

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY)
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL
ON WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2013 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons - Chairman, J Loader, P Worthen, R Hughes, D Butcher, H Cole, A Scott, Wiltshire Cllr T Sturgis, and S Webb - Clerk. + Patrick Nevill Governor of the School and Pree-School + 1 member of the public

MINUTES

022.13	Declaration of Acceptance of Office - Cllr Hourigan was not present so will sign at a future meeting.
023.13	Apologies for Absence - Received from Cllr M Hourigan.
024.13	Councillor Vacancy - The Clerk reported that the vacancy had been advertised but there were no interested parties coming forward. Members will speak to possible interested people.
025.13	Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on the 15 th May 2013 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
026.13	Declarations of Interest - None received
027.13	Public Participation – There were no questions asked.
028.13	<p>Walter Powell School/Pre School - Patrick Neville - School Governor reported on the following:</p> <p>The Diocese grant application for funding towards a new Pre-school building was unsuccessful. Local businesses have been contacted for sponsorship but again this was unsuccessful. It was agreed at a Pre-school committee meeting that raising the funds to pay for a new building would need to be a strategic plan/project led by him. A meeting is to take place with a possible source of a building a lot less expensive than the £15,000 quoted. If this route is taken, the building would need to be fitted out. Wiltshire Council 'Early Starters' may cover this. Also two residents have pledged a total of £1,500. The Duck Race if raising money for this project. The school has agreed to pay for the demolition of the existing building. At present there are 13 children attending - 8 of which will start school in September with 3 new children coming in.</p> <p>A request was made to the Parish Council for funding. It was resolved that a letter from the Pre-school was needed saying what the project plan is, what money has been raised and what the deficit is. This will then be considered.</p>
029.13	Wiltshire Council update - Cllr Sturgis reported on the following. Cllr. Sturgis has now taken on more strategic planning and strategic housing. However this has been made difficult due to funding being withdrawn from central government. .
030.13	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>a) Plans received for consideration - None received</p> <p>b) Wiltshire Council decisions - None received.</p> <p>c) planning application No. N/12/01264/FUL New Dwelling at Brown Leaves - Cllr</p>

	<p>Loader reported that he had spoken to a Solicitor and it was apparent that although a mistake in the decision had been made if it has been corrected then the decision would stand. No further action is to be taken. The Clerk reported that she had written to the Solicitor to the Council asking for advice but no acknowledgement or reply was received. Cllr Sturgis agreed to look into this. ACTION CLLR STURGIS.</p> <p>d) Framework Boundary of Great Somerford - The Clerk reported that a further letter had been written to Strategic Planning asking for written confirmation that the Free Gardens would be safe from development. No reply received to date. It was felt by Cllr Sturgis that the only action the Parish Council could take was to include it in the Neighbourhood Plan as land not to be built on.</p>
031.13	<p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <p><u>Speed Indicator Device for Startley</u> - Cllr Hourigan provided a written report as follows: I was invited to attend the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting held on the 28th May as I had requested that the Malmesbury Area Board acquire a second Speed Indicator Device (SID) for the Malmesbury Area because the time period between SID sessions was upwards of twenty weeks.</p> <p>Unfortunately the outcome of the meeting despite strong protest from myself was that there was no budget (or will) to purchase another SID and the Startley SID was to lose one of the SID sessions in that the SID would be installed at one end of the village and then wait twenty weeks to be installed at the other end of the village. The only good news to come out of the meeting was that the acting chairman of CATG would write to the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting a strong police radar team presence in Startley due to the failure of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) and SIDs.</p> <p>I have received no further reply from the Commissioner regarding CSW representatives meeting him to discuss the way forward.</p> <p><u>Flooding issue between Startley and Rodbourne near Heath Farm</u> - Cllr Hourigan provided a written report as follows: I have been informed that the pipes draining the ditches in the affected area have been jetted by Wiltshire Council as a preliminary attempt to solve the flooding problem and so far despite fairly heavy rain this week no sign of excess water has appeared.</p> <p><u>Faded White Lines and other issues</u> - Matt Perrott to be contacted as no agreed works have yet been done. - ACTION CLLR JEVONS</p> <p><u>Clearing of ditches</u> - Cllr Loader reported that he and Cllr Scott were to walk around the village to identify sites and clarify the owners of the land.</p> <p><u>Parish Steward reports</u> - Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Rotten posts at Quack Quacks</u> - This is maintained by the Parish Council and it was resolved to gain quotations for replacement posts - ACTION CLLR BUTCHER</p>
032.13	<p>Community Room - Cllr Scott reported that the new equipment had been marked and put away.</p>
033.13	<p>Future Objectives for the Parish Council</p> <p>a) S106 Agreements outstanding- Priorities are i) Upgrade of children’s play area, ii) Help with replacement of the pre-school building.</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding</u> -</p>

