

## Parish Council Annual Meeting

Six members of the Great Somerford (incorporating Startley) Parish Council attended the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. All signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. No members of the public attended. Paul Worthen was co-opted at the appropriate Agenda item.

Cllr Jevons was elected Chairman and Cllr Cole was elected Vice-Chairman.

Following the elections, a Councillor vacancy has arisen. Anyone interested in taking up this position please contact the Clerk Sue Webb on 01666 824620 email [sue.thesomerfords@gmail.com](mailto:sue.thesomerfords@gmail.com)

Wiltshire Cllr. T. Sturgis attended the meeting and outlined the new service for highways to be introduced by Wiltshire Council on June 1<sup>st</sup>, details of which are described below under Highway Matters. Work on drainage issues is ongoing.

**Planning** - The issue relating to the approval of the planning application for a new dwelling at Brown Leaves is an ongoing matter.

It was noted that part of the Free Gardens is located within the Framework Boundary of Wiltshire Council's building line. A request for it to be removed is being pursued.

### Highway Matters

From June 1<sup>st</sup> Wiltshire Council has agreed a new term contract to provide local Highway and Street Scene Services to work with communities to identify and prioritise local concerns. All such concerns should be relayed to the parish Clerk (Mrs. Sue Webb on 01666 824620 email [sue.thesomerfords@gmail.com](mailto:sue.thesomerfords@gmail.com) )

who will then bring them to the attention of the Parish Council and to the Wiltshire Council coordinator for our area.

Community Speed Watch - A meeting with the Police Commissioner has been requested to discuss recent developments regarding the unacceptable level of Police backup for the Community Speed Watch team In Startley.

Due to lack of volunteers to operate Community Speed Watch on the Dauntsey Road, this will not be pursued.

A request to move the 30mph signs on the Dauntsey Road is being investigated by Wiltshire Council

Clearing of Ditches - Designated members have been appointed to look into the necessity of clearing ditches within the parish.

**Community Room** - New mugs and cutlery have been purchased for public use. Charges for hire of the Community Room will remain unchanged.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - The drafting of a Neighbourhood Plan is being considered. Possible sources of grant funding are being investigated.

**Finance** - The Clerk reported that the accounts had been audited and there were no matters of concern to bring to the Parish Council's attention.

**Telephone Kiosk**-Thanks were expressed to Mike Hardwick for refurbishment of the telephone kiosk in Great Somerford.

**Malmesbury Area Board** - Cllr Jevons was appointed as the Parish Council's representative to attend the Area Board meetings.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - Change of Parish Council meeting dates - Due to the dates set clashing with the Area Board meeting dates the following dates for future Parish Council meetings were changed as follows: All Wednesdays commencing at 7.30pm 5<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> November.**