

GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Chair: P. Watson
Councillors: S Pennington H Cooksey N Catlow
N Cotter A Morley M Hussain
L Hussain C Lynas S Parish
Other: K. Carter (Parish Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Muqeem, Simpson and Cameron. Apologies had also been received from Cllr Williams for his continued absence. This has been due to ill health, but he hopes to return in a couple of months. Members were asked to approve his reasons for absence as he is now at the 6-month limit. This was agreed with a further review at the October Parish Council meeting.

***PARISH/2026/07/64:** To accept Cllr Williams' apologies for absence; to be reviewed at the October Parish Council meeting if necessary.*

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2026.

***PARISH/2026/07/65:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2026 as a true and accurate record (LGA 1972, Sch 12, para 41(1)).*

3. To receive any declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

None.

4. Finance Committee: to be informed of the meeting held on 30.6.26

4.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting.

Noted.

4.2 to consider recommendations for approval

***PARISH/2026/07/66:** To allow Rosabeth Royales to host a Fun Day at Tim Parry Recreation Ground and Community Centre on 30th August at the community rate, subject to further details, paperwork and meeting with Cllrs M Hussain and Pennington (Local Government (Misc. Prov.) Act 1976, s19)*

5. Parish Playing Field

5.1 to be updated on progress with the drainage installation
(not discussed)

5.2 to receive the draft Licence to Occupy and decide whether to accept it.

The Parish Estates Committee had reviewed the initial version of the Licence to Occupy which will be between the Parish Council and Whittle Hall Junior Football Club for use of the football pitches on the Parish Playing Field once the drainage installation is complete. The subsequent amended document had been circulated to the full council for comment. There were no further changes proposed and it was agreed to send the licence to WHJFC for their comment before finalising.

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PARISH/2026/07/67: To accept the draft Licence to Occupy and send to Whittle Hall Junior Football Club for comment (Open Spaces Act 1906, s10).

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

None for discussion.

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

PCSO report. This was noted; a question had been asked about who is responsible for managing the small pond at the corner of Mary Ann Meadows. The pond is being fished by various people but is overgrown and would benefit from being cleared out. There is interest from residents in helping with any work needed but this would need permission from the appropriate organisation. Cllr Hussain offered to approach WBC for information.

Electoral review. This review is for the borough ward boundaries; it is still expected that there will be a Community Governance Review to consider the Parish ward boundaries at the conclusion of this one. The draft proposals include transferring an area currently in Burtonwood and Winwick ward into Great Sankey North and Whittle Hall ward to prevent neighbouring houses on the Omega development ending up in different wards or for the current boundaries to run through new houses. Members agreed to write in support of this proposal.

PARISH/2026/07/68: To respond to the Electoral Review in support of the proposal to transfer and existing area south-east of Borsodi Boulevard which is currently within Burtonwood and Winwick ward into Great Sankey North and Whittle Hall ward.

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

Cllr Catlow reported that travellers have been in the area recently and advised vigilance for the council's open spaces.

Cllr M Hussain informed members that the flood reparation works in Sankey Bridges has now been completed and the new pedestrian crossing on Cromwell Avenue installed. He also noted that the Armed Forces Day on Crosfields Recreation Ground had been extremely successful, and Great Sankey Parish Council had been mentioned several times for the financial support given for the event.

Cllr Watson thanked the Deputy Clerk for her considerable admin support for Sankey Summer fu Day and Cllr Morley for her magnificent job on the day as Event Manager which made the day run smoothly and successfully. Members were informed that £65 had been raise from the Dog Show which had been given to Guide Dogs for the Blind. The monies raised from the fairground will be confirmed at the next Community Projects Committee and given to agreed charities.

Cllr Watson also requested that the council considers installing air conditioning in the Parish Office and Tim Parry Annexe as a matter of urgency as the heat waves being experienced make working conditions intolerable. It was agreed that quotes should be sought as soon as possible.

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PARISH/2026/07/69: *To obtain quotes for air conditioning for Tim Parry Annexe and the Parish Office.*

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

No members of public present.

10. **Sankey Station House lease update**

There was no further update; negotiations have stalled awaiting a response from Arch Co. The Finance Committee requested attendance of Sankey Station CIC at their next meeting on 4 August to discuss the project. It was agreed to ask the project manager and architect to the meeting along with any other councillor who may be interested. The meeting will be held in Tim Parry Annexe as the usual location of the Parish Office is not large enough. The Clerk will liaise about an alternative date should the 4 August be unsuitable.

11. **To receive confidential information from the Head Gardener**

Councillors were informed that the Grounds Team has been successful in its efforts to have Tim Parry Recreation Ground designated with a Green Flag Award. This is a prestigious international quality mark for parks and green spaces, and the team is proud to achieve the award. The information is currently confidential until the formal announcement has been made next week, but once this date has passed a press release will be released and a flagpole erected on site which is part of the conditions of the award.