

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 13th October 2021

Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: Cllr P Watson
Councillors: Cllr D Price Cllr M Hussain Cllr B Sutcliffe
 Cllr N Catlow Cllr A Morley Cllr P Warburton

Also present: 3 members of public
K. Carter, Parish Clerk

Public Participation

One resident raised objections to planning application 2021/40127: proposed installation of 15m monopole and requested that the Parish Council object to the application. This was discussed in detail. The Parish Council had objected to the previous application (2021/39365) for an 18m monopole at the same site. The height reduction of 3m was not considered sufficient to mitigate the loss of visual amenity and the negative impact on nearby residents that the installation would cause, and the resident was advised that the council would register a further objection to this application.

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies were received by the Clerk prior to the meeting from Cllrs Clark, Jones and Parish. Additional apologies were received at the start of the meeting from Cllrs Knowles, Patel and King.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021.

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

PARISH/2021/103

RESOLVED: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

Cllr Warburton declared a personal interest under agenda item 14, the first letter from a resident being a relative.

4. PCSO reports

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 Remembrance Sunday parade & service

An update on the event had been provided to the Finance Committee at their meeting on 5th October. In the past the RBL has organised the Remembrance Day parade and service, but have been advised that, as this is a civic event, this should now be organised by the parish councils, particularly the road closures necessary for the parade. Both Parish Council's have previously contributed £600 towards costs for the event, and this should be sufficient to cover



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costs for this year. FINANCE/2021/96 therefore recommended that £600 is donated to the RBL for the Remembrance Sunday event and that this should be increased, if necessary, after further consideration by the Finance Committee.

PARISH/2021/104

RESOLVED: To donate £600 to the RBL towards the Remembrance Sunday event; this amount to be increased, if necessary, after consideration by the Finance Committee (LGA 1972 s137).

5.2 Whittle Hall pond: street cleaning

WBC have been approached to see if the street cleaning to remove the duck/goose mess on the pavements can be put on a formal footing to be continued on a regular basis with contributions from the Land Trust and GSPC. Whilst the problem is restricted to a small area within Great Sankey, it is causing concern among residents and Barrow Hall Primary School as children are walking through it on their way to school. Information has been received regarding options for reducing the population directly or deterring the birds, however these are unlikely to be effective in this location. The only realistic solution is to educate people about health hazards and discourage overfeeding so that the population size does not grow artificially high. The Land Trust are currently recruiting for a new member of staff for the area; once this post has been filled a meeting will be arranged to discuss various items relevant to the area and options for partnership working.

5.3 Christmas trees

A tree and lights have been ordered for the roundabout at the junction of Moran Drive and Boston Boulevard in Chapelford as in previous years. A request has been made for additional lighting and a response is awaited.

Arrangements were unable to be finalised to order an additional tree at Hood Lane Community Centre. Investigations are being undertaken to see if string lighting can be installed on the centre instead. These would be able to be seen from Sankey Way for anyone going to and from the town centre.

6. Community Projects Group: to be informed of the meeting held on 30.9.21

6.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting

Received and noted with no questions.

6.2 to consider any recommendations and decide whether to accept them

Accepted with no questions or comments.

PARISH/2021/105

RESOLVED: To hold Great Sankey Summer Fun Day 2022 on Dakota Park on Sunday 12th June from 12pm to 4pm subject to obtaining a temporary events license from WBC.

PARISH/2021/106

RESOLVED: To discuss with the Finance Committee the Parish Council's budget and submit proposals for phase two of Vicarage Community Park and refurbishment of play equipment at Tim Parry Recreation Ground

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7. Joint CPG/Finance: to be informed of the meeting held on 5.10.21

7.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting

Received and noted.

7.2 to consider any recommendations and decide whether to accept them

An explanation of the meeting and recommendations was given. These were accepted.

PARISH/2021/107

RESOLVED: To obtain quotes for the repair and upgrade of the play area at Tim Parry Recreation Ground and for the installation of a timber adventure trail at Vicarage Park with budgets of 40K and 10K respectively, with an additional 20% contingency plus VAT.

8. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 5.10.21

8.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting

Received and noted with no questions.

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

The items approved for payment were accepted with no questions.

8.3 to consider recommendations and decide whether to accept them

Accepted with no questions or comments.

PARISH/2021/108

RESOLVED: To accept the report from the external auditor on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31st March 2021 (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015).

PARISH/2021/109

RESOLVED: To extend free use of Hood Lane Community Centre for the Good Neighbours WA5 group. This to be reviewed in the New Year or if a request is received from another customer (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

PARISH/2021/110

RESOLVED: To request an amended invoice from Aberla for the preconstruction surveys on Bewsey Barn and Whittle Hall Community Centres with costs for an asbestos survey at Whittle Hall removed (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

PARISH/2021/111

RESOLVED: To authorise EDR Landscapes to create a raised bed on Vicarage Park at a cost of £3150 +VAT; £1750 to be paid upfront for materials (Open Spaces Act 1906 ss10).

PARISH/2021/112

RESOLVED: To purchase and install a concertina divider wall for Bewsey Barn Community Centre. Further quotes to be obtained before a final decision is made (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

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PARISH/2021/113

RESOLVED: To give permission for Jack and Jill preschool to install artificial grass to the play area up to the outdoor classroom. The grass to be installed at their own liability; the Parish Council reserves the right to remove it in the future (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

PARISH/2021/114

RESOLVED: To give a donation of £150 to Mature Movers for their Christmas party (LGA 1972 s137).

