

## DRAFT

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs S Jevons - Chairman, Cllrs H Cole, R Hughes, D Butcher, M Hourigan, A Scott + Wiltshire Cllr T Sturgis + 4 members of the public and S Webb - Clerk.

#### Minutes

135.14	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> - Received from Cllr Loader
136.14	<b>Minutes</b> - The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
137.14	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> - Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in item 12 of the agenda (Community Room). Also item 17(b) - Payments -Did not vote.
138.14	<b>Public Participation</b> – Mrs. Lydiate thanked the parish council for adopting the phone box and converting its use to a library. As many books are being deposited Mrs. Lydiate offered to manage it. This offer was accepted and thanks were passed to Mrs. Lydiate.  Mrs. Lydiate also expressed her gratitude and pleasure that new play equipment was to be purchased for the play area. She asked if play equipment could be purchased for the toddlers – Mrs. Lydiate agreed to research this and report back to the parish council. A budget of approximately £2,000 was thought to be available.
139.14	<b>Walter Powell School/Pre School</b> - Patrick Neville - School Governor. Was not present
140.14	<b>Dog Walking Great Somerford</b> –There are permissive paths and rights of way where dogs can be walked. Walkers should keep to these paths with their dogs under close control and where farm animals are present, dogs must be kept on leads. There have been some unfortunate incidences in the past when dogs have been allowed to run freely away from the paths and, in some cases, chase farm animals. Gates have been left open allowing farm animals to escape and tennis balls have been lost in the grass and subsequently found their way into cattle food with potentially serious consequences for the health of cattle. While not frequent occurrences, such events can spoil it for all. Please respect the country code.
141.14	<b>Wiltshire Council update</b> - Cllr Sturgis reported on the following: Parish Councils are being encouraged to appoint a Flood Warden. Records of vulnerable people/property/areas to be kept. Cllr Cole agreed to act as Flood Warden.  A survey of drains is to be carried out in West Street near at Manor House as priorities allow.  Reports coming in on flooding - priority is to be given to properties flooding as opposed to gardens.  £20 million is to be saved on the budget. Youth services are to be reviewed by the Area Boards who will control the budget.

	Thanks were passed to Cllr Sturgis for this report.
142.14	<b>Cemetery Matters</b> - Cllr Hourigan reported that all was well.
143.14	<b>Proposed changes to Bus Services</b> - New proposals have been drafted that give better connections from Great Somerford to Swindon and to Malmesbury. If agreed by Wiltshire Council the new timetables will be available nearer the introduction date of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014. It was noted that Boots and Lloyds Chemist provide a free prescription delivery service.
144.14	<b>Planning Matters</b> <b>Wiltshire Council decision</b> 13/07293/TCA tree surgery - 2 Hollow Street Gt. Somerford - PERMITTED 13/06696/FUL Replacement of existing timber boundary fencing with dry stone wall at 55 Gt. Somerford - PERMITTED with conditions. <b>Applications for consideration</b> 13/07135/FUL Keyham, Startley, Extension and new dormer windows - it was resolved to support this application.
145.14	<b>Highway Matters - As received</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Speed Indicator Device for Startley - Nothing further to report</li> <li>b) Clearing of ditches-ongoing</li> <li>c) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath - Cllr Jevons reported that this was raised at a CATG meeting which he attended on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. It was advised that a topographical survey be carried out which will show if it would be possible and what it would cost. The parish council was asked to contribute £375 towards a topographical survey - it was <b>resolved</b> to agree to this contribution.</li> <li>d) Pedestrian Gate West Side, Startley. - Cllrs Butcher and Hourigan agreed to repair this. - <b>ACTION CLLRS BUTHCER/HOURIGAN</b></li> <li>e) White Lines - To be carried out by Wiltshire Council's contractors - date to be agreed. This has been held up by the recent bad weather.</li> <li>f) Winkins Lane Cul-de-sac - to be chased - <b>ACTION CLERK</b></li> <li>g) Sewerage and Flooding - The serious problem in the vicinity of SN15 5HS (Dauntsey Road, Gt. Somerford) was reported to Wessex Water - Wessex Water have been looking into this issue - <b>Now closed.</b></li> <li>h) A petition signed by residents of Frog Lane was received requesting the Parish Council's support to remove the Flood Warning sign. The Parish Council agreed to support this request A letter to be written to Wilts. Council this effect - <b>ACTION CLERK</b></li> </ul>
146.14	<b>Community Room</b> - Nothing to report
147.14	<b>Future Objectives for the Parish Council</b> S106 Agreements outstanding- Main priority - Upgrade of children's play area. Cllr Butcher will now gain the quotes for the outdoor table tennis and football tables. Following consultation with neighbouring properties of the playing field - a higher fence was not favoured. - <b>ACTION CLLR BUTCHER</b>  S106 Agreements outstanding -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 Winkins Lane. - The total amount of £5,800 is ready for use.</li> <li>- Springfields Dauntsey Road. - £2,116 ready for use. - This is two thirds of the full amount.</li> <li>- Possible S106 for Brown Leaves -Nothing to report</li> </ul>
148.14.	<p><b>Items for Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community School Management</b> – Nothing to report</li> <li>• <b>Playarea</b> – Nothing further to report</li> </ul>
149.14	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plans (NP)</b> - Cllr Jevons reported that he had attended two workshops. An application has been submitted for the permission to draft a N P. The consultation finished on the 4<sup>th</sup> February and the official results are awaited. To date one response had been received which was positive and supportive. Joanna Foster of Wiltshire Council has been assigned to assist with the starting of a N P and a meeting has been arranged with her on the 19<sup>th</sup> February. Cllrs Jevons and Hourigan have agreed to attend. Volunteers are still needed to join this team.</p>
150.14	<p><b>Finance</b> - A report covering the following was previously circulated and it was resolved to accept this report as a true record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) receipts since 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 amounted to £72.</li> <li>b) Payments approved at this meeting amounted to - £434.33</li> <li>c) Bank Account balances as at 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 – Current account £3,683.50, Deposit account £5,707.22 total £9,390.72</li> </ul>
151.14	<p><b>Correspondence as received</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Invitation to submit locations for 20mph restrictions for CATG consideration - Cllr Hourigan to draft a plan identifying a possible area. - <b>ACTION CLLR HOURIGAN</b></li> <li>b) Report from the Clerk on a SLCC meeting attended. - Issues flagged up on this report to be considered at the appropriate Parish Council meeting.</li> </ul>
152.14	<p><b>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.</b> Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - Cllr Jevons gave apologies in advance for not attending the next meeting.</p>
153.14	<p><b>Exclusion of Public and Press</b> - Due to matters of a confidential nature, under the LGA 1972 s100 and 102, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press were excluded from the following item.</p>
154.14	<p><b>Councillor Vacancy</b> - Consideration was given to an application received for one of the vacant position of Parish Councillor. Following discussions it was unanimously agreed and resolved to accept this application and Mrs Butler to be invited to join the parish council at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that there is still one more vacancy.</p>

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55PM**