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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2017 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons-Chairman, H Cole, D Butcher, A Scott, M Hourigan, S Mansfield, Mrs C Butler Mrs A Gravell, Mrs S Binstead, Wiltshire Cllr T Sturgis, O Taylor Strategic Land Manager, Gleeson Strategic Land attended as a member of the public

Public Participation – No questions asked.

MINUTES

139.17	Apologies for Absence. – none received
140.17	Minutes The minutes of the Great Somerford Parish Council meeting held on 8 th February 2017 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
141.17.	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Scot declared a personal interest in item 8 of the agenda. Stayed and added useful information. Cllr Butcher declared a personal interest in item 5 planning applications 17/00846/FUL & 17/00861/FUL. Stayed, took no meaningful part in discussions and did not vote.
142.17.	Wiltshire Council update –Cllr Sturgis reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White lining still ongoing and constantly campaigning• Permission granted to correct the electricity cable in Glebe Field (which is too shallow)
143.17	Planning Matters – Cllr Cole reported on the following: Wiltshire Council Decisions Tree Applications - 17/00511/TCA, Fell 1 Horthorn at Sherwood, 25 Winkins Lane Gt. Somerford – No Objections Applications for consideration 17/00846/FUL – residential development of 39 dwellings together with associated infrastructure, public open space and landscaping at Land at Broadfield Farm, Seagry Rd, Gt. Somerford. This application had been previously circulated and comments from members were read out. By a majority vote it was resolved to object to this application and the following comments will be relayed to Wiltshire Council: 17/00861/FUL -two dwellings with garages and one garage for Number 4 Broadfield Farm Seagry Rd, Gt. Somerford. This application had been previously circulated and comments from members were read out. By a majority vote it was resolved to object to this application and the following comments will be relayed to Wiltshire Council: Great Somerford Parish Council object to planning applications 17/00846/Ful - 39 dwellings, and 17/00861/FUL - 2 dwellings, on the following grounds:- 1) The development of 17/00846/FUL is in contradiction of Wiltshire County Council core strategy Policy Advisory ruling of a maximum 10 dwellings per site in larger villages.

	<p>2) A large part of the proposed development is on prime agricultural land that is outside the village development boundary.</p> <p>3) This development along with the possible 39 houses to be built on the Brook Farm site will over burden the infrastructure of the village especially highways.</p> <p>4) Some members of the parish council do not agree with all the affordable homes being grouped together at one end of the site.</p> <p>5) This development is not in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for the village.</p> <p>6) There is some concern that there is no foot path from the development site to the centre of the village.</p> <p>Consideration was given to arranging an extraordinary/public meeting in relation to planning applications 17/00846/FUL & 17/00861/FUL. Following discussions and a vote by show of hands, it was resolved to hold a public viewing of the above two planning applications on the 24th March. Cllr Cole to arrange – ACTION CLLR COLE</p>
145.17	<p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <p>a) White Lining – Ongoing in W C budget for 2018</p> <p>b) West Street/Startley Lane – Potential flood risk – W C to monitor this location – (Issues to be added to Priority Log)</p> <p>c) Parish Steward/Priority Log – Cllr Scott reported that the Steward had carried out some work in the village. Any issues to be passed to Cllr Scott for him to report to W.C.</p> <p>d) Dauntsey Road Footpath – W C response to reported kerb mounting and parking has been circulated. This to be monitored. Metro count requested.</p>
146.17	<p>Litter Bins – Cllr Butler reported that she had forwarded to W.C. a diagram/map of the village showing the current position of all of the bins, all numbered for their assistance in identification of the two that need to be relocated. Also asked for confirmation that the two relocated bins will be emptied on a regular basis along with the others. Also enquired as to whether we are entitled to a new bin to replace the one that was rusted out.</p> <p>To date no response received.</p>
147.17	<p>Community Room – The Clerk reported that following the caretakers complaint that the Guides were not leaving the room as it should be after use – the Clerk had written to the leader of the Guides and brought the matter to their attention.</p> <p>It was noted that a first aid box was needed for the Community Room. Cllr Butler to oversee this. – ACTION CLLR BUTLER</p>
148.17	<p>Community School Management – Nothing to report</p>
149.17.	<p>S106 update – Payment of £2,203.56 for Brownleaves now a legal issue. – Nothing further to report</p>
150.17.	<p>Play Area - The Clerk reported that the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme application was still to be considered. The Area Board grant application was successful and the Parish Council has been granted £3,000 towards play equipment</p> <p>Cllr Butcher reported that the swing seats had been ordered. New bark is also needed.</p>

	Cllr Butcher together with Cllr Cole to convene a list of what is needed. – ACTION CLLRS COLE/BUTCHER.
151.17.	Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Jevons had previously circulated the Steering Groups responses to the Examiners questions. The Public Hearing is on Wednesday 22 nd March in Goss Croft Hall, starting at 10.00am.
152.17	Best Kept Village – It was agreed to enter – Cllr Cole to complete the entry form – ACTION CLLR COLE
153.17	Review of Parish Council Policies – The following policies had been circulated and it was resolved to accept them as read. - Freedom of Information, Risk Assessment, Equal Opportunities, Standing Orders and Financial Regs.
154.17	<p>Finance – A report previously circulated and accepted as a true record.</p> <p>a) Receipts since 8th February 2017 totalled - £80.00</p> <p>b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled - £482.76</p> <p>c) Bank Account balances as at 3rd March 2017 – Current account - £9,203.22, Deposit account - £3,715.43 – total £12,918.65.</p> <p>d) Review of revised Asset register – The Clerk reported that she had added replacement values to the assets on the register. Members to assist with the replacement values of some of the assets. – ACTION ALL COUNCILLORS</p> <p>e) New Pension Regulations – The Clerk reported the following - From June 2016 the law on workplace pensions came into effect for Great Somerford Parish Council This pension process started February 2016 with a requirement to complete a Declaration of Compliance to the Pension Regulator by June 2016.</p> <p>This means that any new employee of the Parish Council may opt into a pension scheme. This would represent a council contribution of 3% of the employee's salary by October 2018. Commencing September 2017 with 1% increasing to 3% by October 2018.</p> <p>The present Clerk opted out; therefore there is nothing to pay for the present Clerk. In these circumstances, The Parish Council may if it so wishes provide a gratuity for the Clerk. No discussion took place and no gratuity was recommended.</p>
155.17	<p>Correspondence as received</p> <p>a) Information on parish elections – Noted</p> <p>b) W C information regarding a motion on Maintenance of Rights of Way – Noted</p> <p>c) Request to provide a flower arrangement for St Peter and St Paul Church Flower Festival – It was resolved to provide a flower arrangement – Cllrs Butler, Binstead and Gravell to oversee – ACTION CLLRS BUTLER, BINSTAD AND GRAVELL</p> <p>d) Clerk & Councils Direct March issue – noted</p> <p>e) Further information on Elections – Noted</p> <p>f) Elections poster – to be laced on notice boards.</p>

156.17	<p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. – Next meeting is 12th April commencing at 7pm – prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. Note: The Clerk reported that she had sent invitations out to speakers for the APM.</p> <p>Cllr Cole reported that he and Cllr Butler carried out a litter pick and found the litter situation in Gt. Somerford was not too bad.</p> <p>Note: There will be the annual defibrillator presentation on Monday 20th March in the School Hall commencing at 7pm.</p>
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MEETING CLOSED AT 9.02PM