

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY)
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2014 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons - Chairman, Cllrs H Cole, D Butcher, M Hourigan, A Scott + 5 members of the public and S Webb - Clerk.

Minutes

115.14	Apologies for Absence - Received from Cllrs Loader and Hughes also from Wiltshire Councillor T Sturgis.
116.14	Councillor Vacancies - There are now two Councillor vacancies to fill
117.14	Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th November 2013 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
118.14	Declarations of Interest - Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in item 13 of the agenda (Community Room)
119.14	Public Participation Mr Thurgood of Dauntsey Road expressed his concerns regarding raw sewerage and flooding in the vicinity of Winkins Lane/Dauntsey Road. This to be reported to Wessex Water - ACTION CLERK
120.14	Walter Powell School/Pre School -- Patrick Neville - School Governor reported that the pre-school building is now completed, although the roof felting will be replaced There is still some work to be done in the garden which the pre-school will action. The community was thanked for all their help in this project and it is hoped that this support will continue in the future. The Chairman and Treasurer of the pre-school will be leaving and were thanked for all their hard work. Could anyone interested in filling these posts, please contact the Parish Clerk sue.thesomerfords@gmail.com .
121.14	Dog Walking - Great Somerford -With respect to land owned by the Sturgis family, at the present time dog walkers are asked to stay on the designated paths and the permitted path from the Showground to the footbridge, with their dogs under control. Further discussions will be held with landowners to identify areas where dogs can be exercised off leads away from traffic, respecting crops, wildlife and farming activities. Unfortunately, there have been incidents of dogs chasing sheep and deer and disrupting equestrian activities which, although by a minority, should not happen. ACTION CLLR JEVONS
122.14	Wiltshire Council update - Cllr Sturgis was not present but had submitted a written report. Cllr Jevons read out this report. This covered flooding at West Street and Frog Lane- where he explained the initial problems and what had been done and is still to be done. He also reported on the Bus Consultation issue. This is covered at the appropriate item. A copy of the full report can be obtained from the Clerk.
123.14	Cemetery Matters – Cllr. Hourigan reported that the grass cutting was satisfactory.
124.14	Proposed changes to bus services in Great Somerford - Cllr Loader was not present but presented a written report; An email from Ian White, Head of Service - Passenger Transport stated that: Tender prices have been received and the suggestions made by

	<p>Cllr Loader seem to be affordable. However, it is too early to say definitely as alternative routes are being considered. .</p> <p>Cllr Sturgis submitted a written report: The consultation closed in October, and having considered the issues raised, tenders were invited for new proposals and now these are being evaluated to see what is affordable, once this work is complete recommendations will be put forward to the Cabinet Member for a Decision Report, next month. It is never easy to get the timings right on all routes as there are often conflicting requests from the limited number of users. Wiltshire Council and the Health Service make funds available to Community First for grants to the local Link Scheme and if there are problems with the new timetables for some people once the decision is made the Link Scheme maybe able to help, for visits to doctor's surgeries and hospitals.</p>
125.14	<p>Planning Matters Wiltshire Council decisions: 13/05919/TCA Walter Powell school, Gt Somerford - Reduce 1 cherry tree and 2 Maple trees by 30% - SUPPORTED 13/03853/FUL L Shaped Barn, Winkins Lane, Gt. Somerford - Amendment to 00/02001/FUL Conversion of L-Shaped barn to residential - Alterations to internal partitions and window designs - SUPPORTED.</p> <p>Applications for consideration: 13/06696/FUL Replacement of existing timber boundary fencing with dry stone wall at 55 Gt. Somerford - It was resolved to support this application. 13/05782/FUL The Leach, Hollow Street, Gt. Somerford - Demolish of bungalow replaced with new build eco house - It was resolved to support this application. 13/05915/VAR Brook Farm, Gt. Somerford - Residential development (extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 04/02024/OUT) - It was resolved to support this request.</p>
126.14	<p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Speed Indicator Device for Startley - Nothing further to report b) Clearing of ditches - Nothing further to report c) Guinness Trust Development - A request for a footpath from the Guinness Trust development to the Old Police House has been raised with Wiltshire Council and all the information needed has been provided d) Pedestrian Gate West Side, Startley. - Reported - to be chased - ACTION CLERK e) Flood signs - Frog Lane - Concern has been expressed about the need for this sign. If the Parish Council receives a request from residents either to remove or keep the sign, it will review and pass its recommendation to Wiltshire Council. f) Other issues The Clerk is to report the bad state of the cul-de-sac at Winkins Lane and the white lining which has not yet been done. - ACTION CLERK
127.14	<p>Community Room - Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in this item. The sewing Circle will no longer be using the facilities. A letter of thanks for their previous support to be sent - ACTION CLERK</p>
128.14	<p>Future Objectives for the Parish Council S106 Agreements outstanding- Main priority - Upgrade of children's play area. Update on suitable equipment including information on outdoor table tennis tables - Cllr Butcher</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding -</u> - 15 Winkins Lane. - The total amount of £5,800 is ready for use. A quote is to be</p>

	<p>requested for the provision of an outdoor table tennis table and a football table also for suitable higher fencing. - ACTION CLLR BUTCHER</p> <p>- Springfields Dauntsey Road. - £2,116 ready for use. - request a copy of this agreement - ACTION CLERK</p> <p>- Possible S106 for Brown Leaves -Nothing to report</p>
129.14	<p>Items for Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community School Management – Nothing to report • Playarea – Nothing further to report
130.14	<p>Neighbourhood Plans - An application has been made to Wiltshire Council to designate Great Somerford and Startley Neighbourhood Area. This is necessary prior to undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. The closing date for comments is February 4th.. One positive response has been received from Dauntsey Parish Council. Volunteers are needed to undertake preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. sue.thesomerfords@gmail.com</p>
131.14	<p>Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014. - All dates agreed - June date to be changed from the 9th to the 11th</p>
132.14	<p>Finance. A report covering a,b,and c was previously circulated and it was resolved to accept this report as a true record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receipts since 13th November 2013 amounted t – £168.00 b) Payments approved at this meeting amounted to - £785.88 c) Bank Account balances as at 2nd January 2014 – Current account £2,397.48, Deposit account - £5,706.98 total £8,104.46 d) A draft budget for 2014/2015 had been previously circulated. Minor adjustments were agreed following which it was resolved to accept this budget. e) Following discussions it was resolved to agree a stand still precept of £6,895 this includes a grant of £169.84 from Wiltshire Council - this to be levied to Wiltshire Council for 2014/2015 f) Donation requests from Victim Support and Citizens Advice were considered and it was resolved not to support these at this time.
133.14	<p>Correspondence as received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter from Fosseway News and request to put notice on notice board - request granted. b) Information from Community First on the Good Neighbour Co-Ordinator c) Wiltshire Fire & Rescue public safety plan <p>All the above was noted.</p>
134.14	<p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. Next meeting 12th February 2014 Neighbourhood Plan to be an item on the next agenda</p>

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.48PM