

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

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

Public Participation – There were no questions asked.

MINUTES

149.15 **Apologies for Absence** – Received from Cllr Butler – Cllr Cook was absent.

150.15 **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.

151.15 **Declarations of Interest** – It was noted that Cllr Scott assists with the caretaking of the Community Room.

It was also noted that Cllrs Jevons and Hourigan are members of the NP Steering Group.

152.15 **Wiltshire Council update** - Cllr Sturgis reported that the Council Tax booklets have now been delivered to each household. More information on Green waste can be found on the Wiltshire Council's web-site.

153.15 **Planning Matters**

Wiltshire Council decisions –

- a) 14/11694/FUL Two storey side extension at Hawthorn Cottage, Frog Lane, Gt. Somerford. Approved with conditions.

Applications for Consideration

- a) 15/01558/TCA Fell 1 Ash at Tamerisk, Gt. Somerford
- b) 15/01674/TCA 25% crown reduction to Yew and fell 1 Ash tree at Parsloe, Hollow St, Gt. Somerford.
- c) 15/01909/TPO Tree works at The Quacks, Great Somerford.

It was **resolved** to support the above three applications.

154.15 **Cemetery Matters** - Update from Cllr Hourigan, all is in order.

156.15 **Highway Matters - As received**

- a) Clearing of ditches – Some ditches have been cleared – Cllr Loader to look into what still needs doing.
- b) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath – Wiltshire Council's Martin Rose wishes to hold a public viewing in the Community Room of the maps and related information. It was suggested that this is done during the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Jevons to suggest this to Martin Rose **ACTION CLLR JEVONS**
- c) Village Highway issues – The latest report was circulated – pot holes at West Street and Startley Turning are to be reported.
- 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 – With CATG Road narrowing signs maybe a possibility
- f) Green Lane, Startley reported to the ROW Officer who agreed to repair it when more material is available – **Ongoing** Cllr Sturgis agreed to look into this.-

ACTION CLLR STURGIS

157.15 **Community Room** – It was reported that the heater needs some attention and needs to be secured to the wall.(This had been attended to at the time of the meeting)
The fridge has gone missing— Cllr Jevons to investigate.

158.15 **Bus Service** – Nothing further to report

159.15 **Future Objectives for the Parish Council**

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

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- 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

160.15. **Items for Action**

- **Community School Management** – Nothing further to report

Playarea –

- Update on Ball Game ban Cllr Jevons/Clerk – A notice for the notice board has been prepared – explaining the reasons for this action and seeking ideas and support for a future recreation ground.

Also, it was resolved to re-use the existing 'No Hard Ball Games' sign at the play area.

The old fencing has now been removed and quotes are awaited for replacement fencing.

It was resolved to continue with the sourcing of new play equipment for younger children – **ACTION CLLR BUTCHER.**

- Unanimous support was given to seeking an alternative area for ball games/play/recreation. Cllr Loader and Hughes were appointed to seek and identify potential alternative areas and report back to the Parish Council

161.15. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Jevons reported that the questionnaires had been delivered to each household and the responses were received. This information has been circulated.

It was unanimously supported and therefore resolved to move to the next stage and submit the Neighbourhood Plan to the Parish for a six week consultation.

162.15. **Review of Parish Council Documents**

Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – The Standing Orders and financial

Regulations were previously circulated and it was resolved to adopt as circulated with the addition as agreed to section 19..

Risk Assessment Policy – It was **resolved** to accept as circulated.

Asset Register – The Community Room and cemetery is to be researched regarding insurance value.

The Allotments and Jubilee Gardens to be checked regarding Public Liability cover.

Pat Testing of Community Room electrical appliances to be looked into.

163.15 **Finance – A report covering a, b, c, previously circulated.**

- a) Receipts since 11th march totalled £1,000
- b) Payments approved at this meeting amounted to £1,762.45
- c) Bank Account balances as at 27th February 2015 – Current account £7,471.69, Deposit account £5,710.30 total £13,181.99

164.15. **Correspondence as received**

- a) WALC information on a Core Skills for Councillors course.
- b) Clerks & Councillors Direct
- c) Emergency Planning update form – Cllrs Cole and Butcher to reply **ACTION**
CLLRS COLE AND BUTCHER
- d) Best Kept Village entry form – It was agreed to enter.
- e) Complaint regarding litter being left along the river. – Cllr Jevons has dealt with this.

165.15 **Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.** Next meeting 8th April also the Annual Parish Meeting. Volunteers for a litter picking day to be sought at the APM.

166.15 **Urgent Items** – There were no urgent items to discuss.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30PM