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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2016 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons – Chairman, Mrs C Butler, J Loader, H Cole, D Butcher, M Hourigan, A Scott, A Cook, W/Cllr T Sturgis, Mrs S Webb, Clerk + 2 members of the public

Public Participation – Mrs McEwen expressed concern regarding the overgrown hedges in the vicinity of West Street/ Manor Park. Mrs McEwen to forward details to the Clerk.

Mr Binstead expressed concern regarding the growing number of pot holes that have appeared in the village especially in Hollow Street. Cllr Sturgis explained that when reported on the W/C App this gets prioritised. He agreed to look into the situation with Hollow Street.

MINUTES

119.16	Apologies for Absence – received from Cllr Hughes.
120.16	Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13 th January 2016 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
121.16	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in item 7 of the agenda – Community Room.
122.16	Wiltshire Council update - Cllr Sturgis reported on the following: Yet more budget cuts have been introduced. Council tax is to increase by approximately 2%. Currently, a 4 year budget plan is being considered. White lining at junctions in Wiltshire is to continue
123.16	Planning Matters – Report from Cllr Cole
124.16	Highway Matters - As received a) Clearing of ditches – Ditch by the school running well. However Glebe field ditch is blocked. Work still needed on the ditch running alongside the road from Startley into West Street. Cllr Sturgis agreed to look into this. ACTION CLLR STURGIS b) Dauntsey Road Footpath – Cllr Jevons briefed on the progress and explained that the path near The Old Police House had been altered to increase the distance of the edge of the path from the road. c) Green Lane, Startley reported to the ROW Officer who is organising the clearance of the lane and materials should be available early December – Ongoing - Chased 1/2/16 to be chased ACTION CLERK Done after note: should be done March. d) Glebe field Footpath – Cllr Jevons reported that W/C is in favour of extending the footpath to the school gates. – letter circulated. Consideration was given to a motion put forward by Cllr Jevons to go forward with the extension at an estimated cost to the Parish Council of £2,000. This was seconded and unanimously carried. W/C to be notified. ACTION CLERK Note: The people who donated £500 to the Community Room have agreed that the donation can be used to improve the footpath to the school. A letter of

	<p>explanation and thanks to be forwarded to the donator – ACTION CLERK</p> <p>e) White Lining – Cllr Sturgis agreed to look into this – ACTION CLLR STURGIS</p>
125.16	Community Room – Nothing to report.
126.16	<p>Defibrillator update – Cllr Jevons reported that the awareness session went well and was well supported. The defibrillator has now been installed. Thanks to Cllr Hughes who carried out the installation. Notices are to be placed in appropriate places in due course.</p> <p>It was suggested that a First Aid Course may be beneficial to the village – Cllr Loader agreed to look into this. – ACTION CLLR LOADER.</p>
127.16	<p>S106 update – Nothing further to report Main priority - Upgrade of children's play area.</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding</u> - Springfields Dauntsey Road. – Still money to come - Chased 5/1/16. Cllr Sturgis agreed to look into this – ACTION CLLR STURGIS.</p>
128.16	<p>Items for Action</p> <p>Community School Management –The smell of oil detected near the school. Cllr Jevons agreed to look into this – ACTION CLLR JEVONS</p> <p>Playarea - Nothing to report</p> <p>Recreation Area – Cllr Loader Updated members on the search for an area suitable for a recreation ground. He together with Cllr Butler has prepared an explanatory document to submit to the Vicar.</p>
129.16	Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Jevons had nothing further to report. A question was asked if the document had received any legal challenges. To date none.
130.16	<p>Finance – A report previously circulated.</p> <p>a) Receipts since 13th January 2016 totalled £346.00</p> <p>b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled £517.53</p> <p>c) Bank Account balances as at 29th January 2016 – Current account £4,240.58, Deposit Account £5,712.91 total £9,953.49</p> <p>d) An updated banking authorisation form to enable the Clerk to carry out necessary banking procedures was signed.</p>
131.16	Document Retention – Consideration was given to a report circulated by the Clerk regarding document retention. It was resolved to permit the Clerk to destroy any paper correspondence un-related to ongoing issues and that older than 2 years.
132.16	<p>Correspondence as received</p> <p>Letter from a resident regarding safety issues in West Street. – To be brought to the attention of Wiltshire Council – ACTION CLERK</p> <p>Litter Picking for the Queen – Cllr Cole is organising together with members from Little Somerford Parish Council a Clean Up Day on 5th March between 10am – 12noon.</p>
133.16	Urgent Items – Any other items of business, which in the opinion of the Chairman, should be taken as a matter of urgency.

	<p>Hedges at Manor Close – Brought up during Public Participation. As it appears that this is becoming a danger to pedestrians it was resolved that the Clerk write to those householders responsible for the hedges – ACTION CLERK</p> <p>Cllr Loader to register his interests on line.</p>
134.16	<p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Butler agreed to look into costings of dog bins to replace one that had been taken away due to it being damaged.</p> <p>The Next meeting will be 9th March 2016.</p>

MEETING CLOSED 8.52PM