

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL
(INCORPORATING STARTLEY)
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2013 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons - Chairman, Cllrs H Cole, J Loader, D Butcher, M Hourigan, R Hughes, A Scott + 16 members of the public and S Webb - Clerk.

MINUTES

057.13	Apologies for Absence - received from Cllr Worthen, Wiltshire Councillor T Sturgis and Ellen Blacker Wiltshire Good Neighbours Co-ordinator.
058.13	Councillor Vacancy - Nothing to report - the vacancy is still not filled.
059.13	Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 th July 2013 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.
060.13	Declarations of Interest - Cllr Scott declared a pecuniary interest in items 9(c) and 13(a). stayed but took no part in discussions and did not vote.
061.13	Public Participation – Mrs Rippon spoke on behalf of Mrs Snape who lives at 18 Winkins Lane. The approach to Mrs Snape’s bungalow is in need of safety maintenance. Cllr Butcher agreed to look into this matter and speak to Green Square the organisation responsible for making the entrance to these properties safe. If no success the Clerk to Write to Green Square - ACTION CLLR BUTCHER/CLERK
062.13	<p>Walter Powell School/Pre School - Patrick Neville - School Governor updated members on the replacement building for the pre-school project. The necessary planning applications have been made and responses are expected during October. The overall budget for the project is approximately £46,000. Many generous donations have been received and it is anticipated that these together with Government/Council grants will be very close to the required figure. Mr Neville thanked all who have assisted with this project.</p> <p>Following discussions it was RESOLVED to donate £5,800 towards this project. It was further RESOLVED that if the replacement pre-school building project would be an acceptable project for the S106 money (£5,800) due for the development at 15 Winkins - this will cover this donation. If this project is not considered to be eligible for the s106 then it was RESOLVED to cover the donation from reserves.</p> <p>Thanks were passed to Mr Neville for all his time and efforts he has put into this project and it was agreed that he had done a stunning job.</p>
063.13	Wiltshire Good Neighbour Scheme - The Co-ordinator Ellen Blacker Gave her apologies
064.13	Wiltshire Council update - Cllr Sturgis Sent his apologies
065.13	<p>Cemetery Matters</p> <p>a) Update on burials - Cllr Hourigan reported that a burial had taken place on the 30th August. All was in order. The Clerk reported that she has the certificate of burial and has forwarded the appropriate certificate to the Registrar.</p>

	<p>b) Cemetery maintenance - It was reported that Mrs Rivers had now resigned from attending to the maintenance of the cemetery after 10 years service. A letter of thanks to be forwarded to her from the Chairman and the Clerk - ACTION CLLR JEVONS/CLERK</p> <p>c) Replacement for Mrs Rivers for the up-keep of the cemetery - The Clerk reported that two people had come forward showing an interest in the position. Cllr Hourigan to write to both as well as other interested parties inviting them to attend a site visit to discuss the maintenance required and report back to the next meeting - ACTION CLLR HOURIGAN</p>
066.13	<p>Proposed changes to bus services in Great Somerford - Consideration was given to a letter of concern from a resident - The letter detailed concerns over the proposed changes to bus service 91. However, if proposed changes are implemented, it will make it extremely difficult to travel directly from Great Somerford to Malmesbury by bus. Mr & Mrs Austin spoke of their concerns and it was noted that many residents of Great Somerford are elderly and need to use the facilities in Malmesbury.</p> <p>Following discussions, it was RESOLVED to support the residents' concerns and respond to Wiltshire Council accordingly. Cllr Loader agreed to speak to Mr & Mrs Austin to gain all the necessary information and then a letter is to be drafted objecting to the proposals. The residents were encouraged to write their own letters of objection also. - ACTION CLLR LOADER/CLERK</p>
067.13	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>a) Applications for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13/02151/FUL first floor extension at 1 Heath Cottage, Heath Lane, Startley - 13/02581/FUL Proposed rebuilding and enlarging of existing single storey rear extension at 1 Winkins Lane, Gt. Somerford - 13/03209/FUL Engineering works to form residential driveway at Startley Farm House, Startley <p>It was RESOLVED to support all of the above planning applications.</p> <p>b) Wiltshire Council decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 13/01406/TCA Reduce 1 Yew tree by 30% at Sunnybank, Frog Lane, Gt. Somerford - PERMITTED -13/01432/TCA Fell 1 Conifer and 1 Cherry tree at Rowan House, Dauntsey Road, Gt. Somerford - PERMITTED
068.13	<p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <p>a) Speed Indicator Device for Startley (SID) - Cllr Hourigan reported that the SID was sited in Seagry at present - A meeting with the Police Commissioner is scheduled for the 16th September.</p> <p>b) Faded White Lines issue - Cllr Jevons reported that he has walked the village with the Highway maintenance engineer. It was agreed that the white lines will be repainted. Other issues such as potholes and blocked drains will also be addressed. A walk around the village with the Highways Engineer is to take place every 6 months.</p> <p>c) Clearing of ditches - Cllr Loader reported that some ditches were being attended to and all are being monitored. It was noted that the ditch between Frog Lane and</p>

