

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 10th December 2025
Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: P. Watson
Councillors: B Simpson S Pennington M Cameron
 N Catlow C Wren C Lynas
 T Williams L Hussain H Cooksey
 N Cotter

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Morley, Wren, Parish & M Hussain.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2025.

PARISH/2025/108: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2025 as a true and accurate record (LGA 1972, Sch 12, para41(1)).

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

None.

4. To receive Police Liaison & PCSO reports.

The PCSO report was tabled at the meeting, read and noted. Any queries on the document to be directed through the Clerk.

Cllr Wren, Police Liaison Councillor, informed members that there has been a personnel change in the Neighbourhood Beat Officer, but he has not yet spoken directly to the new post holder. If there has been no contact within the week, it will be followed up through the Warrington West Inspector.

The council acknowledged that there is currently an internal consultation within Cheshire Constabulary relating to PSCO roles throughout Cheshire and that there has been some coverage on this in the media/social media. The Parish Council has not yet had any official correspondence from the Constabulary and will await direct information from them before any discussion takes place.

5. Parish Estates Committee:

5.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19.11.25 and note decisions made under delegated authority.

The minutes were noted. There was also a report from the Horticultural Apprentice on his experience at WorldSkills UK. The council recognised that he had put in a great performance, although unfortunately did not place in the top three, and sent congratulations for his accomplishment.

5.2 to consider recommendations requiring full council approval.

Recommendations approved:

PARISH/2025/109: To approve summer training (April-September) for Matthiola JFC on Tim Parry Recreation Ground with terms and conditions to be agreed at the next Parish Estates Committee meeting.

PARISH/2025/110: To refuse permission for Matthiola JFC to install a storage container on Tim Parry Recreation Ground.

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***PARISH/2025/111:** To approve the grounds work programme for the Financial Year 2026-27 detailed in the Parish Estates Committee minutes of 19-11-25 and included within the draft budget for 26-27.*

***PARISH/2025/112:** To approve the recruitment of a second horticultural apprentice within the 2026-27 financial year.*

6. Finance Committee:

6.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 2.12.25 and note decisions made under delegated authority.

The minutes were noted.

6.2 to consider any recommendations requiring full council approval.

There were three recommendations relating to the 2026-27 budget (timing of the apprentice recruitment, precept proposal and donation to Warrington Armed Forces day) which were discussed briefly along with a suggestion for a possible contingency fund. These are to be discussed further and decided on at the January meeting. No decision was made on the remaining four recommendations which will be re-issued in January.

7. To receive an update from the Brentnall Boat Park working group.

The group is waiting for information from Your Housing following the playground inspection carried out in September. The council will be updated once this has been received.

8. To receive a proposal on the development of Childs Wood Field.

A proposal had been submitted from the Sankey South Councillors to begin the process to landscape the field. It is a large area with a lot of potential, and the aim is to utilize low-cost, high-impact solutions to provide a vibrant and accessible space for residents to enjoy with a positive effect on health and wellbeing. It was proposed that the project should be centered around the community and the first step should involve a community consultation to listen to residents' views and ideas for the space. This was agreed.

***PARISH/2025/113:** To approve the proposal to develop and landscape Childs Wood Field and implement the first step of a community consultation to obtain residents' views and ideas for the field.*

9. To review the council's provisional budget for 2026-27.

The draft budget had been circulated. Members were requested to consider this in detail so that a full discussion and decision can be made on 14th January 2026.

10. To receive an update on Sankey Station & and consider works proposed by Sankey Station CIC.

No further update at present; lease process is still ongoing.

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

None for comment.

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

WBC Improvement and Recovery Briefing – noted with no comment.

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

Cllr Cameron advised members that he has been made aware of HGVs driving through residential roads in Whittle Hall and is liaising with the Police to address this.

14. *PARISH/2025/114: Resolved to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting during consideration of the item in Part 2 of the Agenda because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.*

Part 2

15. To consider correspondence on a complaint against the council.

Councillors had been notified of recent correspondence and the actions taken which were endorsed. Councillors will be advised of any future correspondence.

PARISH/2025/114: To approve the actions taken in relation to correspondence from a member of public.