9. To receive a report on the summer playschemes held at Tim Parry and Whittle Hall Community Centres and consider proposal for 2022.

A report had been circulated with a review of the playscheme that had taken place in August 2021 at Tim Parry and Whittle Hall Community Centres. The playschemes were again a resounding success with children enjoying sports and craft activities with, on average, fifty children attending daily. It was proposed and agreed that Little Superstars should be engaged to run the playschemes in 2022 with Hood Manor as an additional venue.

PARISH/2021/115

RESOLVED: To engage Little Superstars to run the Parish Council's summer playscheme in 2022 at Tim Parry Community Centre and Whittle Hall Community Centre, and to increase the provision to include Hood Manor. To investigate the possibility of running it at Sankey Valley St James Primary School to make use of their outdoor space, otherwise to utilise Hood Manor Community Centre.

10. Sankey Station – project update (Cllr Price).

A response is awaited on the land valuations for plots adjacent to the station; this is expected by the November meeting and will be discussed then.

11. Project proposal – Pump Track (Cllr Warburton).

The project was explained in detail. Pump tracks are relatively new and are similar to a BMX track but can be small in size. They are extremely good for improving bike control skills and fitness, and suitable for all ages. The first stage will be to find a suitable location within the parish and explore possible funding streams. It was agreed Cllrs Warburton and Watson will continue investigations and look at the feasibility of the proposal.

PARISH/2021/116

RESOLVED: For Councillors Warburton and Watson to investigate the feasibility of installing a pump track within the parish.

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

Cllr Hussain (Great Sankey South ward)

Informed members that a meeting had taken place between ward councillors, Your Housing and parish councillors regarding Brentnall Park in Hood Manor. The park has been fenced off for some time and residents are frustrated. Your Housing have agreed to increase the fence height

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to deter older children from gathering after hours. The residents' association recently set up may also be approached to help with litter picking and locking/unlocking.

Mitigation methods to prevent further flooding in the Sankey Bridges area are being implemented. Residents are still extremely concerned that homes may be flooded again this year, but many are unaware of the works being done. Councillors have arranged a meeting with residents, WBC officers and partner organisations to explain the mitigation works and answer any queries. It is also hoped to encourage more people to sign up to the Flood Alert site.

There have been problems reported near Warrington West Station with drivers failing to stop at the pedestrian crossing. PCSO's are aware of the issue and will increase patrols in the area.

Cllr Warburton (Chapelford & Old Hall ward)

Noted that there will be some disruption around Lingley Green Avenue/Liverpool Road in the next couple of weeks whilst the final part of the roadworks (resurfacing) is completed. It is expected that the traffic lights will be commissioned in November.

There will be a Christmas carol event in Chapelford; dates to be advised.

The benches for Airlift Hill have been delivered and hopefully will be installed shortly. Miller Developments financed the benches, Burtonwood Association were involved with the design which reflects the history of the site, installation and maintenance will be carried out by the Land Trust who now manage Airlift Hill.

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

2021/40127, installation of 15m monopole and associated ancillary works, Liverpool Road. Discussed in detail in the public part of the meeting. Objection to be raised.

PARISH/2021/117

RESOLVED: To object to planning application 2021/40127 based on the negative impact on nearby residents and loss of visual amenity.

2021/40059, installation of floodlights, Crosfields Rugby Club. No objection but it was noted that a query has been raised regarding the electricity supply as it is not clear where this will be from. The previous floodlights on the hard standing area were supplied through Hood Lane Community Centre and clarification is being sought that the same is not intended for these new lights as this would impact on the Parish Council.

2021/40237, installation of 16m monopole and associated works, Burtonwood Road/Farmleigh Gardens. This will impact nearby housing which faces the proposed location. It was noted that whilst other locations have been considered, the reason for discounting several is that the road is not adopted. It was expected that those roads will be adopted in the future and therefore the reason for not considering those sites is short-sighted. It was also suggested that Childs Wood Field, which is owned by the Parish Council, may be an acceptable location and the council would consider such an installation on the field to relieve any negative impact on residents.

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PARISH/2021/118

RESOLVED: *To object to planning application 2021/40237 based on the negative impact on nearby housing. To point out that the reason for dismissing several alternative sites is not appropriate and to suggest Childs Wood Field as a possibility to be considered.*

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

Item 1: resident's proposal for planting a small grove of trees on Vicarage Park. Councillors appreciated the suggestion although it was noted that this might not be possible at that location, mainly because care needs to be taken not to disrupt the drainage system installed to relieve waterlogging on the field. The council's grounds contractor will be contacted for views on the proposal. It was also suggested that the Land Trust may be interested in the idea for Airlift Hill which has already been put to the resident.

Item 2: Consultation on speeding issues (ChALC). This is for a pilot scheme for average speed cameras. After discussion, it was felt that there are not areas within Great Sankey where average cameras would work. The council is in the process of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) which the PCSO's will be able to use in problem areas in the parish and collect data which was considered to be of more use in the parish.

Item 3: Planning training (WBC). The invitation to training on planning had been circulated to all councillors for a direct response if anyone is interested in attending. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

15. To receive verbal reports from Councillors.

Cllr Morley mentioned that a new venture was opening on Station Road, Stitch Station, where people will be able to learn a craft along with coffee shop facilities.

Cllr Catlow stated that he was pleased to hear that a meeting will be arranged with the Land Trust. This is with a view to discussing ways the Parish Council may be able to work with them to address issues in the Whittle Hall area, such as the mess surrounding the duck pond and litter on Whittle Hall park.