

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 11th March 2026
Tim Parry Community Centre

Chair: P. Watson
Councillors: B Simpson S Pennington
 H Cooksey N Catlow
 A Morley C Lynas
Other: K. Carter (Parish Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cotter, Cameron, Parish, Williams, L Hussain, M Hussain, A Muqem and Wren.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2026.

PARISH/2026/03/22: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2026 as a true and accurate record (LGA 1972, Sch 12, para41(1)).

3. To receive any declarations of interest.

Agenda item 12: Cllrs Morley & Watson as Directors of Sankey Station CIC.

4. Community Policing: to receive the PCSO report for February 2026, request further information or raise additional queries with the PCSO.

(Note: PCSO Kirkham arrived during agenda item 5 but noted here for ease).

PCSO Kirkham informed members that, following the PCSO review by Cheshire Constabulary, he will be moving to a new role from 1 April. PCSO's Grady and Jones will be covering Warrington West. The council thanked PCSO Kirkham for his dedication and approachability during his period of service.

5. Community Projects Committee: to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 26.2.26 and have the opportunity to comment or ask questions on decisions made.

A brief summary of the meeting was given by Cllr Morley. There were a couple of queries on Sankey Fun Day about the introduction of a bar for this year's event regarding the cost effectiveness and the potential additional risks. The bar has been included in the Event Management Plan which will be reviewed by the Event Safety Advisory Group at WBC any potential risks/mitigation actions highlighted.

6. Finance Committee

6.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 3.2.26

Noted.

6.2 to consider and decide on recommendations requiring full council approval.

Cllr Pennington briefed members on the meeting and the following recommendations were approved:

PARISH/2026/03/23: To provide an initial, advance payment to Talbot Construction for the works to meet with the requirements of the Football Foundation (Open Spaces Act 1906, s10).

PARISH/2026/03/24: Cllrs Watson & Pennington to be the authorised signatories for the lease on the unit at Penketh Business Park (LGA 1972 s124).

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PARISH/2026/03/25: To accept the quote for the summer playscheme at £700 per week for 6 weeks. Cost per child per session to be increased to £5 with the additional £1 to be refunded to GSPC (LGA 1972 s145).

PARISH/2026/03/26: To accept the quote from Peninsula for HR services, £277.58pm for 60 months (LGA 1972 s111).

PARISH/2026/03/27: To conduct a site visit with the Eve Community Project leaders, Cllrs Hussain and Wren and the Head Gardener to understand the site and ascertain whether any advice on planting from the Parish Council can be offered (LGA 1972, s137).

7. To receive a proposed response to the consultation on ward boundaries and decide whether to submit it.

Cllrs Parish & Watson along with the Clerk had looked at a potential response for the ward boundary review and had made suggestions for the north-west area of the parish (around Westbrook Crescent. The submission from WBC had been received in the meantime which closely followed these suggestions and therefore it was decided there was no need for comment at this time. It was noted that there will be further opportunity for comment once the draft recommendations have been published between the end of June & beginning of September.

PARISH/2026/03/28: Not to comment on the ward boundary review at this time.

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

No items for consideration.

9. To consider correspondence received by the Council and **decide** if any action is required.
Item 1: Poverty Truth Commission – information on the new project. Posters will be shared through Council channels.

Item 2: update on Clarence Avenue: WBC have undertaken a consultation process to see if the footpath could be officially recorded as a public right of way so that they would then be able to repair the surface. WBC have informed that an objection was received which has not been withdrawn. The only means of bringing the order into force is by referring it to the Secretary of State which may lead to a public inquiry. Until the status and maintenance liability issue is resolved, WBC is unfortunately unable to resurface the footpath.

10. To hear verbal reports from Parish Councillors and from Borough Councillors on items of note within the Parish.

None.

11. PARISH/2026/03/29: 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.

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Part 2

12. To receive latest information on the Sankey Station project & leases.

GSPC's solicitor had provided information on the status of the lease negotiations and outstanding actions/decisions. One of these is the decision on the works specification provided by Sankey Station CIC which had been agreed by Arch Co. but not received by the Parish Council. This document was tabled at the meeting and agreed by majority of Councillors present with one abstention (Cllr Catlow). The remaining item for amendment is the sub-underlease which currently doesn't allow further underletting by the CIC. This point has been raised with Arch Co.'s solicitors. The Property Manager for Arch Co has stated that they may walk away from the project if it is not signed by 31st March and the council expressed disappointment at this given that some of the hold-ups have been with Arch Co.'s solicitors.

PARISH/2026/03/30: *To accept the Schedule for Works for Sankey Station house (LGA 1972 s124).*

13. To receive correspondence from a member of public and decide on any action required.

The correspondence was noted. Members did not agree with the content and a brief response was agreed.

PARISH/2026/03/31: *To respond briefly to the correspondence received and await further developments.*