

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD  
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL  
ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

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

**MINUTES**

095.14	<b>Apologies</b> Received from Cllr Mrs C Butler
096.14	<b>Minutes</b> - The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2014 were adopted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
097.14	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> - Cllrs Jevons and Cole declared a personal interest in planning application No. 14/10285/FUL – stayed – took no part in discussions. Cllr Loader declared a personal interest in planning application No. 14/10585/TCA – stayed – took no part in discussions. Cllr Scott declared a prejudicial interest in item 16(e) – stayed – took no part in discussions – did not vote.
098.14	<p><b>Public Participation</b> – Ms S Staples mentioned the unsatisfactory bus service – Cllr Loader had spoken to her before the meeting and is looking into this issue.</p> <p>Mr Thompson –A discussion took place regarding two points previously raised in written correspondence from Mr. Thompson. These were dog fouling and safety and activities for children in the village. Regarding questions related to dog fouling, these had been addressed in writing by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Regarding activities for children, Cllr Sturgis mentioned that a Youth Co-ordinator Ollie Phillips had been appointed for Malmesbury and surrounding villages and he is looking for ideas of what the public wish for the youth. Contact details for Ollie Phillips will be forwarded to Mr. Thompson</p> <p>Mr Thompson was invited to send child play/safety suggestions to the Clerk for the Parish Council to consider.</p>
099.14	<p><b>Wiltshire Council update</b> - Cllr Sturgis Briefed Members on the following. Core Strategy – The Inspector’s report had now been received and is being checked. Minor alterations are to be made. Adoption is scheduled for early 2015.</p> <p>Highway Engineer meeting – he will attend.</p> <p>Questions were asked regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 – satisfactory answers were given.</p>
100.14	<p><b>Planning Matters</b> <b>Wiltshire Council decisions –</b></p> <p>a) 14/08402/FUL &amp; 14/08406/FUL Repair of PRC Airey house, with Cotswold Brick (Retrospective) at 11 &amp; 12 Winkins Lane, Gt. Somerford. – Approved with conditions</p> <p>b) 14/09142/TCA Tree works at Mulberry House, Great Somerford – No Objections</p>

	<p>c) 14/09354/TCA Tree Works at The Leeches, Hollow St, Gt. Somerford – No Objections.</p> <p>d) 14/09386/TCA Tree works at Longacre, Hollow Street, Gt. Somerford – No Objections</p> <p>e) 14/08647/TCA Tree works at The Close, St. Somerford – No Objections</p> <p><b>Applications for consideration</b></p> <p>f) 14/09663/FUL Remove existing flat roofed extensions &amp; rebuild with pitched roofs and additional storey to dwelling (resubmission of 13/07135/FUL) at Keyham, Startley – Comments outstanding</p> <p>g) 14/07009/FUL COU from agriculture to domestic garden at Curlews, Rodbourne – It was established that this was not in the Parish of Gt. Somerford – It was resolved to support this application</p> <p>h) 14/10285/FUL New outbuilding/shed to replace existing lightweight timber sheds at The Brow, Gt. Somerford – It was resolved to support this application with the proviso that the ridge height is kept to a minimum.</p> <p>i) 14/10585/TCA Fell one Sycamore at Parsloe, Hollow St, Gt. Somerford – It was resolved to support this application</p> <p>j) 14/10576/LBC Re-instate driveway opening at Brook Farm, Gt. Somerford – It was resolved to support this application.</p>
101.14	<b>Cemetery Matters</b> - Nothing further to report
102.14	<p><b>Highway Matters - As received</b></p> <p>a) Speed Indicator Device for Startley – Nothing further to report.</p> <p>b) Clearing of ditches – Nothing further to report</p> <p>c) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath – Nothing further to report</p> <p>d) Village Highway issues - meeting with Matt Perrott 13<sup>th</sup> November. Issues to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Wiltshire Council sign down on the Dauntsey Road, - contractor programmed to attend to.</i></li> <li>- <i>Sign for Gt. Somerford – contractor programmed to attend to</i></li> <li>- <i>Trees blocking street lighting – contractor programmed to attend to</i></li> <li>- <i>Stile damaged and signpost down on entry to footpath on Seagry Rd – reported .</i></li> <li>- <i>Hollow St – bad condition of the pavement</i></li> <li>- <i>White lining</i></li> </ul> <p>e) 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. – <b>On going</b></p> <p>f) Road Safety, West Street – Issue raised – to be discussed with Highways.</p>
103.14	<b>Community Room</b> - Nothing to report
104.14	<b>Bus Service</b> – Consideration was given to the suggestion of a volunteer run community transport services. Cllr Loader to research this – Cllr Sturgis advised to leave any

