

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 8th April 2026
Tim Parry Community Centre

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

Other: K. Carter (Parish Clerk)
 1 member of public

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.
There were no apologies.

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

PARISH/2026/04/32: To approve minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 as a true and accurate record (LGA 1972, Sch 12, para41(1)).

3. To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.
Agenda item 10: Cllrs Morley & Watson as Directors of Sankey Station CIC.

4. Finance Committee

4.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 31.3.26
Noted.

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

There was one recommendation relating to the use of Tim Parry Recreation Ground. The committee proposed that the fees for football training should be £400 per season plus a damage deposit of £100 payable in advance. This was approved. The committee proposed some additional terms of hire which were also approved. It was recognised that the terms and conditions document had been drafted some years ago based on the document for centre hire and it was pointed out that there were elements within it not relevant to the field. It was therefore agreed to review and edit the terms & conditions, including the additional requirements and making it more specific to the field. Cllr Cameron and Pennington had already discussed this and will forward an edited document to the Clerk for approval at the next council meeting.

PARISH/2026/04/33: To charge £400 per season for football training plus £100 damage deposit payable in advance. To review and amend the terms of conditions of hire for agreement at the May Parish Council meeting. The document to include the additional terms of,

- *Pitch marking – only authorised pitch marking paint to be used to prevent damage to the grass surface*
- *Pitches to be moved around regularly to prevent overuse of any one area of the ground*
- *Divots/holes – to be repaired or refilled at the end of each session to for the safety of other members of public*
- *Damage deposit - £100 returnable deposit to be paid at the beginning of the season. Any damage to the ground requiring Council intervention will forfeit either part, or all, of the deposit.*

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5. To review, amend, and accept the Council's policy documents.

The council's policy documents had been reviewed by the Clerk and a summary provided to Councillors with changes that have been made since the last review. It was noted that the CCTV policy will need reviewing again once the equipment has been renewed at Tim Parry Recreation Ground.

***PARISH/2026/04/34:** To accept the Council's policy documents including amendments made during the year.*

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

No applications had been listed. A query was raised about planning application 2026/00137/FULH which has received objections from neighbouring properties. It was noted that the Ward Councillors have requested that the application is reviewed by the Development Committee to ensure that the Highways Department is satisfied with the proposal as it involves shared access. The Parish Council decided not to comment at this time.

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

1. From WBC – request for tenant's consent to enter into an Electric Vehicle Charging Agreement at Hood Manor Car Park. GSPC have been contacted as one of the tenants with rights to use the Raikes Close car park. WBC wish to enter into a 15-year contract with a third-party provider for the installation and operation of EV charging points for customers. The council confirmed it was happy to sign the agreement.

***PARISH/2026/04/35:** To sign the tenants consent form from WBC for EV Charging bays at Hood Manor, Raikes Close.*

2. Reminder of invitation to event for the Cheshire & Warrington Combined Authority – noted.

3. From Sgt Collier re lighting on Dakota Park. Sgt Collier has been engaging with youths in the area to tackle ASB and would like the lights on Dakota Park to be switched back on at specified times in the evening (i.e. not all night) to give young people a safe, lit space to congregate. Dakota Park is managed by WBC and Cllr Parish, ward councillor for Chapelford & Old Hall as well as a Parish Councillor agreed to contact WBC on behalf of Sgt Collier.

***PARISH/2026/04/36:** For Cllr Parish to contact WBC regarding the lighting on Dakota Park.*

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

Cllr Hussain reported that he is being approached about Brentnall Park which is still locked. He will speak to Your Housing and report to the Community Projects Committee for further discussion.

He also mentioned the Eve Community Project which is a group of residents trying to create a garden/landscaped area in an underused space between housing. Cllrs Hussain and Wren met with the residents and advised them to set up a residents' group which will be able to apply for funding for the work that is needed.

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He also informed members of the St Georges Day events taking place at the Town Hall on 23rd and 25th April.

Cllr Catlow noted that councillors and WBC are keeping a watching brief on HGV's using Barrow Hall Lane and reported that the Life's Too Short community event at Tim Parry Community Centre which was supported by the Parish Council had been very successful.

Cllr Cameron reported that Eagle Sports Club are working with WBC to address the poor state of the car park and may be looking at external funding to help.

Cllr Morley told members that the Warrington Food and Drink Festival will be taking place on 16-17 May.

9. **PARISH/2026/04/37:** *To resolve 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

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

The council was informed that Sankey Station CIC has agreed to have a monthly in-person meeting to progress the project. Progress has been very slow with the lease for the station house and there are still some key outstanding issues to be followed up by the solicitors. Unfortunately, this delay puts an agreed funding source of £45k at risk. The CIC has obtained an extension until September but cannot undertake any work until the lease is signed. Alternative funding sources are being explored. The CIC intends to submit a planning application for the work on the station house and has requested access from Arch Co to undertake a photographic survey. The CIC also intends to carry out a fresh procurement process for the food operator to ensure there is a strong community focus and that it is financially viable. It was mentioned that, prior to the lease being approved and signed by full council, there would need to be a meeting between Sankey Station CIC and council members to discuss any details or queries from the council.