

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2015 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs H Cole (Vice-Chairman) R Hughes, Mrs C Butler, A Cook, D Butcher, M Hourigan, A Scott, Wiltshire Cllr T Sturgis, Mrs S Webb – Clerk + 4 members of the public.

Public Participation – Mr Thompson asked what the future held for play facilities for older children following the ban on ball games in the play area. Cllr Cole responded explaining that the Parish Council has a duty of care and as there had been previous damage took the precaution to prevent any accidents involving children. However avenues are to be explored in providing a larger area for ball games.

Mr Chandler Secretary of the local football club explained that damage had also been caused within the football field to the sum of £800 to repair. He explained that an area to the rear of the football field could be opened up for a five-a-side area but would need assistance in funding this initiative.

Mr Chandler and Mrs Parmenter asked for an update on the proposed footpath on the Dauntsey Road. - This is an agenda item and an update will be given

MINUTES

- 132.15 **Apologies for Absence** – Received from Cllrs Jevons and Loader
- 133.15. **Minutes** – The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th February 2015 were signed by the Vice-Chairman and adopted as a true record.
- 134.15 **Declarations of Interest** - It was noted that Cllr Scott assists with the Caretaking of the Community Room.
- 135.15 **Wiltshire Council update** - Cllr Sturgis reported on the following:
- Wiltshire Council budget has been approved. It will receive £5million less from central government.
 - Savings are to be made on green waste – Dates for rounds are to be issued.
 - Questions were asked regarding plastic/cardboard i.e. what kind should be recycled - With regards to plastics – bottles and not brittle plastics.
 - A re-organisation of staff is to take place.
 - Limpney Stoke is the second village to have passed the Neighbourhood Plan inspections.
- 136.15 **Planning Matters**
Wiltshire Council decisions –
- a) 14/10576/LBC & 14/11310/FUL Reinstatement of original driveway area – Brook Farm, Frog Lane, Gt. Somerford - Approved
- Applications for Consideration**
- a) 14/12038/FUL Alteration works at Heath Farm, Startley – It was **resolved** to support this application
 - b) 14/11830/TCA Tree works at Walter Powell School, Gt. Somerford – The Parish Council did not comment on this application.
 - c) 14/11594/FUL – Two storey side extension at Hawthorn Cottage, Frog Lane, Gt. Somerford – It was **resolved** to support this application.

Planning Correspondence

- a) Notification of Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations - Noted
- b) Notification of the Adoption of the Wiltshire Core strategy. – Noted.

137.15 **Cemetery Matters** – Nothing further to report

138.15 **Highway Matters - As received**

- a) Clearing of ditches – Nothing further to report – An agenda item for the next meeting.
- b) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath – Cllr Jevons issued the following written report - Estimated cost £35- £40k. Max contribution from PC = £6k. Atkins design work ongoing. Currently a number of drainage issues to resolve. Consultation March, construction work estimated Summer 2015 This is from the CATG agenda.
- c) Village Highway issues – The latest Wiltshire Council report was circulated. It was noted that the lack of white lining is becoming a dangerous problem. Cllr Sturgis commented that white lining priorities are for 'A' roads.
- 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 – On CATG agenda for meeting 10th February.- Update to follow – **Ongoing**
- f) Green Lane, Startley reported to the ROW Officer who agreed to repair it when more material is available. To be chased – **Ongoing**

139.15 **Community Room** – Nothing to report

140.15 **Bus Service** – Cllr Loader issued the following written report:

I have been looking into the alternatives to buses but with little joy. I have spoken to the Dauntsey Vale Link Scheme and was told our village falls under the Malmesbury scheme. However, there is no reply from the Malmesbury scheme. It may have failed. However, it may be possible to join the Dauntsey Vale group.

141.15 **Future Objectives for the Parish Council**

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

S106 Agreements outstanding -

- 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

Agreement to be checked – **Action Clerk**

142.15 **Items for Action**

Community School Management – Nothing to report

Play area – As the Parish Council has a duty to ensure as much as is possible the safety of the children who use the play area it was **resolved** to ban ball games. Alternative play

areas are to be investigated. Offers of assistance came forward from Mr Chandler and Mr Thompson. It was also noted that the Brook Farm development may provide its own young children's play area and enquiries are being made regarding the possibility of sectioning off part of the school playing field or releasing some of the Glebe land.

It was **resolved** to take this initiative/project forward and to look to forming a task group at the next meeting. A notice of the Parish Council's intentions is to be placed on the Notice Boards inviting interested parties to come along to a meeting and express their ideas.

Other issues relating to the play area

It was established that the Parish Council is the rightful owners of the play area.

The play area gained a good ROSPA report

It was established that a handyman is needed to assist with maintenance jobs within the play area – Cllr Hourigan to look into this – **Action Cllr Hourigan**

- 143.15 **Neighbourhood Plan** – A package of information was delivered to every household in the Parish and responses requested by 14th February 2015. The results will be circulated to Parish Councillors, put in the March Signpost and copies of the results will be left in the shop. No interim analysis is available.
- 144.15 **Dog Fouling** - Cllr Butler reported that she had placed notices up at the three entrances to the church field – however one had already been removed. This is an ongoing problem.
- 145.15 **Finance** – A report covering a, b, c, previously circulated and it was resolved to accept this report as a true record.
- a) Receipts since 14th January 2015 totalled £80.00
 - b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled - £622.83
 - c) To note Bank Account balances as at 2nd February 2015 - Current account - £7,094.52, Deposit Account - £5,710.06 – total £12,804.58
 - d) Update on Bank Signatories – The Clerk gained the necessary information and it was confirmed that Cllrs Jevons, Cole, Scott and Butcher are member signatories on the accounts and S Webb, Clerk in emergencies.
 - e) Request for financial support from CAB – This request was not supported on this occasion.
- 146.15 **Correspondence as received**
- a) Introduction letter from Oil Buying Club – Would like to attend a meeting to give a presentation. – Invite to the APM
 - b) Clerks & Councils Direct - Noted.
- 147.15 **Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.** Next meeting 11th March 2015
Clearing of ditches, Play area, Buses.
- 148.15 **Urgent Items** – There were no urgent items to discuss.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50PM