

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 2015 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.00pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr S Jevons (Chairman), Cllrs H Cole, R Hughes, D Butcher, J Loader, A Scott, A Cook, Wiltshire Cllr T Sturgis, Mrs S Webb – Clerk + 2 members of the public.

Public Participation – There were no questions asked.

MINUTES

167.15. **Apologies for Absence** – Received from Cllrs Butler and Hourigan

168.15. **Minutes** - The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th March 2015 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record

169.15. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Loader declared a personal interest on planning item, Tree Surgery at Parsloe and Cllr. Jevons on planning application 15/02933/FUL.

170.15. **Planning Matters**

Wiltshire Council decisions –

- a) 15/00780/TCA Tree surgery at Barley Croft, Gt. Somerford – No Objections
- b) 14/12038/FUL Works at Heath Farm, Startley – Approved with conditions.

Applications for consideration

- a) 15/02933/FUL – Erection of new dwelling including New Access and new single garage at Brown Leaves, Hollow St, Gt Somerford. Cllr Jevons declared an interest in this application and took no part in discussions. – To be deferred to the next meeting
- b) Tree Surgery at Parslow – It was resolved to support this application. Cllr. Loader declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.

171.15 **Highway Matters - As received**

- a) Clearing of ditches – On going
- b) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath – Cllr Jevons reported that an extended topographical survey is awaited. This is necessary as they need to design a new surface water system along the length of the footpath and discharge to a suitable outfall.
- c) Village Highway issues – Latest report circulated.
- d) Invitation to submit locations for 20mph restrictions for CATG - A part of Dauntsey Road has been suggested - CATG are looking at an alternative solution to this problem that involves flashing lights etc. – On going
- e) Road Safety, West Street – Issue raised –Ongoing
- f) Green Lane, Startley reported to the ROW Officer who agreed to repair it when more material is available – On going

172.15 **Future Objectives for the Parish Council**

S106 Agreements outstanding- Main priority - Upgrade of children's play area.

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- 15 Winkins Lane. - £4,800 now used £1,000 yet to be used. – Expiry date 10/2/2018

- Springfields Dauntsey Road. - £2,116 ready for use. - This is two thirds of the full amount. – Chased Awaiting update. – Expiry date 22/3/2017

- Possible S106 for Brown Leaves -Nothing to report

173.15. **Playarea**

- Update on Ball Game ban Cllr Jevons/Clerk – Notice done for notice boards
- Update from Cllrs Loader and Hughes on alternative play area sites. – Cllr Loader explained that he and Cllr Hughes had explored alternative areas for a recreation area. An area adjacent to the Free Gardens was mentioned but not favoured. An area adjacent to the school field is to be further explored. –**Action Cllrs. Loader, Hourigan.**
- Quotes for replacing the fencing at the play area were considered. Two quotations received £495, and £1,130. It was resolved to go with the quote for £495 only if enquiries as to the quality of work/materials is proved to be satisfactory. A decision on purchase will be made via email once enquiries are complete Cllr. Butcher
- Play equipment for younger children has been researched. Quotes for new equipment ranged from £4,941.00 delivery £371.00 + v a t., £6159.00 delivery £307.95 + vat, £2,200 delivery £275 +vat this price includes 6 grass mats foc - Although the cheaper option is most attractive the quality of the product will be investigated as will RoSPA accreditation of the company. A decision on purchase will be made via email once enquiries are complete Cllr. Butcher

174.15. **Neighbourhood Plan – Neighbourhood Plan-** Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is in the final stages and when complete will be subject to a six week consultation in the Parish. It is planned that this will take place in the next few weeks. Details of timing and where the NP can be reviewed will be announced by letter drop to all houses in the Parish. Comments from Parishioners will be noted in the next version of the NP which will then go to Wilts. Council for another six week consultation period. Following this an independent examiner will be appointed by Wilts Council to review the NP. If agreed by the examiner, a referendum, organised by Wilts.Council will be held in the Parish. Agreement by more than 50% of those Parishioners who vote is required to formally approve the NP.

175.15 **Finance – Report previously circulated.**

- a) Receipts since 11th March 2015 - £0
- b) Payments approved at this meeting amounted to £492.94
- c) Bank Account balances as at 27th March 2015 - totalled £11,419.76

177.15 **Community Room –** Cllr Jevons reported that the fridge in the kitchen belongs to the school and was on loan to the Parish Council for use in the Community Room. As a matter of urgency it was resolved to purchase a new fridge for the Community Room to a max cost of £160. Cllr Jevons agreed to look into this – **Action Cllr Jevons .**

178.15 **Correspondence as received -** Road Closure information

Meeting closed at 7.25pm