

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 13th September 2023
Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: P Watson
Councillors: D Price B Sutcliffe D Clark
 A Morley N Cotter N Catlow
 S Parish P Jones A King
 S Pennington

Also present: K Carter, Parish Clerk
 2 members of public

Public Questions

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Warburton, Knowles and Hussain.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023.

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

***PARISH/2023/62:** To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

It was noted that three members of the council (Cllrs Price, Morley and Watson) are also part of the Community Interest Company for Sankey Station. If the full project is realised, the Parish Council will hold the lease for the building and the day-to-day management will be conducted by the CIC and therefore the Parish Council wanted representation on the CIC. As a CIC, any assets or profits must be put back into the building for the benefit of the community, not for any directors. Therefore, no personal or prejudicial interests were declared for this item.

Cllr Pennington declared a personal, but not prejudicial, interest in the agenda item 9. As noted previously, he is a committee member for Whittle Hall JFC and the parish council is looking into a long-term agreement with the club to aid the funding application to approve the drainage on the field. The club has played on the Parish Playing Field for many years and will continue to do so but will not have exclusive use of the field.

4. PCSO reports.

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

5. To receive an update on the Sankey Station Project (Rise Associates).

Deferred to Part 2 due to commercial sensitivity.

6. Community Projects Committee

6.1 To receive draft minutes from the meeting held on 20.7.23.

Received and noted.

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6.2 To be informed of decisions and consider any recommendations requiring further approval.

Noted.

6.3 To consider future locations for Sankey Summer Fun Day.

The date for the Fun Day was first discussed and agreed as Sunday 23rd June to try and avoid some of the other events taking place in Warrington in June and July. A briefing paper had been circulated detailing where the Fun Day had previously been held and noting the pros and cons of each location. The main disadvantages for most sites were size, as the event has continued to grow, and access/parking. It was agreed that the most appropriate site for current purposes is Dakota Park; this will be reviewed again next year.

Suggestions were made for transport to be provided for residents who may struggle to access the venue and for the fairground rides to be available on the evening before, although not for free as during the Fun Day itself. These items need further investigation, which the Community Projects Committee will consider.

PARISH/2023/63: The date for Sankey Summer Fun Day 2024 to be Sunday 23rd June, to be held on Dakota Park. The Community Projects Committee to investigate transport possibilities and the extension of the fairground provision.

7. Finance Committee:

Meeting of 1.8.23

7.1 to receive the approved minutes of the meeting held on 1.8.23, including expenditure.

Noted; the recommendation to fund two benches for Marina Avenue Park through WBC (£3,600) was approved.

PARISH/2023/64: To fund the purchase and installation of 2 benches for Marina Avenue Park through WBC at a cost of £3000 +VAT (Open Spaces Act 1906 s10).

Meeting of 5.9.23

7.2 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

Noted.

7.3 to be informed of items approved for payment under delegated authority.

There were no questions on the approved expenditure.

7.4 to consider recommendations and decide whether to accept them.

There was one recommendation to install solar panels on Tim Parry Community Centre. The council is already reaping the benefits of the installations on Whittle Hall and Bewsey Barn Community Centres. Given the customer use profile at Tim Parry, the panels have an estimated payback period of 6 years and would add to the council's commitment to reduce its carbon footprint. The installation was approved.

PARISH/2023/65: To engage Nightingale Electrical to install a solar PV system at Tim Parry Community Centre (£16,320 incl. VAT).

8. To receive an update from the Police and Youth Advisory Group.

The group have produced questionnaires for councillors and residents with a separate one for young people to gain an understanding of the current perception in relation to the PCSO

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provision, crime and anti-social behaviour within the parish. These will be posted in a variety of ways to hopefully target the relevant audience. The group will also be talking to WBC's Community Safety officer. A report will be produced with various options for consideration at a future parish council meeting.

9. To receive an update from the Parish Playing Field Advisory Group.

The group is making good progress with the project to install a drainage system on the Parish Playing Field. The group has had multiple meetings with Liverpool County FA and the Football Foundation regarding the application for funding. The Grounds Management Association has been engaged from the start to help with the project. The tender process has been completed through Contracts Finder; 6 tenders have been received and the group will be completing the evaluation process with the GMA shortly. The business plan required by the Football Foundation will be finalised by the time the tender evaluation process is complete. Once the funding application has been submitted, the Football Foundation have advised that the decision could be made within 6 weeks.

10. To consider Christmas tree/lights provision.

The Community Projects Committee had considered the possibility of installing a living tree within Vicarage Community Park. This is possible, but the new pathway would need to be lifted to run the power cables for the lighting and then reinstated, which members do not wish to do. Lighting around the archway was suggested; these could be powered by battery or solar but there would still be the need to site these safely. There was a further suggestion to fund a Christmas event rather than an additional tree or lights. It was agreed that for this year, the Christmas tree on Santa Rosa Boulevard would be funded and the Community Projects Committee will look into additional options for next year.

***PARISH/2023/66:** To fund the installation of a Christmas tree and lights on Chapelford through WBC for 2023.*

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

Noted with no objections.

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

There were two items of correspondence, one giving information on online training for various aspects of planning and the Police and Crime Commissioners newsletter. Councillors to let the Clerk know if they are interested in the training sessions.

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

Cllr King mentioned that the police are currently dealing with drug issues in Sankey South and she praised their efforts. She and Cllr Hussain are also meeting with a resident to discuss funding for the basketball area on Crosfields Recreation Ground.

Cllr Parish mentioned the parish boundary through Omega which is likely to split housing between the parishes of Great Sankey and Burtonwood & Westbrook.

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Part 2 discussion

- 15. 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.**

Agreed and the member of public in attendance kindly left prior to the discussion of the following.

- 5. To receive an update on the Sankey Station Project (Rise Associates).**

Members were updated on progress; the establishment of the CIC, launch of the Crowdfunder and applications to various funding bodies. One of these has a closing date of October 11 which needs input from a quantity surveyor. There are also some challenges that Rise Associates and the CIC are dealing with; the council will be kept informed. Two public meetings have been arranged to be held at St Mary's Church to build public confidence and support for the project.

- 14. To consider draft SLA from Your Housing Group regarding Brentnall (Boat) Park, Hood Manor.**

Members were informed that the draft SLA received was as originally discussed with Your Housing. It was proposed that a meeting is arranged with Your Housing to discuss the proposals for consideration by the full Council at a future meeting.