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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 9TH NOVEMBER 2016 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons-Chairman, H Cole, D Butcher, A Scott, M Hourigan, + 3 members of the public

Public Participation – Ms McEwen asked about the trees in Manor Park. Her main concern was the size of the horse chestnut. As the tree is on unregistered land planning permission may need to be sought for any works on this tree. Cllr Jevons to speak to Cllr Sturgis regarding this. –

ACTION CLLR JEVONS

Ms McEwen also mentioned that the spoil had not yet been removed from West Street. Cllr Jevons to speak to Cllr Sturgis regarding this. – **ACTION CLLR JEVONS**

Mr Mansfield mentioned that there was a tree growing in the ditch at Seagry Road. Cllr Cole agreed to inspect this – **ACTION CLLR COLE**

Mr Gow expressed concern regarding fireworks in the village in relation to young children and animals. An article to be placed in the Signpost – **ACTION CLERK**

MINUTES

81.16.	Apologies for Absence. – received from Cllr Butler
82.16	Minutes The minutes of the Great Somerford Parish Council meeting held on 12 th October 2016 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
83.16	Declarations of Interest Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in item 10 Community Room. Cllr Jevons declared a personal interest in item 10, Community Room – did not take part in any discussions.
84.16	Review of Dispensations – All members have applied for a Dispensation to discuss the precept.
85.16	Councillor Vacancies – The Clerk reported that no persons had come forward to fill the present vacancy due to Mr Hughes resignation and there were no requests for an election. Co-option can take place. Notices have been posted on the notice boards regarding the resignation of Mr Loader.
86.16	Wiltshire Council update –Cllr Sturgis was not present – Cllr Jevons to speak to Cllr Sturgis regarding the issues below. a) The filling of the ditch in the Dauntsey Road alongside the Free Gardens b) Land drainage consent for the ditch by the school c) The removal of the spoil on the verge in West Street
87.16	Planning Matters – Cllr Cole reported on the following: Wiltshire Council Decisions Tree applications: 16/08943/TCA, 16/08944/TCA, 16/08955/TCA, 16/09150/TCA, – All approved Applications considered 16/09111/FUL Rear and side extension at Adderbury, Dauntsey Rd, Gt. Somerford – No Objections.

	<p>Applications for consideration Tree applications: 16/10159/TCA, 16/10119/TCA. – It was resolved to support these applications.</p>
88.16	<p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) School Sign Dauntsey Road – Sign is in place b) Priority list – Forwarded to Wiltshire Council c) Parish Steward – Cllr Scott was appointed as the Parish Council Contact for the Parish Steward.
89.16	<p>Litter Bins – Deferred to next meeting</p>
90.16	<p>Community Room – Consideration was given to an email received from the Trustees of Goss Croft Hall requesting the loan of the 6’x2’ tables for an event on February 19th 2017. – It was resolved to grant this request.</p>
91.16	<p>S106 update – <u>S106 Agreements for Springfields, Dauntsey Road.</u> – £1,058 – Application Successful. Money received – Closed.</p> <p>Enquiries made in relation to the Brownleaves development – CIL invoice raised and payment requested (£2,203.56)</p>
92.16	<p>Items for Action Community School Management – Nothing to report</p> <p>Playarea - Rospa report received. There were no high risks mentioned, some medium and mostly low risks. Cllr Cole and Butcher to study the report and report back to the next meeting on what can be done to improve the play area. – ACTION CLLR BUTCHER AND COLE</p> <p>Mrs Elliott, a resident of Great Somerford, had recently voiced concerns regarding the play area and has now sent improvement suggestions. The swings it appears are in need of attention. A copy of the Rospa report to be forwarded to Mrs Elliott suggesting Mrs Elliott puts together a proposal of improvements. Also a copy of the recently received TESCO Apply for a Bags of Help grant information to be forwarded. ACTION CLERK</p>
93.16.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan –The Great Somerford (incorporating Startley) Neighbourhood Plan was formally submitted to Wiltshire Council on 15 September 2016. The consultation started on 10 October 2016 and was due to end on 21 November. However, the consultation period has now been extended until 5pm on Friday 23 December 2016 to provide everyone who has interest in the Plan the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council has assured the Parish Council that following the close of the consultation every effort would be made to move quickly towards the examination of the Plan and avoid any unnecessary delay.</p>
94.16	<p>Cemetery Matters – Nothing to report</p>
95.16	<p>Goss Croft Hall Trustee – Mrs Meriel Griffiths has agreed to represent the Parish Council.</p>
96.16	<p>Extensive growth West St and Manor Park – Following a letter expressing concerns, members visited the site. There are four issues mentioned. The information to be forwarded to Cllr Sturgis to ask if he can assist in any way. – ACTION CLERK</p>

97.16.	Meeting Dates – The following meeting dates for 2017 were agreed. – All Wednesdays, commencing at 7.30pm except April which will commence at 7pm: 11 th Jan, 8 th Feb, 8 th Mar, 12 th April, 10 th May, 14 th June, 12 th July, 13 th Sept, 11 th Oct, 8 th Nov. There is no meeting in August or December.
98.16	Finance – A report previously circulated. a) Receipts since 12 th October 2016 - £1,108.00 b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled - £1,351.40 c) Bank Account balances as at 2 nd November 2016 – Current account £3,782.14, Deposit account £3,714.81 – total £7,496.95 d) The first draft budget for 2017/2018 was considered – Following agreed minor amendments, it was resolved to accept the budget for 2017/2018. It was also resolved to increase the precept by 2% to £7,822.00
99.16	Correspondence as received a) Email from a resident regarding the filling of the ditch alongside the Free Gardens – Reply to be forwarded – ACTION CLERK b) Tesco – Bags of help grant information – To be sent to Mrs Elliott – ACTION CLERK c) Clerks & Councils Direct – November issue d) Road closure information
100.16	Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. Next meeting 11 th January 2017
101.16	Exclusion of Public and Press - Due to matters of a confidential nature, under the LGA 1972 s100 and 102 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press were excluded from the following item.
102.16	Co-option of Parish Council – Consideration was given to an application for Councillor received. Following discussions, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Steve Mansfield as Councillor. All relevant information to be forwarded to Mr Mansfield. – ACTION CLERK

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50PM