	decision until after the Wiltshire Council review of Car Parking which includes bus services. This was agreed.
105.14	<p><b>Future Objectives for the Parish Council</b> S106 Agreements outstanding- Main priority - Upgrade of children's play area.</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 Winkins Lane. - £4,800 now used £1,000 yet to be used.</li> <li>- Springfields Dauntsey Road. - £2,116 ready for use. - This is two thirds of the full amount. – Chased 7/10</li> <li>- Possible S106 for Brown Leaves -Nothing to report</li> </ul>
106.14	<p><b>Items for Action</b> <b>Community School Management</b> – Nothing further to report <b>Playarea –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the high fencing quotations – Cllr Butcher reported that quotations are awaited. It was agreed to fence just the three sides and not the side adjacent to the road as planning permission may not be necessary.</li> <li>• Play Area Inspection Report/update on work carried out – Cllrs Butcher/Cole mentioned that the goal posts needed removing as they did not belong to the Parish Council. –<b>ACTION CLLR BUTCHER.</b></li> </ul>
107.14	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plans</b> - Cllr Jevons reported on the following – He and Cllr Hourigan attended a meeting at County Hall and it was noted that any new development of 4 or less no affordable housing would need to be included. Any new development of 5 or more 40% would need to be affordable housing. This information will be brought to the attention of the land owners who have submitted sites for development. A follow up residential letter drop is to be made giving clear information.</p> <p>Cllr Sturgis mentioned that regarding the 40%, the cost of any necessary infrastructure (such as drainage) would be taken into account.</p> <p>The definition of affordable housing to be sought.</p>
108.14	<p><b>Dog Fouling</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Update on Dog Warden patrolling and signage – Nothing further to report.</li> <li>b) Dog Attack – Expressed support to Police and Dog Warden relating to a recent attack on a dog by other dogs. – The Police responded saying that once all the relevant parties have been spoken to any necessary action will be taken.</li> <li>c) Email received from a resident of Great Somerford seeking clarification on certain issues relating to dog fouling - Reply sent and mentioned at item 098.14.</li> </ol>
109.14	<p><b>Meeting Dates for 2015</b> – The agreed meeting dates for 2015 are as follows: All Wednesdays commencing at 7.30pm. 14<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February 11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April (to start at 7pm) also (Annual Parish Meeting), 13<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM)), 10<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July (<i>also A B meeting</i>), August - No meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> September (<i>also A B meeting</i>), 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November, no meeting in December.</p>
110.14	<p><b>Finance – A report covering a, b &amp; c previously circulated.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Receipts since 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 - £44.23</li> <li>b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled - £804.16</li> </ol>

	<p>c) Bank Account balances as at 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – Current account £10,075.90, Deposit account £5,709.11 – total £15,785.01.</p> <p>d) Bank Signatories – The Clerk reported that all the forms had been completed and delivered to the bank – All appears to be O.K.</p> <p>e) Consideration was given to raising the Caretakers wage from £6.31 to £6.50 per hour to match the current minimum wage. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to this.</p> <p>f) Consideration was given to the first draft budget for 2015/2016 including suggested precept for 2015/2016 – Following agreed adjustments it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the budget. Following discussions It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to raise the precept from £6,896 to £7,100.</p> <p>g) Consideration was given to requests for financial assistance from Carer Support Wiltshire and Wiltshire Good neighbours. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> not to honour these requests in view of expensive future projects.</p>
111.14	<p><b>Correspondence as received</b></p> <p>a) Wiltshire Council information on Flood Risk and seeking assistance from Parish Councils to contact land owners regarding the clearing of ditches – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> not to adopt the suggested letters to landowners as the Parish Council has been dealing with this problem.</p> <p>b) Clerks &amp; Councils Direct</p> <p>c) Malmesbury Community Campus Project information – noted.</p> <p>d) An email received requesting the shelves in the telephone box be re-sited as the books are getting damp – Cllr Jevons agreed to look into this. – <b>ACTION CLLR JEVONS</b></p> <p>e) The Bulletin from the War Memorial Trust</p>
112.14	<p><b>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.</b> Next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015.</p>
113.14	<p><b>Urgent Items</b> – The following item was taken as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>a) Consideration to be given to an email received from a resident of Great Somerford expressing concern that the Parish Council lacks interest in child safety. – The resident attended the meeting and withdrew his statement.</p>

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM**