

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 2018 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Mansfield-Chairman, H Cole, D Butcher, S Binstead, F Hyde, M Hourigan, C Blount, Wiltshire Cllr Sturgis and two members of the public.

Public Participation

Mrs Porter reported that the Broadfield Farm development was discussed at the Wiltshire planning meeting earlier in the day with Gleeson outlining their proposed changes to the existing plans – these include removing the Buff coloured bricks and the addition of a footpath. She also mentioned that Oliver Taylor of Gleeson would like to give an update to the PC at their next meeting

Mrs Porter also asked that the revised dates for the PC meetings be correctly shown on the web-site – Cllr Hourigan offered to amend this

1.2.18	Apologies for Absence. - Cllrs Scott and Gravell
2.2.18	Minutes The minutes of the Great Somerford Parish Council meeting held on 7 th February 2018 were signed by the chairman and adopted as a true record.
3.2.18	Declarations of Interest - None. Review of Members Register of Interests - Up-to-Date.
4.2.18	Wiltshire Council update Cllr Sturgis reported that he had investigated the strip of land between the Free Gardens hedge and the carriageway and could find no details of ownership; neither has the land ever been registered and the mapping is inaccurate. If the Trustees of the Free Gardens wish that it be utilised as a footpath from the Broadfield Farm development to the centre of the village the easiest way forward is to declare that they have no interest in it
5.2.18	Planning Matters Cllr Cole reported on the following applications :- 17/12502/FUL Broadfield Farm, Seagry Road – Demolish built structures/redevelop site for 13 market and 7 affordable dwellings and associated infrastructure. The council have received no formal feedback from Mr Taylor of Gleeson although he had e-mailed the chairman to indicate Gleeson's intentions and to say that there should have been a planning meeting last week but was prevented by the bad weather and it had been re-scheduled for March 7 th (See account by Mrs Porter above). Decision to make no comment until we have received the revised plans which should be available before the end of March 18/00698/TCA 7 Manor Park – work on Chestnut tree. Passed 18/01346/TCA Tangles – 30% reduction to Judas tree. Passed 18/01285/TCA 1 Paddock Close – fell Silver Birch. Passed 18/0120/FUL 61 West Street – Single storey rear and two storey side extensions. No objection 18/00665FUL Oakdene Cottage, Startley – Change of use of Land and Creation of New Entrance, Driveway and Associated Works. No objection Note – There had been some doubt cast about an effect on a footpath adjacent to this property. The Wiltshire footpath maps have been consulted and there is no footpath adjacent to the house

6.2.18	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p>a) Street Lamp by No. 1 Manor Park Cllr Mansfield had previously raised a "Wiltshire App" about this lamp which has been out for many months and received a reply that it had already been reported and was being worked on. Cllr Mansfield has asked the Malmesbury Highways engineer precisely what is being done about it but has not yet received a reply. Cllr Sturgis offered to investigate</p> <p>b) Traffic in Startley Cllr Mansfield had written to Dyson Ltd asking if they would remind their staff not to speed through Startley on their way home. No reply has been received</p> <p>c) Dauntsey Road Flooding There is water flooding a low area of Dauntsey Road – there are three gullies that should drain the water but it is not draining.. Another "Wiltshire App" has been raised</p> <p>d) Tractors tearing up the Verges It was reported that a number of huge tractors have been passing through the village not slowing down when there is a slight obstruction (e.g. parked car) but mounting either verge or footpath whenever it suited them causing enormous damage to the verges. Cllr Butcher offered to find out which landowner is responsible; Cllr Sturgis offered to write to them but added that, as long as they are not exceeding the speed limit, there is little that can be done</p>
7.2.18	<p>Community Room</p> <p>Mrs Scott had reported to Cllr Mansfield that the school wished to undertake private piano lessons in the Community Room during the day. She informed the school administrator that, as these are private lessons and not part of the school curriculum, the standard booking fee is due. Nothing further has been heard but a piano has appeared in the community room Cllr Hyde offered to contact the school administrator about this</p> <p>As Cllr Scott is currently in hospital, Cllr Hyde will again be in regular contact with Mrs Scott in case she requires any assistance</p>
8.2.18	<p>Play Area - Community Involvement – Cllr Hyde arranged for a representative of Playdale to visit Great Somerford and inspect the current play area and an alternative site near the school. He reported that the alternative site is unacceptable due to its size/position and the close proximity of the electricity pylons. He is producing a plan for the refurbishment of the play area and will be in contact with Cllr Hyde later this week</p>
9.2.18	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>As the Neighbourhood Plan is now "made", the Steering Group has no further function. It was unanimously agreed that it will be stood down with immediate effect. The Chairman proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded by the Council for all the effort and hard work that had been put into the plan by the group – this was unanimously agreed</p>
10.2.18	<p>Cemetery Matters – No problems at present</p>
11.2.18	<p>Walking the Parish Footpaths Cllr Sturgis is still working on his list of landowners</p>

