

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY)
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL
ON WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2013 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons - Chairman, Cllrs H Cole, J Loader, D Butcher, M Hourigan, R Hughes, + 13 members of the public and S Webb - Clerk.

Minutes

095.13	Apologies for Absence - Received from Cllrs A Scott and P Worthen
096.13	Councillor Vacancy - Nothing to report - the vacancy is still not filled. The Chairman announced that Councillor P Worthen had resigned from his position of Parish Councillor with immediate effect. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr. Worthen for his contribution to the Parish Council. Wiltshire Council will be notified and the process for filling this and the ongoing vacancy will continue in the new year.
097.13	Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9 th October 2013 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
098.13	Declarations of Interest - None received
099.13	<p>Public Participation – The majority of public present were keen to hear an update on the Wiltshire Council’s proposed changes to bus services. The Wilts. Council Officer has been approached to request a meeting but has not agreed. The Wilts. Officer is to be approached again and if no positive response is forthcoming the matter will be taken further. Also Malmesbury Surgery is to be asked for their support as the proposed changes will make it extremely difficult to visit from Great Somerford. There is a Community Transport Meeting in Sherston Village Hall at 7.30pm Wednesday November 20th. - ACTION CLLR LOADER</p> <p>Dog Fouling in the village Although there has been some improvement, several members of the public expressed concern over the continuing problem of dog fouling both on the pavements and on well walked field paths. Concern was also voiced over the uncertainty of where exactly dog walking is now permitted. Clarification will be sought but dog owners are reminded that their dogs must be kept on a lead where farm animals are present and under control at all times</p> <p>It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that some horse riders were seen at times leading two additional horses on the road while using a mobile phone. It was felt that this could lead to a dangerous situation where horses, riders and motorists could be injured.</p>
100.13	<p>Walter Powell School/Pre School - Patrick Neville - School Governor reported on the following: The Building is now erected and good progress is being made. Inside work is now going on. The target time is being met as well as keeping within budget. It is anticipated that it will be completed on the 4th December. An Art Auction fund raising event is taking place at Little Somerford on 7th December starting at 10.30am. Thanks were passed to Patrick from the Parish Council for all his time and effort he has directed into this project.</p>

101.13	Dog Walking - Great Somerford - This has slightly improved - Dog Warden to be chased and to be mentioned in the Signpost - ACTION CLERK
102.13	Wiltshire Council update - Cllr Sturgis was not present
103.13	Cemetery Matters - Cllr Hourigan reported that Mr Johnson had carried out his first “dormant season” of maintenance to a good standard.
104.13	Proposed changes to bus services in Great Somerford - Cllr Loader gave a report during public participation - see above.
105.13	<p>Planning Matters <u>Applications for consideration</u> - 13/04950/TCA, Tree surgery at Carlyon, Frog Lane, Gt. Somerford RESOLVED to support this application</p> <p>13/03853/FUL and 13/04191/LBC - Amendment to original application of L shaped barn at Winkins Lane, Gt. Somerford - it was RESOLVED to support this application.</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Council Decisions</u> - 13/03674/FUL Erection of Log Cabin, at Dauntsey Road, Great Somerford, - Approved with conditions</p> <p>13/03209/FUL. New entrance at Startley Farm House, Startley, - Approved with conditions</p> <p>13/02581/FUL - Extension at 1 Winkins Lane, Gt. Somerford - Approved with conditions</p> <p>13/03448/FUL External and internal alterations at Meadow View, West Street, Great Somerford, - Approved.</p>
106.13	<p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <p>a) Speed Indicator Device for Startley - Cllr Hourigan reported - Startley’s SID has returned within a very short time of leaving us. This is due to a complete revision of the SID Deployment Schedule. We are not due another session until March next year.</p> <p>b) Ditch Clearing. Cllr Loader reported that there had been some progress but still more to be done.</p> <p>c) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath - Issue raised: latest update - a request to be made to refer this to the CATG – if considered an appropriate project then 25% of the cost will be sought from the parish council - to be chased - ACTION CLERK</p> <p>d) Flooding at Rodbourne end of Startley - Cllr Hourigan reported that this has again flooded a couple of times so the problem has not been solved.</p> <p>e) Flooding at Frog Lane - Cllr Hourigan reported that this has flooded a couple of times recently and he has spoken to and subsequently emailed Cllr Sturgis about the causes and possible remedies. Feedback from Cllr Sturgis awaited.</p> <p>f) Other issues - Cllr Jevons expressed his disappointment that Wilts. Council do not respond to issues that are in need of urgent attention and that this situation needs to be raised with them. – It was resolved that a meeting be set up with Officials of Wiltshire Council to bring this matter to their attention.</p>

	g) Parish Steward Issues - The Clerk had reported the dog fouling and the broken stile at Startley.
107.13	Community Room - It was reported that the Sewing Circle had found an alternative venue whilst the Pre-school is using the Community Room.
108.13	<p>Future Objectives for the Parish Council S106 Agreements outstanding- Main priority - Upgrade of children's play area. Cllr Butcher.</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding -</u> 15 Winkins Lane. - The total amount of £5,800 is ready for use Springfields Dauntsey Road. - £2,116 ready for use. Possible S106 for Brown Leaves -Nothing to report</p> <p>Cllrs Buthcer and Cole reported that they had investigated outdoor table tennis tables. It was RESOLVED that they look into the purchase of play equipment up to the value of the S106 money ready for use.</p>
109.13	<p>Items for Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community School Management – Nothing to report • Playarea – Inspection report received - Medium risks reported on the Goal Posts, 2 bay 4 seat swing, + some low risks. - This was passed to Cllr Butcher and it was RESOLVED to use some of the S106 monies to pay for the repairs. - ACTION CLLRS BUTCHER/COLE
110.13	<p>Neighbourhood Plans N P Steering Group - It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council will lead the Steering Group</p> <p>Recruitment of other members to the Steering Group - It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council reserve the right to recruit other members to the Steering Group.</p> <p>Cllr Jevons reported that he had completed the application form to enable the Parish Council to create a NP and read out the information he had included in the form. It was RESOLVED to accept the completed application form and submit it to Wiltshire Council - ACTION CLLR JEVONS</p>
111.13	<p>Proposed Meeting Dates for 2014. - The following dates were agreed: All meetings on Wednesdays. 8th January, 12th February, 12th March, 16th April also (Annual Parish Meeting), 14th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM), 9th June, 16th July, August - No meeting, 3rd September, 15th October, 12th November , December - No meeting.</p>
112.13.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receipts since 9th October 2013 amounted to £38.00 b) Payments approved at this meeting amounted to - £6,539.10 c) Bank Account balances as at 4th November 2013 – Current account £3,208, Deposit account £5,487.54 - total £8,696.05 - (note £5,800 already cashed for pre-school) A report on the above had been previously circulated and it was RESOLVED to accept this report as a true record. d) First draft budget for 2014/2015 - The Clerk had drafted and circulated a draft budget for 2014/2015 - this to be discussed and agreed at the January meeting.

113.13	Correspondence as received <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Information on Insurance for Firework Displays, Bonfires & Beacons.b) Kingsdown cataloguec) Clerks & Councils Directd) Wicksteed play equipment informatione) Information on a Community Transport meeting at Sherston Village Hallf) Snow Clearance information from AONg) Information from Miranda Gilmour.
114.13	Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. Next meeting will be on the 8 th January 2014. - Agenda items: Budget, Footpaths and Buses.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.02PM