

# GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Tim Parry Community Centre

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**Chair:** P Watson  
**Councillors:** B Sutcliffe                      D Clark                      S Pennington  
                         A Morley                      N Cotter                      M Hussain  
                         S Parish                      R Knowles                      H Patel

Also present: K Carter, Parish Clerk  
1 member of public

## Public Questions

- A. Requested update on the surfacing of Clarence Avenue (follow up from June meeting)  
No further update. Adoption of the road is with WBC who will arrange for works once this is completed. GSPC will chase in September if this is still outstanding.
- 1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.**  
Apologies had been received from Cllrs Catlow and Warburton.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**  
The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved as an accurate record.
- PARISH/2023/52: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as a true and accurate record.*
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest.**  
None
- 4. PCSO reports.**  
Results from deployment of the SID on Santa Rosa Boulevard had been received. The speed limit throughout Chapelford is 20mph; the average speed recorded was 24mph and the highest 50mph (may or may not have been an emergency vehicle). The sign was helpful in reducing vehicle speeds, the data will be passed to the safer roads team as well as WBC. Councillors commented that there is a problem with the 20mph limits on local roads as it is unclear whether, or how many, of these are enforceable. The councillors for Central Ward have recently been successful at getting additional 20mph signs installed in Chapelford to inform drivers.
- 5. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 4.7.23**  
**5.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting, including payments and decisions made under delegated authority.**  
**5.2 to consider recommendations and decide whether to accept them.**  
The recommendations were noted and accepted with no questions.

*PARISH/2023/53: To accept the Annual Internal Auditor's Report and to add H&S documentation to the H&S on-line portal.*

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***PARISH/2023/54:** To amend Centres Operations policy and to make all Councillors aware of Community Centres bookings procedure.*

***PARISH/2023/55:** To offer Council staff first refusal on sale of the Council's diesel van. Price set at £2k.*

***PARISH/2023/56:** To accept the quote from Comtec for CCTV covering the Grounds Maintenance equipment (LGA 1972 s142).*

**6. To receive and review the draft Landscape Management Plan.**

The Landscape Management Plan sets out the council's aims and objectives for the maintenance and management of its outdoor spaces. This is a working document and will be reviewed and updated regularly. It was agreed the style of the document should be formalised before being made into a public document.

***PARISH/2023/57:** To approve the Landscape Management Plan subject to a revision of style before adopting as a public document.*

Members expressed their disappointment with a recent Facebook post from EDR Landscapes which stated their unhappiness with the Parish Council for not thanking the company at the end of their contract. The Council had intended to do this, but the contract had been extended to cover council staff leave and this was therefore a pre-emptive post. A letter of appreciation will be sent when appropriate.

**7. To consider draft SLA from Your Housing Group regarding Brentnall Park, Hood Manor.**

Item deferred to September meeting.

**8. Sankey Station Project update.**

The CIC has been set up and the bank account is in place; Rise Associates will now be able to start the crowdfunding process, hopefully next week. The Facebook page promoting the station has built up positive momentum which is also very encouraging.

**9. To receive feedback on Warrington Armed Forces Day.**

It was a very successful day. Several councillors attended to man the Parish Council gazebo. It was proposed that the council creates some information boards to help promote the Parish Council at events such as this. This was agreed. The event organisers expressed their thanks to the Parish Council for the financial support towards the day and stated that it would have been a struggle to put the event on without this.

***PARISH/2023/58:** To create information boards and consider other promotional material to be used with the Parish Council gazebo at public events.*

**10. Parish Playing Field Drainage Project update.**

The tender documentation has been reviewed and finalised. The offer will be put on the government Contracts Finder website. The Grounds Management Association has provided a pre-qualification notice and will help sift the expressions of interest and tenders received.

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The Advisory Committee will also chase the Football Foundation for information or a template on the business plan required with the funding application.

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

None.

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

1. PCC quarterly newsletter – noted.
2. Info re D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 2024 – members to forward ideas & comments for further discussion.
3. SLCC response to proposed infrastructure levy - noted
4. Reminder of PPC engagement event - noted

**13. To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors and from Borough Councillors on items of note within the Parish.**

Cllr Watson

Proposed a trial of tea/coffee provision at Parish Council meetings for both councillors and members of the public – agreed.

***PARISH/2023/59:** To provide tea/coffee at Parish Council meetings for councillors and members of the public for a trial period.*

Cllr Parish

Informed members that the ticket office and toilets at Warrington West station will be closing because of a decision to reduce staffing. WBC will be opposing this and Cllr Parish asked if the Parish Council would make a submission as well. This was agreed.

***PARISH/2023/60:** To write in opposition to the proposed closure of the ticket office at Warrington West Station.*

Cllrs Hussain and Cotter

Reported that they had met with members of the public on Marina Avenue Park to discuss concerns and identify issues. Whilst it is a lovely area for residents, it lacks a path and benches which would make it easier for more people to enjoy the space. Some problems with the play equipment have been reported to WBC. Residents already have a strong Facebook group and Cllrs Cotter and Hussain will be facilitating a meeting in September to look at forming a Friends group for the park. They will also be approaching the Parish Council for funding towards benches.

Cllr Patel

Informed members that WBC has funding to install new benches in Sankey Valley Park; councillors are welcome to propose locations for these.

He also mentioned feedback from residents on the new signposts in Whittle Hall aimed at discouraging people from feeding the geese. It is felt that there could be more of these. It was noted that GSPC are working with the Land Trust and WBC to educate and inform people about the wider issues caused through overfeeding and this will be mentioned.