

# GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Tim Parry Community Centre

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**Chair:** P Watson  
**Councillors:** N Catlow                      P Warburton  
                  D Clark                        S Parish  
                  B Sutcliffe                      S Pennington  
                  P Jones

**Also present:** L.Brereton – Deputy Clerk  
                  Cllr Janet Henshaw  
                  Matt Baker – Rise Associates

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Knowles, Cotter, King, Patel, Hussain, and Parish Clerk K Carter

**2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

*PARISH/2023/06: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

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

None.

**4. PCSO reports.**

The PCSO report for January was submitted and S.I.D captured data from Canons Road. There were queries regarding the understanding of some of the data from the S.I.D report. Cllr Watson has a meeting arranged with the Sergeant on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed to ask for further information on the understanding of the data and ask if the findings from the report will signal the need for an Officer to attend the area with a Trucam.

**5. To receive an update on the Sankey Station project from Rise Associates.**

Matt Baker gave an update presentation on the Sankey Station Project.

The project is now at the funding and promoting stage; the crowd funding video which was commissioned was presented. There was good support from local residents for the campaign and architectural drawings provide an emerging vision and portfolio of imagery to launch a funding campaign.

It was requested that the Council and Council members start to share the campaign on social media networks.

Progress has been made with Arch Co and a viewing of the house has been undertaken. The building was structurally in a good state and would be included in Phase 2 of the Station project.

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£12k funding from Northern Rail seed corn fund has been secured; this funding will help to further develop the project and can be used as a positive leverage in securing other funding.

The steering group are now in the process of formalising the CIC; Sankey Station Community Association. A query regarding the role of the Parish Council within the CIC was raised and also who will hold the building lease.

It was explained that the Parish Council would be the lease holder of the building and is acting as a guarantor to the community to protect the asset should in the worst case scenario the CIC fold.

The CIC would have a constitutional role and the Parish Council will have a representation within the CIC but not be the majority representative. With regards to the business that will operate from the building, letting agents will be instructed that the successful business tenant must include a social purpose into their business model.

The building lease will be sub-letted to the CIC, the free holder will be the Rail Company.

It was suggested by Cllr Warburton that companies who are based on Omega Boulevard should be approached to ask for financial support. Cllr Warburton will provide a list of companies to Matt Baker.

The Parish Council has committed £70k of funding to the project, which will be used as leverage to secure match funding. Further revenue will be produced by commercial lettings.

Pre-application advice from WBC needs to be sought.

It was agreed that Matt Baker should attend either the April or May Parish Council meeting to provide an update on the project, in the meantime any questions can be e-mailed through to Cllr Price.

## **6. Finance Committee business: to be informed of the meeting held on 31.1.23**

### **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.

***PARISH/2023/07:** To purchase a bespoke plaque to recognise outstanding community contribution (LGA 1972 s137).*

***PARISH/2023/08:** Match funding for WBC for the Pump Track to be installed on Dakota Park up to a maximum of £20k (LG (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976 s19).*

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**PARISH/2023/09:** To accept WBC quote for wildflowers for 2023-24 at previous planted locations (Open Spaces Act 1906 s10).

**7. Parish Playing Field Oversight Committee: update on the drainage project.**

Cllrs Watson, Clark and Pennington have reviewed the documents drafted by the Grounds Maintenance Association. A list of questions have been drafted and when the answers have been received by the GMA the tender will then be sent out.

When quotes have been received, a formal funding application will be submitted to the Football Foundation.

**8. To be informed of visit to Warrington Youth Zone**

Cllrs Watson and Clark were invited by local Police to attend a visit at the Warrington Youth Zone.

The service is very impressive, the facilities are very diverse and the staff are very positive and engaging.

Data shows that there are 25k eligible youths in Warrington, the youth zone currently have 7k members and have hit their first year target.

Daily attendance is 250 children, there is capacity for 600 children. Transport from WA5 was discussed, the number 13 bus service stops at 6.30pm. The Manager at the Youth Zone doesn't think that transport is a barrier for children wanting to access the service.

Cllr Cotter has suggested in previous meetings that the Mencap bus may be available to transport children from the area. Insurance and drivers would need to be further explored.

A future discussion regarding funding for the Parish Council's PCSO and funding for transport to outreach youths needs to be reviewed by the Council.

**9. To be updated on gardener recruitment.**

Elven candidates have been shortlisted for first interview which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February. Candidates will be further shortlisted and then invited to attend a second interview, which take place on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The second interview will be based around a task brief, candidates will present their ideas and then scored. A decision will then be made to make an offer of employment to the successful candidate.

An employment meeting will need to be scheduled to agree a salary. Equipment will need to be purchased, a smooth transition is required when bringing the service in-house and it was



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discussed that depending upon the successful candidates notice period, EDR Landscape services may be extended beyond May to ensure that there is no drop in service.

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

Cllr Steve Parish reported that the footpath at Bewsey Old Hall has been into a public footpath.

Cllr Janet Henshaw will send to Cllr Watson a template for the Parish Council to create a climate change action plan.

The new zebra buses are ready for delivery, Warrington is to receive a new fleet of electric buses.

Plans for a spring Whittle Hall Environment Day are underway, to continue to tackle issues regarding the geese population at Whittle Hall duck pond.

A meeting regarding the GP surgery on the Omega development between Miller developments and NHS England will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. MP Andy Carter is in attendance and will be pushing for a resolution on rental charges between the two parties. Cllr Henshaw will be in attendance as an elected representative for the area.

Cllr Paul Warburton reported that Warrington Hospital is one of the bids submitted to the Government for a new hospital. MP Andy Carter was awaiting an answer from the Government to find out if they would be one of the eight that would be successful, this decision should have been made before Christmas. MP Andy Carter is pushing the government for an answer.

The government has now changed its definition of a new hospital; it is no longer a new building.

## 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.

Correspondence was noted, a letter has been drafted by Cllr Watson and forwarded to Livewire, to arrange a meeting to discuss installing a barrier to the Live Wire carpark to protect against future visits from travellers. The Manager of Livewire needed to discuss this with their MD and we are awaiting a reply.

CHALC Climate Change – Parish Clerk will answer the survey.

## 13. To receive verbal reports from Councillors.

Cllr Dave Clark reported that the Solar Panels had been installed at Whittle Hall Community Centre. We are waiting for the delivery of the inverter to complete the project.

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The installation date for the panels at Bewsey Barn Community Centre will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> February, this was arranged to coincide with the half term.

Cllr Paul Warburton said that David Wilson homes have agreed to sort the drainage that killed the 16 trees on Blue Lake Gardens.

Tree work on Nansen Close will take place.

