

# GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Tim Parry Community Centre

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**Chair:** Cllr P Watson  
**Councillors:** Cllr D Price                      Cllr M Hussain                      Cllr B Sutcliffe  
                  Cllr N Catlow                      Cllr A Morley                      Cllr S Pennington  
                  Cllr R Knowles                      Cllr H Patel                      Cllr S Parish  
                  Cllr A King                      Cllr P Jones                      Cllr D Clark

**Also present:** 1 member of public  
K. Carter, Parish Clerk  
L. Brereton, Deputy Clerk

**1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.**

Apologies were received by the Clerk prior to the meeting from Cllr Warburton.

**2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

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

**PARISH/2021/119**

**RESOLVED:** To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 as a true and accurate record.

**3. To receive any declarations of interest.**

None.

**4. PCSO reports**

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. A request will be made for information on outcomes to reported incidents.

**5. To be informed that no election was called for the casual vacancy in Central Ward and the post will be filled by co-option. To discuss the process for co-option and possible nominations.**

WBC had advised that no election had been called for the vacancy and therefore the Parish Council could fill the vacancy by co-option. It was proposed that Nikki Cotter be co-opted as she has been attending the Community Projects Group as a non-councillor member to lend her expertise to the group. The proposal was approved by majority vote.

**PARISH/2021/120**

**RESOLVED:** To co-opt Nikki Cotter to the Parish Council to serve as Parish Councillor for the Central Ward (Representation of the People Act 1983, s36).



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## 6. Matters Arising

- 6.1 Remembrance Sunday parade & service – reminder of date & times
- 6.2 Christmas tree, Chapelford – installation date advised – weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> November
- 7. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 2.11.21

### 7.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting

Received and noted with no questions.

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

The items for payment were accepted with no questions.

### 7.3 to consider recommendations and decide whether to accept them

Accepted with no questions or comments.

#### **PARISH/2021/121**

**RESOLVED:** To extend the current grounds maintenance contracts by a period of 6 months to the end of September 2022 (Open Spaces Act 1906, s10).

#### **PARISH/2021/122**

**RESOLVED:** To set up a Grounds Review Working Group to undertake a cost analysis and feasibility study for in-house maintenance of Parish Council grounds with a full report to be presented to the council for decision. Membership to be agreed; non-councillors with relevant expertise to be allowed on the working group (Open Spaces Act 1906, s10).

#### **PARISH/2021/123**

**RESOLVED:** To retain the current levels of hire rates for the community centres for a further year; to be reviewed in October 2022 (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976, s19(2)).

#### **PARISH/2021/124**

**RESOLVED:** To assess suitability of Council properties for the installation of community public access defibrillators (Public Health Act 1936, s234).

#### **PARISH/2021/125**

**RESOLVED:** To purchase room dividers for Bewsey Barn Community Centre. A budget of up to £5000 approved; office staff to make the final decision (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

#### **PARISH/2021/126**

**RESOLVED:** To pass the final decision to the Community Projects Group for the design and company choice for the installation of play equipment at Tim Parry Recreation Ground and Vicarage Community Park (LGA 1976 s101).

#### **PARISH/2021/127**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the quote (£6795) from SamRose Windows for replacement windows for Bewsey Barn Community Centre (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

#### **PARISH/2021/128**

**RESOLVED:** To give the concessionary rate for non-profit making community groups to a new booking of a social group for young people with SEND. Up to 4 meetings free use once the group commences (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19(2)).

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## 7.4 to decide membership of the Grounds Review Working Group

**PARISH/2021/129**

**RESOLVED:** Grounds Review Working Group membership: Cllrs Price, Clark, Pennington & Knowles plus T. Williams as a non-councillor member.

## 8. Sankey Station – project update (Cllr Price).

See agenda item 15.

## 9. To decide on the council's response to the consultation on the draft Local Plan for Warrington.

The potential impacts of the Local Plan for residents of Great Sankey were discussed in detail and the points to be raised within the consultation response agreed.

**PARISH/2021/130**

**RESOLVED:** To respond to the consultation on the Warrington Local Plan on the points raised during discussion.

## 10. Report from Borough Councillors on items of note within the Parish of Great Sankey.

Cllr Patel (Great Sankey North & Whittle Hall ward)

Informed that WBC have agreed to arrange joint meetings with interested Parish Councils regarding reducing Warrington's carbon footprint.

Cllr King (Great Sankey South ward)

Informed of a meeting between Borough Councillors and Warrington Voluntary Action to discuss whether Great Sankey can be included in the list of areas for residents surveys.

Cllr Hussain (Great Sankey South ward)

Noted that the meeting mentioned last month between residents, WBC and the Environment Agency to discuss concerns and measures to address flooding in Sankey Bridges will be taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Your Housing have fixed the fence around Brentnall Park in Hood Manor, but funding is required to repair the equipment before the park will be opened.

The Old Airbase Residents Association now have around 300 members and are looking into the installation of a publicly accessible defibrillator.

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

One application was listed (2021/40279) and discussed. No objections were raised.

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

PCC notification of the launch of the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24. Councillors to respond individually.

**13. To receive verbal reports from Councillors.**

Cllr King told members of a carol service being organised in Crosfields Recreation Ground on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. It was also mentioned that Crosfields will be installing a publicly accessible defibrillator at the club.

Cllr Parish detailed proposed changes to the rail timetable which will affect provision at Warrington West next year which were discussed fully. The individual rail companies are to consult on the proposals and the parish council will comment once this happens.

Cllr Catlow noted that the Halloween event organised by Jump Charity at Whittle Hall Community Centre raised £536 and was a great success. Also mentioned was the poppy display installed by the WEGS WI along the front railings of Vicarage Community Park which has been receiving numerous positive comments. Finally, he thanked the Borough Councillors for Chapelford and Old Hall ward for their help with the donations to Warrington Food Bank over the Halloween weekend. Members discussed inviting the food bank to give an update to Councillors on the current issues being faced and campaigns being run. This sparked a wider conversation regarding other organisations and shortages such as school uniforms and the possibility of arranging a separate meeting for presentations from these organisations.

Cllr Clark raised an issue brought by a resident regarding potholes on Whittle Avenue and Lingley Green Avenue which have only recently been resurfaced following the road upgrades. This can be brought to WBC's attention if the locations are forwarded to the parish office.

**14. To exclude members of the public and press from the meeting for discussion of agenda item 15 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest for reasons of commercial confidentiality.**

There were no members of public present at this point of the meeting.

**15. To receive land valuations for plots adjacent to Sankey Station and discuss options.**

It was agreed to enter into negotiations with the landowner for the purchase price of the plot listed within the valuation document as agreed in the discussion. The Council to be notified of the price which would be accepted by the landowner for a decision on whether to proceed with the purchase.

**PARISH/2021/131**

**RESOLVED:** To negotiate a purchase price for the land at Sankey Station as discussed for a decision by full Council on whether to proceed (LGA 1972, s124).