12.2.18	<p>Community Assets</p> <p>The clerk had received from WCC advice that our proposal for designating the Volunteer was a bit insubstantial. We need to determine exactly where that advice came from</p> <p>Action Cllr Blount</p>
13.2.18	<p>Community Emergency Plan</p> <p>We need to store 1 tonne of Salt and 1 tonne of grit/sand. Cllr Sturgis offered to investigate whether they could be stored at Brook Farm</p> <p>It was further suggested that we need additional grit bins in the village – these would have to be purchased by the Parish Council. Cllr Blount will make a proposal for next meeting</p> <p>Cllrs Blount and Hyde will co-ordinate social media postings</p>
14.2.18	<p>Clerk to the Council</p> <p>Mrs Harford has stated that she can no longer continue as Clerk to the Council due to her increasing family commitments.</p> <p>We thank her for all her help during the short time she was with us</p> <p>Cllr Mansfield will act as Clerk and Cllr Binstead as RFO until a new Clerk can be employed</p> <p>The Clerk's e-mail remains as :- clerk.gspc@gmail.com</p>
15.2.18	<p>Finance</p> <p>Transactions since 7th February 2018</p> <p>Receipts - £53.06</p> <p>Payments - £833.87</p> <p>Bank Account balances as at 23rd February 2018 (last statement) – Current account - £11,539.32, Deposit account - £3,717.29 total £15,256.61</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Hourigan, seconded by Cllr Mansfield and unanimously agreed to accept the Finance Report with no changes</p> <p>Cllr Binstead outlined a potential change to 2018/19 budget in conjunction with an underspend this year that would enable the purchase of a speed activated warning sign.</p> <p>Cllr Hourigan to make a definitive proposal for consideration at the May meeting</p>
16.2.18	<p>Correspondence as received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) CPRE Best Kept Village competition. It was agreed to enter – Cllrs Cole and Hourigan will deal with this b) Goss Croft Hall. Have asked for a councillor to attend trustee meetings. The council had originally offered to do this on a 'round robin' basis but this is unacceptable to the Hall trustees as the council member would also have to be a trustee. It is necessary for one person to take on this role. Cllr Blount offered to do it for one year c) Defibrillator Training will take place at 7pm at the School on 8th May 2018.

17.2.18	<p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. – The next meeting is 4th April 2018 commencing at 7.30pm. Items :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Dates for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual PC meetingb) Review of Council Policies :-<ul style="list-style-type: none">Freedom of InformationRisk AssessmentEqual Opportunities <p>It was mentioned that the revisions to the Data Protection Act may have a large impact on the operation of Parish Councils. Cllr Sturgis advised us not to do anything at present as WCC are negotiating to deal with it for all Parishes</p>
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MEETING CLOSED AT 20.55 Hrs.

S. Mansfield
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