

## DRAFT

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs H Cole – Vice-Chairman, Mrs C Butler, J Loader, R Hughes, D Butcher, M Hourigan, A Scott, Wiltshire Cllr T Sturgis, Mrs S Webb, Clerk + 2 members of the public and Ollie Phipps Community Engagement Manager for Wiltshire Council

**Public Participation** – Mr Jordan asked questions relating to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process. Cllr Sturgis assisted with information on Core Policy 1 and affordable housing. The Clerk explained that all comments were being collated by the N P Working Group and therefore Mr Jordan was advised to direct his queries to the NP Working Group via Cllr Sid Jevons.

Mrs Lydiate mentioned that she had placed an article in the local papers relating to the new play equipment recently installed.

## MINUTES

067.15	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> – Received from Cllrs Jevons and Cook.
068.15	<b>Minutes</b> – The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th September 2015 were signed by the Vice-chairman and adopted as a true record.
069.15	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in item 9 Community room.
070.15	<b>Wiltshire Council update</b> - Cllr Sturgis reported on the following: Services in Gt. Somerford – Letter received from the parish council regarding the lack of services in Gt. Somerford. Services received – drainage works, road gritting, Rd. bridge works. However Cllr Sturgis is following up the lack of service relating to white lining.  Balfour Beatty – contract now terminated.  Culverts are to be cleared – Startley Rd, culvert is to be explored.  Dauntsey Rd. footpath is on target for February 2016.  Congratulations to Gt. Somerford on winning the CPRE Best Kept Medium Village competition
071.15	<b>Planning Matters</b> <b>Wiltshire Council decisions</b> 15/05468/FUL Erection of summerhouse at Curlews, Rodbourne Bottom – Approved With conditions  <b>Applications for consideration at this meeting</b> – Report from Cllr Cole to include: 15/08853/FUL Erection of detached garage (renewal of N12/03014/FUL at Westwood Heath Rd, Startley. – It was <b>resolved</b> to support this application.  15/09075/TCA Fell 1 Thuja Pilcata at West Hs, West St, Gt. Somerford - It was <b>resolved</b> to support this application

	15/08071/FUL Proposed ground floor front and rear extension at Dauntsey End, Dauntsey Rd, Gt. Somerford – It was <b>resolved</b> to support this application.
072.15	<b>Cemetery Matters</b> - Cllr Hourigan reported that all was in order.
073.15	<p><b>Highway Matters - As received</b></p> <p>a) Clearing of ditches – Nothing to report</p> <p>b) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath – Commencement date is Feb 2016.</p> <p>c) Green Lane, Startley reported to the ROW Officer who is organising the clearance of the lane and materials should be available early December – <b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>d) Ditch to fishing lakes – Dauntsey Road. – Cllr Sturgis is of the opinion that the ditch is flowing fine.</p> <p>e) Highway update – Letter expressing the P Clls disappointment regarding the lack of service in Great Somerford – sent to Cllrs Sturgis and Thomson. Cllr Sturgis is looking into the lack of white lining.</p>
074.15	<b>Best Kept Village</b> – A presentation of plaques took place on Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October with the Lord Lieutenant presenting. Prize money of £200 was also received. It was agreed that presentation plaques are to be displayed – one in the shop, one in the public house, one in the Community room and one at The Close.
	<b>CLLR STURGIS LEFT AT THIS POINT</b>
075.15	<p><b>Presentation by Ollie Phipps the Community Engagement Manager for Wiltshire Council.</b></p> <p>Mr Phipps briefed all present on his role in supporting and enabling communities with – Grants &amp; funding applications, developing local projects, Area Boards &amp; Campus delivery, Local events, news, publicity, consultation, engagement &amp; inclusion, enhancing local service delivery, Our community matters blog site, Support, advice &amp; signposting.</p> <p>His contact details are <a href="mailto:ollie.phipps@wiltshire.gov.uk">ollie.phipps@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> tel: 01249 709404.</p> <p>Thanks were passed to Mr Phipps for attending.</p>
076.15	<p><b>Community Room</b> – It was noted that the oven had been cleaned.</p> <p>A donation of £500 has been made to the Community Room from the Malmesbury Young Farmers.</p>
077.15	<b>S106 update</b> - Springfields Dauntsey Road. – Still money to come
078.15	<p><b>Items for Action</b></p> <p><b>Community School Management</b> – Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Playarea</b></p> <p><b>Update on alternative recreation area</b> – Cllr Hughes reported that Glebe field was being investigated further as a possible option. The overhead power lines may be a problem.</p> <p><b>Update on play area inspection</b> – Cllr Butcher reported that the report had not yet been received.</p> <p>New bark is needed.</p>

079.15	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> – A written update had been circulated - The Steering Group is currently collating all of the comments and correspondence received during the six week consultation and this will be included in a Consultation Document which will become part of the NP to be submitted to Wiltshire Council. We are still waiting for information from Wilts. Council before completing the NP so can't give a firm date for its submission.
080.15	<b>Request from the PCC for the Parish Council to consider taking on a Public Works Loan of £100,000 to assist with vital repairs to the church roof.</b> - Cllr Hourigan mentioned that a public consultation would need to take place to establish if the community would wish the parish council to go forward with this. Also, the Clerk would need to gain a specific qualification to be able to apply for the loan.  The Clerk reminded members that the budget/precept will need to be agreed at the next meeting therefore there would not be time to take this forward for the next financial year.
081.15	<b>Defibrillator</b> – Julia Doel Assistant Community Responder Officer for the South West Ambulance Service is coming to the November Parish Council meeting to give us some advice.
082.15	<b>Future Projects</b> – To receive suggestions – one received Improved Broadband – It was the opinion of members that this could not be taken forward.  New Play Area – this is being investigated.  No other suggestions were received.
083.15	<b>Finance – A report previously circulated.</b> a) Receipts since 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 totalled £500 b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled - £945.39 c) Bank Account balances as at 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 – Current account £7,560.47, Deposit account - £5,711.95 – total £13,272.42 d) Petty Cash – The Clerk reported that a figure could be put into the parish council's financial regulations of up to £50.
084.15	<b>Correspondence as received</b> a) Notification of Dauntsey Church Bridge works underway. - Noted b) Flood Risk information received with draft ditch letter that Parish Councils can send to land owners if it wishes - Noted
085.15	<b>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda.</b> Next meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2015 Cllr Loader suggested that Arkells brewery be contacted regarding providing lights and power over the Christmas period for the fir tree adjacent to the telephone box within the public house grounds with a view to holding a carol singing evening. Letter drafted – awaiting update from Cllr Loader.

**CLOSED 9.05 PM**