	<p>the diocese field was in need of attention. Cllr Sturgis to be notified of this as he agreed to look into this. - ACTION CLERK/CLLR STURGIS</p> <p>d) Request to move 30mph signs in Dauntsey road - this issue is now closed as W C found there was little evidence to suggest that moving the speed limit sign 200 yards would significantly reduce the speed of the traffic.</p> <p>e) Parish Steward reports - None received</p>
069.13	<p>Community Room</p> <p>a) Booking Procedures - The Clerk reported that she had created a booking form for Mrs Scott to use. This was circulated and all were in favour of its use.</p> <p>b) Installation of new heater - Thanks were passed to Cllr Hughes for installing the new heater. The operating instructions are with the Clerk.</p>
070.13	<p>Future Objectives for the Parish Council</p> <p>S106 Agreements outstanding- Priorities are i) Upgrade of children's play area, ii) Help with replacement of the pre-school building.</p> <p>Cllr Butcher reported that he had sought prices for additional equipment for the play area. However they were all in excess of £6,000. It was RESOLVED not to pursue this.</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 Winkins Lane. - The total amount of £5,800 is ready for use. Clarification to be sought on whether this can be used to go towards the new pre-school building - ACTION CLERK - Springfields Dauntsey Road. - £2,116 ready for use. - Possible S106 for Brown Leaves -Nothing to report
071.13	<p>Items for Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community School Management – Nothing to report • Playarea – Note RoSPA will be inspecting the play area in September.
072.13	<p>Neighbourhood Plans - Cllr Jevons updated members on the following: The Village Design Statement dated 2007 was found to be of no direct use in the drafting of a Neighbourhood Plan. Tim McCombe of Wiltshire Council is to be contacted as he has offered assistance with the producing of a N P.</p>
073.13	<p>Finance - A report on the following was previously circulated. - It was RESOLVED to accept the report as a true record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receipts since 10th July 2013 amounted to £206.00 b) Payments approved at this meeting amounted to - £2,075.11 c) Bank Account balances as at 29th July 2013 - Current Account £5,924.92, Deposit Account - £11,505.25 total £17,430.17. d) Recommendations of NALC & SLCC that salary scales for Parish/Town Clerks are to be increased and backdated to 1st April 2013 - this was taken into account and noted. e) Completion of Audit - The Clerk reported that issues relating to Trust funds were brought to the Clerk's attention.
074.13	<p>Correspondence as received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information and instructions for road closures for Remembrance Day - noted. b) Notification of Ellen Blacker being nominated to represent the Brinkworth division

	<p>on the Area Board - Noted.</p> <p>c) Introduction from Julie Girling the Conservative MEP requesting a poster be placed on the notice board - Denied.</p> <p>d) Notification of Community First AGM - 25th September 2013 - Noted.</p> <p>e) Wiltshire Councillor John Thomson is asking if any parish/town councils know of any highway signs that are not necessary - please could he be notified of them. This can be done through the Area Board Community Manager on miranda.gilmour@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>
075.13	<p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. Next meeting 9th October 2013</p> <p>Notification of an event at Malmesbury Fire Station on 23rd October 2013 between 9.30am to 4.30pm. Advice on getting your electric blanket tested free of charge and other advice will be offered.</p>

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.11PM