

# GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tim Parry Community Centre

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**Chair:** P Watson  
**Councillors:** N Catlow                      N Cotter                      A Morley  
                    D Clark                              A King                      P Warburton  
                    H Patel                              M Hussain                  B Sutcliffe  
                    P Jones                              S Pennington

**Also present:** L.Brereton – Deputy Clerk  
                    Cllr Janet Henshaw

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Knowles, S Parish, D Price, and Parish Clerk K Carter

**2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved as an accurate record.

*PARISH/2023/01: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 as a true and accurate record.*

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

None.

**4. PCSO reports and update on meeting with Police.**

The PCSO report for December has not been submitted due to sickness.

**5. To consider recommendations from the Finance Committee on the draft budget and the level of precept required for the financial year 2023-24**

These were approved with no questions.

*PARISH/2023/02: To approve the draft budget and agree level of precept for 2023 – 2024 (Accounts & Audit Regs 2015, Reg 3; LGFA 1992, Part 1, s41).*

**6. Finance Committee business: to be informed of the meeting held on 4.1.23**

**6.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.**

The draft minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting; there were no questions.

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

The list of delegated expenditure was tabled at the meeting and no queries were raised. All items are listed within the Finance Committee minutes.

**7. Sankey Fun Day 2023: To agree the Event Management Team**

This was agreed with no amendments.

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*PARISH/2022/03: To agree the Event Management Team as per the briefing note (LGA 1972, s145)*

**8. Parish Playing Field drainage project: to receive tender documentation and decide on next steps, including whether to set up an oversight committee for the project.**

A sub-committee will oversee the delivery of the project, they will report back to full council and liaise with GMA. It was agreed that Cllrs Watson, Pennington, and Clarke will be members of the sub-committee.

*PARISH/2023/04: Cllrs Watson, Pennington and Clarke will sit on the PPF Drainage sub-committee which will oversee the delivery of the project and liaise with GMA. The sub-committee will report back to full council (LGA 1972 s101).*

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

The monthly update was received from Rise Associates and circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Filming for the crowd funding project is arranged for January 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Sankey Station. Cllr A Morley will be sharing a post on social media inviting residents to take part in the filming to show their support.

Matt Baker has been invited to attend the Parish Council February meeting for an update: if the project hasn't progressed much further within this time frame, then perhaps an update at the March Parish Council Meeting may be better timed.

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

Cllr Janet Henshaw is the Cabinet member for climate change. 30 new EV chargers have been installed in Bewsey Street, Gladstone Street, Lexden Street, Manchester Road, and White Street, for residents who don't have access to off-street parking to allow charging at home.

Cllr Hitesh Patel reported that it is now the second round of consultation for the WBC local plan. The Government Inspector noted that WBC have overestimated the level of required housing demand.

A WBC grant has been approved to provide financial support for Live Wire Sankey Hub the support is to assist with the high demand of running a pool in the current climate. The grant will allow full facilities to operate and not reduce opening hours.

Cllr Amanda King said that WVA have supported over two hundred people within the Parish over the Christmas period.

Opening of the Boat Park – the floor has now been repaired.

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Cllr Paul Warburton reported that Dave Cotterill has indicated that WBC would provide £20k of funding towards a pump track installation at Dakota Park on the condition that GSPC provided £25k of funding. The company who installed Comberbach Parish Council's pump track has been approached for a quote, however this service requires a £600 fee.

Dave Cotterill has advised that the project and totalled project budget can be advertised on the Borough Council's chest system. Potential contractors can then tender for the work using the chest tendering system.

It was agreed that Cllrs Warburton and Watson would discuss and agree the process to formalise the project with a view to moving it forward.

Cllr Mo Hussain reported speeding traffic and the dangers for pedestrians using the zebra crossing exiting Warrington West Station.

The SID has been previously deployed at this location and the data collected highlighted that it had achieved a positive impact on reducing driver's speed.

It was agreed that the Parish Office would contact the PCSO and ask for the SID to be re-deployed at this location.

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

No relevant applications were listed.

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

No correspondence has been received.

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

Cllr Phil Jones reported concerns over the footpaths around Barrow Hall Lane and Lingley Mere. It was noted that WBC haven't cleared the leaves from the paths, and they are now posing a slip hazard.

Borough Councillors advised that leaf hot spot hazards can be reported to WBC by using the council website – report an issue function. WBC are reacting very swiftly to any reports and have been clearing any reported areas within 2 to 3 hours.

The Street Services team have been overwhelmed with the icy conditions and the leaves have turned to mush, which mean the clearing machine has to drive much slower to be able to clean the paths.

WBC are currently undertaking a modelling exercise to ascertain whether or not it would more cost effective to undertake two separate cleaning runs rather than wait until all the leaves have dropped and turned to mush, which results in one longer cleaning run.

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## Part 2

**14. Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 it is proposed that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and Press leave the meeting during consideration of the following agenda items.**  
There were no members of the public present.

**15. To consider recommendation from the Finance Committee on financial contribution to Warrington Armed Forces Day.**  
This was approved with no amendments.

***PARISH/2023/05:** The Parish Council supports the event over a 3-year period with an initial contribution of £3,000 for 2023, reducing in subsequent years and subject to the following:*

- That the Parish Council's contribution is recognised in publicising/press releases for the event.*
- That the Parish Council's financial contribution is reviewed each year following the event.*

*(LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976, s19).*

**16. Recruitment of Sole/Head Gardener.**

The job advert on Indeed received a very good response, the advert has now been closed.

Monday 23rd January at 10am at Whittle Hall Community Centre was proposed as a date to conduct the short-listing process.

Cllrs King, Clark, Pennington and Price volunteered to conduct the short-listing.