

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 8th March 2023

Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: P Watson
Councillors: N Catlow A King
 D Clark S Parish
 N Cotter S Pennington
 H Patel A Morley
 M Hussain

Also present: L.Brereton – Deputy Clerk

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Knowles, Sutcliffe, Warburton, Jones and Parish Clerk K Carter.

Cllr Knowles sent her apologies for her extended absence, her reasons for absence were accepted by the Council.

PARISH/2023/10: To accept Cllr Knowles reasons for absence.

2. To approve minutes of meeting held on 8th February 2023

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

PARISH/2023/11: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 as a true and accurate record.

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

None.

4. PCSO reports.

PCSO report was noted.

Cllr Watson reported that he had met with the Warrington West Sergeant, the police will try to simplify the data received from future SID reports. Assist with advertising the Youth Zone Services and also reported that the police have run sport activities locally in the school half term.

5. Community Projects Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 23.2.23

5.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting, including decisions made under delegated authority.

5.2 to consider recommendations and decide whether to accept them.

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

A discussion was held on how to make Parish Council events more accessible to minority communities. It was agreed to review this again in 6 months' time.

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6. Finance Committee business: to be informed of the meeting held on 28.2.23

6.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

The draft minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting; a query was raised seeking clarification on the wording of agenda item 4a. This has been deferred to the Clerk to be addressed at the next Finance meeting.

PARISH/2023/12: To defer amendment of Finance Minutes to the Clerk (item agenda 4a)

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, the quote from Tom Taylor Company was discussed; quote 1 had been accepted at the Finance meeting, there had been a communication error at the meeting and quote 3 should have also been considered.

It was agreed to accept Tom Taylor quote 1 and 3 to update the current Parish Council website.

There were no further queries raised. All items are listed within the Finance Committee minutes.

PARISH/2023/13: To accept quote 1 and 3 from Tom Taylor Company to update the Parish Council's current website (LGA 1972 s142).

7. Grounds Maintenance: to be updated on recruitment and be informed of next steps.

A paper was circulated prior to the meeting, the post has been filled and proposed start date is 17th April 2023.

8. Sankey Station project update.

A report was received from Matt Baker and was noted.

It was reported that the CIC register to company house is currently on hold, they are awaiting to secure a signature from Northern Rail on documentation.

Once the CIC has been formed the Crowd funding video will be released.

9. To be informed of the next Whittle Hall Environment Day and consider possible Parish Council involvement.

The next Whittle Hall Environment Day is due to be held on 29th April 2023 from 10am to 2pm at Whittle Hall Community Centre.

Traditions will be catering for the event, WBC refuse will be in attendance with a bin wagon. Educational talks on recycling, PCSO's bike marking and the Fire brigade will form some of the activities on offer at the event.

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Councillor volunteers for the day was requested.

10. To be informed of solar PV installations at community centres and lease of electric van.

Cllr Dave Clark reported that both systems at Whittle Hall and Bewsey Barn Community Centre are in operation. There was an issue with the inverter at Whittle Hall Community Centre, the contractor will replace the inverter.

On a bright day it was observed that 3300 watts of electricity were being generated, the Parish Office and main hall was consuming 1500 watts. The excess energy would be charging the battery.

For 8 months of the year the battery will be charged to cover the electricity usage at night.

The Parish Council has accepted delivery of the new electric van, an enquiry regarding additional signage on the van to highlight the green credentials was suggested.

It was agreed that when the Council purchases the second electric van, this will be considered.

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

Cllr Parish Traffic safety measures are to be introduced on Burtonwood Road, next to Mary Ann Meadows.

A consultation on boundary changes to Winick Parish and Hough Green is being undertaken.

Cllr Patel A public space protection order is being sought for dog fouling and keeping dogs on leash. The order would give police extra powers to enforce irresponsible dog owners should they choose to operate the power; this would be the decision of the Police Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Hussain Police had succeeded in securing a tenant closure order for a residential property in Mildenhall Close. The property had been the cause of prolonged anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that a letter of thanks to the Officers involved should be sent from the Parish Council.

Parking issues in Sankey South have been resolved, similar issues in Saxon Park are now being investigated by WBC and a review of the pedestrian crossing at Sycamore Lane is being conducted.

Crossfield Rugby Club disabled toilets have been inaccessible due to it being used as a storage area. WBC have ordered a container and the toilets will be accessible once it arrives.

WBC will be reviewing the parking facilities at Crossfield's and providing a costing for the resurfacing. Financial support from the Parish Council may be required.

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A review of the location for Great Sankey Summer Fun Day 2024 was requested, to consider a location in Sankey South, if a suitable location could be found.

A concrete signpost at Lanes End which indicated how many miles to Liverpool has been knocked down. WBC are investigating whether it can be repaired and reinstated.

Cllr King Thanked Cllr Hussain for his work.

The safety documentation for the opening of the Boat Park has now been signed. A soft opening for residents to access the park from the end of March has been planned.

A formal opening at Easter is being planned, MP Andy Carter will be in attendance. The Chair and Vice Chair of Great Sankey Parish Council will be invited to the opening.

A request for volunteers was made to open and close the park, the park will be open from 8.30am to 6.30pm to avoid anti-social behaviour.

Your Housing are preparing documentation to hand the responsibility of the Boat Park to the Parish Council.

Tree order in Sankey South – Trees that are marked with a number indicates that it is Your Housing stock.

The Good Neighbourhood group are supporting 50 to 60 families with food supplies. The group are organising a Mother's Day delivery, Cllr Laura Watson has donated gifts.

Volunteers were requested to assist with the Mother's Day gift deliveries on Saturday 18th March from 2pm to 3pm.

The Bread and Butter project at Sankey Bridges on Tuesdays from 11.30am to 1.30pm is regularly assisting 80 visitors from Warrington West.

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

No relevant applications were listed.

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

Correspondence was noted.

14. To receive verbal reports from Councillors.

Cllr Catlow Chapelford Foodbank was well received.

Marston's Brewery – Trigger Pond have donated £1k to the foodbank.

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Parking issues on Barrow Hall Lane have escalated to the Police.

Cllr Patel The defibrillators located at Tim Parry Community Centre and the Trigger Pond Pub are not registered on the North West Ambulance's website.

Cllr Morley Pride celebration planned for 24th June in Warrington town centre to celebrate equality, inclusivity and diversity.

The Youth Zone are planning a parade and the University Campus will be delivering educational workshops.

Cllr Hussain £20k funds have been raised for the victims of the Syria and Turkey earthquake.

Cllr Hussain is travelling to Turkey to oversee the spending of the funds, the money raised will be spent on adapted containers which will home families.