

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2014 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons, H Cole, R Hughes, A Cook, J Loader, D Butcher, Mrs C Butler, M Hourigan, A Scott, Wiltshire Cllr T Sturgis, Mrs S Webb, Clerk + 2 members of the public.

MINUTES

024.14	Apologies for Absence - None received
025.14	Minutes - An amendment to minute 007.14 of the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 th May 2014 is to be made and brought to the July meeting for ratification.
026.14	Declarations of Interest - Cllr Jevons declared a prejudicial interest in planning application No. 14/04983/TCA - took no part in discussions and did not vote.
027.14	Public Participation – Mr Toby Sturgis spoke as a member of the public on the following: He seeks the parish council's support for a forthcoming planning application for 2 affordable houses and one market value house - the drainage works to accompany this application are aimed to alleviate the flooding problem at Frog Lane. Cllr Cook declared a personal interest in this and took no part in discussions and did not vote. It was resolved that the Parish Council support this proposal in principle and will review this decision when the official planning application is received.
028.14	Wiltshire Council update – No formal update.
029.14	Review of Councillor Responsibilities - Councillor responsibilities were reviewed and the following was agreed: <u>Planning</u> , - Cllrs Cole, Hughes, Butcher and Jevons, Cook For Startley Cllr Hourigan. <u>Highways</u> , - Cllr Hourigan. <u>Allotments</u> , Cllrs Butcher, Scott & Hourigan. <u>Play Areas</u> , Cllrs Butcher, Loader, Hughes and Cole. <u>Cemetery</u> , Cllrs Hourigan and Jevons, <u>Community Room</u> . - Cllr Butler, <u>Free Gardens Maintenance</u> , Cllrs Butcher and Scott. <u>Free Gardens Finance</u> Cllr Hughes. <u>Rights of Way</u> - Cllrs Scott . <u>Clearing of Ditches</u> - Cllr Loader. <u>Goss Croft Hall</u> - Cook.
030.14	Planning Matters Wiltshire Council Decisions 13/05782/FUL - Demolition of bungalow, replaced with new build eco house at The Leach, Hollow St, Gt. Somerford - approved with conditions 14/03955/TCA Fell 3 ash trees to ground level at 1 The Forge, Gt. Somerford - No Objections Applications for consideration 14/04983/TCA Fell Tree surgery at The Old Maltings, Gt. Somerford - It was resolved to support this application.
031.14	Trees at Hollow Street - Following a letter from a resident expressing concern over the ownership of some dangerous trees, Cllr Loader reported that he had consulted with the Land Registry who do not have information on the ownership of the trees. On behalf of the parish council the author of the letter to be advised of this and it was suggested that all who are affected by the trees fund the necessary works to make the trees safe.

032.14	<p>Cemetery Matters - Cllr Hourigan reported that the cemetery was in need of tidying up and he would speak to the contractor</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a request for the burial of ashes had been received. It was resolved to support this request together with the request to erect a memorial.</p>
033.14	<p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Speed Indicator Device for Startley - Cllr Hourigan read out a letter he had drafted to send to the Police bringing to their attention the constant speeding through the village of Startley b) Clearing of ditches - Cllr Loader reported that Hollow Street was ongoing. It was noted that the ditch by the football field was in need of clearing. c) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath - Awaiting results of topographical survey - CATG have indicated that they would need to be provided with information about how and who the parish council had consulted. Therefore a letter has been delivered to those dwellings that would be affected by this proposal, asking for comments and if they approve or not. Wiltshire Council's Highway Manager Martin Rose has agreed to assist with this - The Closing date for replies is the 27th June 2014. d) Pedestrian Gate West Side, Startley. - The Rights of Way Officer has been informed that this has now been repaired. e) Village Highway issues - update from Cllrs Jevons Next Community Day is scheduled for 17th June TBC f) 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 g) Gt Somerford Signage - A more attractive sign has been requested - this to be discussed during the next Community Day visit. h) Reported Issues - a broken stile on the Seagry Road to the left of Broadfield Farm has been reported. The pot holes in Winking Lane to be reported together with the bad state of the footpath in Hollow Street.
034.14	<p>Community Room - Nothing to report</p>
035.14	<p>S106 contributions update - The Clerk reported on the following: Main priority - Upgrade of children's play area.</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 Winkins Lane. - £4,800 now used £1,000 yet to be used. - Springfields Dauntsey Road. - £2,116 ready for use. - This is two thirds of the full amount. - To be chased. - Possible S106 for Brown Leaves -Nothing to report
036.14	<p>Play Area - Cllrs Butcher and Cole reported on the following: Quotations to be sought for the repair of the fencing - also to research and gain quotations for higher fencing surrounding the play area. Once agreed this to be put forward as a scheme application for the remaining S106 contributions.</p>

	<p>Safety matting is to be ordered and it was resolved that the Parish Council would cover the cost of this.</p> <p>Smokefree Play Area - This scheme to be further investigated - information to be requested.</p>
037.14	Community School Management - Nothing to report
038.14	Neighbourhood Plans - Cllr Jevons reported that the results of the Housing Needs Surveys had been received.
039.14	Bus Services - Cllr Loader reported that he had not received any further views from the public therefore had nothing further to report.
040.14	Parish Council Website - It was noted that there was an active parish website and it was resolved to send the agendas and ratified minutes as and when available.
041.14	<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> <p>a) Receipts since 14th May 2014 - total £40.00</p> <p>b) Payments approved at this meeting total £1,324.53</p> <p>c) Bank Account balances as at 2nd June 2014 Current account £12,596.03, Deposit account £5,708.15 - total £18,304.18</p> <p>d) Consideration was given to financial requests from the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and Splash. - Although it was appreciated the good work both these organisations carry out it was resolved not to support them as due to cutbacks financial support is kept to local organisations.</p>
042.14	<p>Correspondence as received</p> <p>a) Information on the contact details for the Dog Warden Tel 01225 770507 email: lostdogs@wiltshire.gov.uk - information previously circulated</p> <p>b) Temporary road closure information - Information previously circulated.</p> <p>c) Letter from the Secretary of Goss Croft Hall Trustees asking if a member of this Council would consider becoming a member of the Trustees of Goss Croft Hall - It was resolved that Cllr Cook represent the Parish Council.</p> <p>d) Coupon for 10 free bags of compost received (Best Kept Village Competition) Cllr Loader agreed to collect this.</p> <p>e) A Gypsy and Traveller Needs assessment survey received - It was resolved not to complete this.</p>
043.14	<p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. Next meeting 16th July 2014 - Cllr Butler reported that she had read the latest Clerks & Councils Direct and that there was some very useful information in this magazine that relates to some of the issues that the Parish Council is dealing with - Cllr Butler has also ordered some free poppy seeds to sow around the war memorial. - The Clerk thanked Cllr Butler for this initiative.</p>

Meeting Closed at 9pm