GREAT SANKEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting: Wednesday 9th September 2026
Tim Parry Community Centre

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

Other: K. Carter (Parish Clerk)

1. **To receive apologies for unavoidable absence.**
   Apologies were received from Cllrs L Hussain, Cotter, Muqeem, & Cameron.

2. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2026.**

   PARISH/2026/09/70: *To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 as a true and accurate record (LGA 1972, Sch 12, para 41(1)).*

3. **To receive declarations of interest.**
   Cllrs Morley and Watson registered interest for agenda item 12 as Directors of Sankey Station CIC.

4. **Community Projects Committee**

4.1 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 16.7.26

The draft minutes weren't available, so Cllr Morley gave a verbal update.
Sankey Fun Day debrief:

- income from the fairground rides had been confirmed and £880 was donated to each of 3 charities.
- Noted that some paperwork had not been sent to the office for the council's records; committee to make sure this happens for the next event.
- There had been an issue with the portaloos, therefore the committee will obtain quotes from other companies for 2027.
- One generator on site was petrol operated, which does not comply with guidance from the Event Safety Advisory Group. The committee will check all generators are diesel for the future.
- Marketing for the SEND hour will be widened in future.

Boat Park: Progress on repairs has been slow, but Your Housing is going through the quotation/survey process.

Christmas tree: Quotes are being sought.

4.2 to consider recommendations requiring full council approval
None.

5. **Finance Committee:**

5.1 to receive the approved minutes of the meeting held on 4.8.26 (for information)
Noted.

5.2 to receive the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1.9.25
Noted.

5.3 to consider any recommendations requiring full council approval,
PARISH/2026/09/71: *to review and agree the strategic aims of the council.*

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6. **Parish Playing Field drainage installation: to receive update and invoices for August.**
   It was reported that the installation of the drainage system is well underway and progressing well. The Grounds Management Association has had a couple of site visits to check on the project and agreed the payment profile for the first invoice. The Parish Estates Committee now needs to meet to start the tender process for the maintenance contractor and agree the details for the management of the pitches.
   (Clerk's note: the date for the Parish Estates Committee was agreed after the council meeting as 24 September).

7. **To consider planning applications received by the Council and decide if any objections are to be raised.**
   Noted planning application 2026/01174/FUL to build 9 residential units on land off Stockdale Court – no comment.

8. **To consider correspondence received by the Council and decide if any action is required.**
   PCSO report: Report noted. PCSO Grady highlighted an issue near Sankey Primary School with vehicle parking on footpaths at school drop off and pick up times. He has approached WBC with suggestions for additional options to prevent this. Councillors are willing to write in support if necessary. It was further acknowledged that poor parking is a problem throughout the parish near schools and suggested that there could be a wider project to consider options in collaboration with the police and WBC.

   Dog control consultation: no comment to be made, although there was discussion on where people are allowed to let their dogs off leads. Unless specifically prohibited for an area, the requirement is for dog owners to keep their dog under control, but this does not necessarily mean on a lead.

   Invitation from Cheshire PCC: noted

9. **To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors and from Borough Councillors on items of note within the Parish.**
   Cllr Parish reported a parking issue at Mary Ann Meadows; a proposed scheme for double yellow lines has been deferred whilst a potential redevelopment of the football pitches is considered.

   He also informed members of surveys being conducted in Chapelford for the potential future installation of parcel lockers. Council will await any consultation or planning details before reviewing and commenting.

10. **Grounds Operations Base: to receive briefing notes and decide on options.**
    PARISH/2026/09/72: *quote from Greenoaks for the construction of office space on the mezzanine accepted.*

11. **Sankey Station project: to receive update.**
    <u>Lease for Station House</u> (Arch Co)
    PARISH/2026/09/73: *To accept the revised lease structure proposed by Arch Co. and agree that Arch Co should alter the Agreement for Lease having changed their position on the original structure they put in place.*

PARISH/2026/09/74: *to accept the revised costs from Taylor Rose solicitors for the lease negotiations.*

Lease for Main Building (Network Rail)

PARISH/2026/09/75: *to restart negotiations with Network Rail on the Heads of Terms for the main station building.*

PARISH/2026/09/76: *to meet with Sankey Station CIC to discuss the detail within the Heads of Terms document and agree amendments for referral to solicitors.*