

Minutes of the Great Somerford Parish(incorporating Startley)
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group(SG) Meeting Thursday May
29th. 10.00am The Old Maltings, Great Somerford.

Present: John McGrath (JM),Mel Hourigan(MH), Sid Jevons (SJ) Chair.

1. Apologies—Tony Gregson

2. The minutes of the SG meeting held on May 16th. 2014 were agreed.

3. Funding update

It was agreed to delay submission of an application for funding until we identified potential sites for building. We should then have a better idea of what might need to be done that would require funds. Wilts. Council will also be consulted when this stage is reached.

4. NP website update and plans

The Great Somerford website is active and the web administrator is Sue Walker. A “history” of activities of the NP will be prepared (SJ) and posted on the website to bring everyone up to date. Thereafter, minutes and relevant items will be posted on the website. Sue Walker will be contacted for help in this matter (MH).

5. Guinness Trust and GreenSquare

Contact has been made with Guinness Trust—Ben Cane, Senior Development Manager. There are no immediate plans for development in Great Somerford but he is willing to meet with us to discuss possible development. SJ to arrange.

6. New SG Members.

David Chivers has expressed an interest, which makes three potential new members. They will be contacted to determine any specific area of interest SJ

7. Landowner contact—next actions

A landowner in Great Somerford has suggested that he may consider developing a plot of his land for affordable housing. It was proposed that he be asked if he would consider meeting with Guinness Trust. (Note. Subsequent to the SG meeting it was discovered that the landowner intends to develop the site himself. Guinness Trust will not now be asked to meet with him)

Another two potential sites, to include both affordable and open market dwellings have been identified. These three sites, if developed, would exceed, by a large margin, the 2026 target for new houses in Great Somerford.

8. Date of next meeting

Friday June 13th. 10.00am The Old Maltings, Great Somerford.

9. AOB

None—the meeting closed at 11.45am.

10. Full notes of this meeting are available. It was established that we are free to contact both landowners and developers regarding possible development sites. Although Great Somerford may have already reached/exceeded the required total of new dwellings it was decided to investigate sites for affordable houses in particular, but not excluding the building of some privately owned properties. Several plots of land had been identified to Wilts. Council for possible development by landowners. JM will contact Chris Roe regarding when the plots of land were made known to Wilts. Council. A map and website link showing the above plots is available. As a first move, GreenSquare and Guinness Trust will be contacted to see if they have any interest or intentions regarding building in Great Somerford. SJ.

11. Funding
Sue Webb has been in contact with Locality UK and an application must be made online. A print out of the application was provided and will be examined by TG.

12. NP website.

There is a Great Somerford website which is functional, although not updated. SJ to contact John Blunsden who may have been the last person to manage the site.

13. AOB.

The next SG meeting is at 10.00am on Thursday May 29th. at the Old Maltings, Great Somerford.

The meeting ended at 11.30 am.