

# GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Tim Parry Community Centre

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**Chair:** P. Watson  
**Councillors:** B Simpson S Pennington A Muqem  
N Catlow T Williams A Morley  
H Cooksey C Lynas S Parish  
N Cotter C Wren L Hussain  
M Hussain

Also present: 1 member of public

1. **To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.**  
None.

2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

*PARISH/2025/66: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 as a true and accurate record.*

3. **To receive any declarations of interest.**  
None.

4. **Community Policing: to receive the PCSO report for June 2025.**  
Noted with no comments.

5. **Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 1.7.25**  
**5.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.**  
Noted.

**5.2 to consider recommendations for discussion and/or approval.**  
Approved as follows:

*PARISH/2025/67: to accept the grant offer from the Football Foundation of £159,891 and make up any shortfall through the Parish Council's budget.*

*PARISH/2025/68: to accept the fees for the additional legal documentation required for the Station House (Agreement for Lease with Sankey Station Community Association CIC). To approve an interim payment of £3,000 + VAT for the legal works completed to date.*

*PARISH/2025/69: to set a maximum budget of £1000 for trailer training & testing for the Horticulture Apprentice to be managed by the Head Gardener*

6. **Community Projects Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 3.7.25.**  
**6.1 to receive draft minutes of the meeting.**  
A verbal report was given on this year's Sankey Summer Fun Day.

**6.2 to be informed of recommendations for discussion and/or approval.**  
Approved as follows:

*PARISH/2025/70: to set the date for next year's Fun Day as Sunday, 14th June 2026.*

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**PARISH/2025/71:** *to set a budget for the 2026 Fun Day at £20,000 plus a 10% contingency.*

**PARISH/2025/72:** *to split the income received from the Fairground rides at Sankey Summer Fun Day between the 3 named charities - £800 each.*

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

None.

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

Parish Boundary Review: noted that this has been postponed until 2026 at the earliest; GSPC to discuss at a later date.

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

Cllr Parish: informed members of antisocial behaviour at the Lidl/Costa/McDonalds site. He also noted that Westbrook Library is now due to remain open, but this may rely on the support of volunteers.

Cllr M Hussain: reported that the organisations involved with Armed Forces Day were thankful for GSPC's support and asked that the council consider continuing to support the event.

Cllr Catlow: mentioned the RBL Poppy Appeal and was informed there would be a launch event for this at the Town Hall.

Cllr Morley: reported that there are children's activity days running on Wednesdays during the summer period, starting on 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Simpson: queried whether there are any events for VJ Day and was informed that the RBL will be laying wreaths on the day.

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## **Part 2**

- 10. To exclude public and press for consideration of the following items because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

***PARISH/2025/73:** Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item due to the confidential nature of the business relating to members of the public.*

- 11. To discuss ongoing communications.**

The current and ongoing situation with the two members of public was discussed at length along with options for dealing with it. It was proposed and agreed by majority that the Council adopt Stage 2 of the Repeated or Vexatious Complaints section of GSPC's Complaints Policy. All communications will be ceased for a period of 12 months, pending a review at the end of this period. There are to be no meetings with the individuals.

***PARISH/2025/74:** to cease all communications with K Schofield and S Dunbavin for a period of 12 months with a review at the end of this period.*

It was also proposed, and agreed by majority, that GSPC suspend the 15-minute public participation session at the beginning of full Council meetings for a period of 12 months; to be reviewed at the end of this period.

***PARISH/2025/75:** to suspend the public participation sessions at the start of full Council meetings for a period of 12 months with a review at the end of this period.*

It was also proposed and agreed to consider a policy to deal with Freedom of Information requests.

***PARISH/2025/76:** to consider implementing a policy for Freedom of Information requests.*

- 12. Sankey Station: to consider a working group to collaborate with Sankey Station CIC to review and agree a Memorandum of Understanding as recommended by the Finance Committee.**

This item was only discussed briefly due to the time and no decisions were made.