	<p>- 15 Winkins Lane. - Following notification that the £5,800 was ready for use - Wiltshire Council has now informed us that further investigation is needed before the money can be released. - Cllr Sturgis to follow this up - ACTION CLLR STURGIS</p> <p>- Springfields Dauntsey Road. - Nothing further to report - Cllr Sturgis to follow this up - ACTION CLLR STURGIS</p> <p>- Possible S106 for Brown Leaves - Enquiries to be made - ACTION CLERK</p>
034.13	<p>Items for Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community School Management – Nothing to report • Playarea – Cllrs Butcher reported that the goal was in situ. • Litter Pickers - A request for litter pickers was put forward via Cllr Butcher on behalf of local residents who litter pick on behalf of the village. It was resolved to purchase 12 litter pickers together with hi-vis. Jackets.
035.13	<p>Parish Council Insurance - Consideration was given to the Public Liability regarding Phone Box, Free Gardens and other areas owned by the Parish Council. It was decided that the cover was satisfactory.</p>
036.13	<p>Neighbourhood Plans Cllr Jevons briefed members of the meeting held with Wiltshire Councillor Simon Killane who is leading on the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan. Notes of this meeting have been circulated. Following discussions it was resolved to go forward with drafting a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Jevons then explained that a paper had been drafted in readiness following the above resolution explaining what a Neighbourhood Plan is and the possible benefits it would have to the villages.. This paper is to be distributed to all residents in Great Somerford and Startley. Cllr Sturgis agreed to check the legalities of the paper before circulation. - ACTION CLLR STURGIS.</p>
037.13	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receipts since 15th May 2013 totalled £59. b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled - £626.69 c) Bank Account balances as at 28th May 2013 - Current account £6,934.24, Deposit account - £11,504.29 total - £18,438.53 d) Consideration was given to granting the Pre-school a sum of money towards a second hand building - A letter with more information from the Pre-school is awaited.
038.13	<p>Correspondence as received - None received at production of this agenda.</p>
039.13	<p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. Next meeting 10th July 2013</p>

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55PM

FREE GARDENS

004.13	<p>Allotment Agreements</p> <p><u>Clarification on Agreements</u> - Cllr Hourigan provided a written report as follows: Most of the Allotment Agreements have now been received. Arthur and I checked the state of the allotments for which no signed agreement had been received and I am now chasing some seven stragglers or prospective cancellations by phone and letter to finalise the process.</p> <p><u>Update on complaint</u> - Cllr Butcher reported that the complainant was now happy. Thanks were passed to Cllr Butcher.</p>
005.13	<p>Free Gardens Maintenance - Cllr Butcher reported that all was in order.</p>
006.13	<p>Free Gardens Management of Accounts - Cllr Hughes reported that transfers could now be carried out as the on-line banking was now operational. Cllr Hughes proposed that £50,000 be transferred to the Nation Wide at 1.8% interest and another £20,000 be transferred into another bank or building society giving better interest rates than it is receiving at present. A written proposal of these movements is to be drafted and circulated by email to all Trustees for their written agreement before the transfers can take place. - ACTION CLLRS HUGHES AND WORTHEN.</p> <p>Cllr Worthen is to become a signature on the account and the Clerk is to be taken off of the signature list. All correspondence relating to the Free Gardens account is to be transferred to the Trustees.</p>

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.12PM