

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 13th April 2022

Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: P Watson
Councillors: N Catlow N Cotter M Hussain
 D Price H Patel A King

Also present: PCSO A. Flanagan (Sankey South)
 PC K Sherratt (Whittle Hall)
 K. Carter, Parish Clerk

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jones, Morley, Parish, Clark, Warburton, Pennington and Knowles.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022.

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

PARISH/2022/32: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations.

4. PCSO reports.

The March report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that the recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour also includes incidents where members of public have reported suspicious activity as well as ASB. Cllr Catlow requested the results from the deployment of the Speed Indicator Device on Kingsdale Road. Cllr Hussain commented that he has noticed that there has been a longer-term impact on driver behaviour from its deployment along Sycamore Lane as driver are still slowing at the pedestrian crossing. He also praised the work of PCSO Flanagan who has settled into the role at Sankey South and undertakes the job with commitment and enthusiasm. Residents have noticed this and mentioned it to councillors.

5. Community Projects Group: to be informed of the meeting held on 23.3.22

5.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

Noted.

5.2 to be informed of recommendations and decide whether to accept them.

Noted with no questions.

5.3 to confirm attendance at Sankey Fun Day

Members will be contacted after the meeting by email.

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6. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 5.4.22

6.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

Noted. A request was made that further detail is added to the item covering the financial contribution to Your Housing towards the refurbishment of the Boat Park and that the total costs that Your Housing have spent on the park are stated. This was agreed.

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

Noted with no questions.

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

Recommendations approved.

PARISH/2022/33: To make a financial contribution of £2,500 to Your Housing towards the refurbishment costs of Brentnall Park (Open Spaces Act 1906, s10).

PARISH/2022/34: To authorise payment for the tarmac at Bewsey Barn Community Centre, subject to satisfactory completion and receipt of the invoice prior to the next Finance meeting (Local Govt. (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).

PARISH/2022/35: To give £100 to Jack & Jill Preschool towards costs for a farm visit (LGA 1972, s137).

PARISH/2022/36: To offer a free stall at Sankey Fun Day to help with fundraising efforts for 2 Scouts to attend the World Scout Jamboree 2023.

PARISH/2022/37: To combine surplus funds from 2021-22 with remaining earmarked reserves and allocate the following projects: renovation of Tim Parry play area & installation of new play equipment on Vicarage Community Park, Parish Playing Field drainage, solar panels for Bewsey Barn Community Centre, council van, Sankey Station, equipment for grounds maintenance.

7. Sankey Station project: to consider proposal from Rise Associates.

The proposal from Rise Associates for the next stages of the project to convert the Sankey Station building for community use had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Council has already recognized that outside expertise is needed for the project and Rise Associate, who were involved in the initial consultation work, have a proven track record of completing similar schemes across the country. It is proposed that the building will create a community facility with a local café along with incubator space for local start-up businesses. The total consultancy fee for the work is £15,000 and will include the establishment of a steering committee, support with a community asset transfer including negotiations with the owners, identification of funding, overseeing the conversion of the building into suitable space through a contractor, and marketing of the space prior to opening. A monthly progress report will be provided with an associated invoice and there will be an option for the Parish Council to terminate the project at any stage if it is not viable. The proposal and fee were accepted with all in favour.

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PARISH/2022/38: *To accept the proposal from Rise Associates to project manage the transfer and conversion of the Sankey Station building to the Parish Council for use as a community facility.*

8. To be advised of the review of GSPC's policy documentation.

A briefing paper had been circulated prior to the meeting, with an explanation of the review process.

Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct are reviewed by full council, usually at the May meeting. Financial Regulations are reviewed by the Finance Committee in the first instance, with ratification by full council if changes are needed. This is usually done in September as the audit takes precedence in May/June. Health & Safety documents and risk assessments are reviewed by the Employment Committee at their annual meeting in November. The remaining documents are reviewed by the Clerk around February/March. Any changes necessary are reported to the Council for discussion and agreement. Any policy may also be amended at any other time, if necessary, by decision of the council. It was noted that no changes are currently required.

PARISH/2022/39: *To note and accept the review of Council policies with no changes.*

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

A query was raised about the status of the Western Link. Cllr Patel confirmed that the Local Plan has been approved and the Western Link is part of the plan. The government has given permission for the road to go ahead, and funding is now being considered. The decision on this will impact the future of the build. The business case for the project is therefore under constant review.

Cllrs King & Hussain (Sankey South). Stated that they have formed a good relationship with Your Housing and have been walking around the Hood Manor area to help identify areas that need attention. Cllr King also mentioned that the Good Neighbours WA5 volunteer group had undertaken a large delivery to support residents in need over the Easter break.

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

Noted with no questions.

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

None for consideration.

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12. To receive verbal reports from Councillors.

Cllr Catlow noted that more warehousing has been approved for Omega West with the access through Skyline Drive. He suggested the Parish Council should monitor traffic and respond if necessary. Cllr Watson noted that part of the Community Engagement Strategy, which is under development, will be to obtain residents views on issues in the area including traffic.

Cllr Watson proposed the council should review its cyber security, including virus protection and sharing of files. Cllrs Patel and King have some knowledge in this area and are willing to assist.