

# GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Tim Parry Community Centre

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**Chair:** P Watson  
**Councillors:** N Catlow                      S Pennington                      D Clark                      N Cotter  
                    D Price                                      B Sutcliffe                      P Jones

**Also present:** K. Carter, Parish Clerk  
                    PCSO's Potts, Jones and Flanagan

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Parish, Warburton, Hussain, King, & Patel who were at an EGM of Warrington Borough Council. Apologies were also received from Cllrs Knowles and Morley.

**2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022.**

The draft minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting; Cllr Catlow requested an amendment to item 6.4 (precept) to add a notation that he voted against the recommendation for the precept. This was agreed and the minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting with the inclusion of this amendment.

**PARISH/2022/8**

**RESOLVED:** *Subject to the amendment noted above, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 as a true and accurate record.*

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

None.

**4. PCSO reports**

The Parish-funded PCSO, Debbie Potts, was in attendance along with PCSO Aiden Flanagan (Sankey South) and PCSO Michelle Jones (Sankey North). The report for January had been circulated and was noted by Councillors. The following queries were raised and answered:

**Qu 1:** are the PCSO's aware of inconsiderate parking issues in Billington Close and Stockdale Drive, related to school pick up and drop off times?

**Ans:** PCSO's and Traffic Enforcement Officers attend as much as possible to inform drivers and move vehicles on if necessary, but this is a constant problem.

**Qu 2:** are the PCSO's aware of reports of Kintore Drive being used as a 'race track'.

**Ans:** the Police have had no reports of this. The area can be patrolled and both the SID and Trucam deployed. Residents are advised to report any incidents directly with details of location, days and times.

**Qu 3:** how is deployment of the SID decided and how are the data used?

**Ans:** the SID is deployed in response to residents' reports of speeding, Police local knowledge of problem areas and on request from the Parish Council. The data collected can be used to ascertain the scale of any speeding, as well as the days and times it is most frequent. This in turn helps with the deployment of the Trucam which is used to issue penalties. The presence

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of the SID reassures residents that any concerns are being taken seriously and reduces driver speeds and behaviour.

**Qu 4:** Is it possible to receive updates on outcomes as well as the number and location of incidents of ASB which are currently listed on the report?

**Ans:** this would be difficult. For any given incident of ASB, the perpetrator first has to be identified which is not always possible. If an identification is made, there is a process that is followed whether it is a first offence or a repeated offence. Any one report of ASB may also involve multiple individuals, so listing outcomes can be complex and time consuming.

**Qu 5:** Has there been any noticeable increase in ASB since the youth club closed at the Peace Centre in November?

**Ans:** No. ASB is low at present and is not confined to one distinct area but is spread out throughout the Parish. It does also tend to be seasonal, and increases often coincide with school holidays/end of exams etc. The Police are aware of this and manage patrols and specific operations appropriately to handle any increase.

**Qu 6:** Is it possible to compare levels of ASB from one year to the next?

**Ans:** This can be done on a quarterly or annual basis. It is probably sensible to compare current levels to 2019 (pre-pandemic) for a more accurate measure of any patterns of behaviour.

The PCSO's asked the Council whether the youth bus would be available again this year for Whittle Hall. It was explained that this had been arranged through the Borough Councillors for the ward; the Parish Council will contact them to raise the question.

## **5. Community Projects Group: to be informed of the meeting held on 27.1.22**

### **5.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting/receive a verbal report**

The draft minutes were tabled at the meeting and the Chair of the Community Projects Group, Cllr Jones, gave a verbal update on the meeting, explaining the recommendations.

### **5.2 to be informed of any recommendations for approval**

CPG/2022/20 recommends approval of the Community Engagement Strategy, and this was discussed by members (see agenda item 7).

## **6. Finance Committee business**

### **6.1 to be informed of the cancellation of the meeting of 1.2.22**

The Finance Committee meeting had been cancelled due to officer illness; business to be transacted is deferred to the March meeting.

### **6.2 to be informed of, and ratify, payments and wages**

Invoices and wages were paid via online banking on the 1st February. The invoices all related to regular monthly invoices and previously approved works. The list of payments had been circulated to full Council for ratification and any questions. The Christmas tree was discussed in terms of obtaining better value for money next year; this will be progressed through the Community Projects Group. There were no further queries.

