

Minutes of the Great Somerford Parish(incorporating Startley)
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group(SG) Meeting Thursday May 1st.
10.00am The Old Maltings, Great Somerford.

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

1. Apologies—None
2. The minutes of the SG meeting held on April 22nd. 2014 were agreed.

3. Review of Public Meeting held on April 22nd 2014

It was agreed that the notes from this meeting be circulated to all attendees where email addresses were available. Mrs. Sue Webb will be asked to do this and to circulate as “bcc” to avoid open view of all email addresses. The phone numbers of the two potential volunteers will be removed from the notes prior to circulation. SJ to discuss with Mrs. Webb.

The two potential volunteers will be contacted to explain where we are at present and to ascertain their areas of interest/expertise. SJ to contact.

4. Role of SG Members.

As the SG grows in numbers it is important to use the skills of members to the best advantage and to avoid duplication of effort.

Mrs. Webb, as acting Secretary, will be asked to circulate appropriate information to parishioners on an ongoing basis, and to investigate sources of funding.

SJ will discuss with Mrs. Webb this suggested role together with appropriate remuneration.

A monthly insert in Signpost will also be used to update parishioners on progress. The first insert will be in the June edition and will be drafted by JM.

The Great Somerford parish website will be investigated. MH.

5. Review of “local” survey results.

There was a return of around one third of questionnaires and the numerical questions have been analysed with a strong feeling that open spaces, the shop, public house, school and church were important features of the parish and should be retained. There was an overwhelming view that a NP should be prepared. The narrative answers are being analysed. JM
Results will be made available to the parish when the analysis is complete.

6. The next step in the process is to identify sites for housing development. It was decided to seek advice on this critical step and a meeting with Mr. Niel Tiley of Wiltshire Council has been arranged for 2.00pm Tuesday May 13th. at the Council Offices in Trowbridge. Our link officer, Jo Foster will also be present.

In preparation for the meeting, a map showing locations of possible sites will be prepared. MH

A list of relevant questions and points to be discussed at the meeting will be prepared in advance. ALL

7. AOB.

The next SG meeting is at 10.00am on Friday May 16 at the Old Maltings, Great Somerford.

The meeting ended at 11.30 am.

