area to the benefit of residents. However, it was noted that the container now requires some maintenance (at minimum, repainting) if it is to remain in its current location so that it does not have a negative visual impact on the area. It was agreed to comment on the application requesting that maintenance on the unit is made a condition if the application is approved.

PARISH/2021/49

RESOLVED: To request that, if approved, a condition is placed on the application for the storage container by Lingley Mere Business Park that maintenance is carried out and it is kept in a good condition.

2021/39365: Proposed 5G telecommunications mast installation.

This application was discussed in some detail and it was agreed that the proposed installation would be detrimental for the area in general because of its size and its location near to residential properties was inappropriate and overbearing. It was noted that the need for the mast cannot be questioned and that objections can only be raised on specific. It was also recognized that such applications may not be refused outright, but it may be possible to influence location and/or size. It was agreed to:

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- i. lodge an objection to the application on the grounds of loss of visual amenity to the surrounding area and negative impingement on residents,
- ii. request that it is referred to the Development Management Committee for full consideration,
- iii. request that the siting of the installation is reconsidered and suggest the corner of the nearby playing field would be more appropriate,
- iv. request that the overall size of the installation is reviewed, and the height reduced.

PARISH/2021/50

RESOLVED: To object to planning application 2021/39365 and request it is reviewed by the Development Management Committee.

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

There was one item from the PCSO Training Coordinator with a request for short video clips from members of the community highlighting the work of the PCSOs which will be used at a Police conference in July. This was noted and individual Councillors may contact the coordinator directly.

17. To receive verbal reports from Councillors and consider if any action is required.

Cllr Warburton

- had been contacted by a resident regarding inappropriate use of Barrow Hall Lane by Royal Mail HGV's. Cllr Patel reported that this item has been passed to Warrington Borough Council and it is being dealt with.
- mentioned the new 'Lest We Forget' bench installation on Lingley Green which has received positive comments from residents. The bespoke benches being constructed for Airlift Park (Omega) have had the design approved by the Burtonwood Association. The designs will show the aircraft in use from the airbase and will be situated next to the Pickett-Hamilton Fort.

Cllr King

- the access times to Penketh Business Park are not being adhered to; access is prohibited after 9pm and there is still some traffic up to midnight.
- Crosfields club building cannot reopen because of potential problems with Legionnaires. Warrington Borough Council is dealing with the issue and it is hoped it will be resolved by the end of the month. This has caused some difficulties for the club which has a full weekend of rugby matches organised.
- ideas for Childs Wood Field will be brought to a future meeting. It was noted that the Parish Council has previously requested that the pathway/cycleway is continued from Warrington West Station to connect past St James Church. WBC have advised that this has been put on the list of areas to be considered.

Cllr Price

- informed members that he would be proposing an item on the next agenda for discussion on an Honorary Freedom of the Parish Award.

Cllr Watson

- mentioned that the Council would review Standing Orders in the future and whilst these provide a framework for the proper administration of the Council and will be enforced where appropriate, he would prefer to conduct meetings in a slightly more relaxed style and would encourage feedback from any member.