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**PARISH/2022/9**

**RESOLVED:** To approve payments made by Finance Committee on 1 Feb 2022.

**PARISH/2022/10**

**RESOLVED:** Alternative options for the Christmas tree located in Chapelford to be considered by the Community Projects Group.

**7. To receive a final draft of the Community Engagement Strategy for discussion and approval.**

The Community Engagement Strategy sets out a way for the Parish Council to obtain views of residents to inform decisions on projects and council expenditure. It was proposed that the decision on approval is deferred to the March meeting to ensure all Councillors could vote. This proposal was not upheld. It was noted that all Councillors had received a copy of the strategy and could have commented prior to the meeting and a draft version had been considered in September 2021, as well as the Community Projects Group discussing the strategy in full resulting in the current recommendation. Further work will be necessary to draw up a delivery plan and members did not want to delay the start of this. The document was therefore approved.

**PARISH/2022/11**

**RESOLVED:** To approve and adopt the Community Engagement Strategy.

**8. To receive an update on the project for Sankey Station.**

Following a meeting with Rise Associates to discuss the current status of the project and next steps to progress it, a costed proposal is expected for discussion at the March Parish Council meeting.

**9. To consider suggestions to recognize the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.**

A suggestion was made to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and coordinate with the request from WEGS WI and Stitch Station to decorate Vicarage Community Park with knitted/crocheted bunting (agenda item 12). One idea was to provide refreshments on the park using an outside caterer. Several concerns were raised, and it was agreed more thought is required and alternative ideas should also be considered. Further discussion was deferred to March.

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

There were no Borough Councillors present.

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

The list of applications and decisions were noted with no questions or comments. Cllr Catlow mentioned an issue with containers installed near the Rose Inn; WBC have been informed.

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

**Item 1:** Consultation on Environmental Scoping Report for proposed development of the HyNet North West Hydrogen pipeline. It was noted that the hydrogen is intended for

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commercial use; there was no comment on the report as this is beyond the scope of the Parish Council.

**Item 2:** request from Stitch Station and WEGS WI to install knitted and crocheted bunting on the railings at Vicarage Community Park to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They are hoping to get the community involved in making the bunting with free/donated wool available from Stitch Station. The request was approved.

## **PARISH/2022/12**

**RESOLVED:** To allow Stitch Station and WEGS WI to place bunting on Vicarage Community Park to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Item 3:** Traffic Notice for Belmont Crescent and footpath closure related to highway improvements and installation of a new bridge across Whittle Brook (tabled at meeting). Item noted.

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

Cllr Catlow thanked the ward Councillors for Chapelford and Old Hall for their assistance with the recent Foodbank collection at Sainsbury's which was extremely successful.

Cllr Clark raised the point that there are an increasing number of installations of fibre and 5G masts where the associated cabinets are being placed either partly or wholly on footpaths. This is something that the council should monitor.

Cllr Sutcliffe mentioned that, since the closure of the youth club at the Peace Centre, there is a lot of interest in the new Youth Zone in the town centre. This is due to open later in the year, but no specific date has been given. He suggested the Parish Council could ask for advance notice of this date to help advertise and inform Great Sankey residents. Council officers will contact the Youth Zone.

Cllr Cotter, along with Cllr Price, has had preliminary talks with Great Sankey High School with a view to using Barrow Hall Theatre to put on affordable events or productions for residents. A second meeting is planned and, if positive, a proposal will be brought to the council for consideration.

Cllr Price recognised that there has been a recent influx of people from Hong Kong to the parish and he queried whether the Parish Council could facilitate their integration to the community. It was suggested that a half-day workshop could be organised to discuss ideas and suggestions brought to the April Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Watson informed members of a meeting held with WBC officers, Councillors and Miller Developments to discuss the approved planning application for a drive-thru McDonalds and Costa Coffee on Omega. Whilst planning officers recognise the impact on traffic and litter and the contradiction with the national framework for health, the prior approval of the outline permission in 2016 meant that there were no grounds to refuse these specific applications. It was also recognised that there is no demand from retailers to take on new small units and limited demand from larger companies.

