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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2015 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs S Jevons Chairman, J Loader, R Hughes, D Butcher, M Hourigan, A Scott, Mrs S Webb, Clerk + 5 members of the public.

Public Participation – No questions were asked. It was agreed that Item 13 be brought forward to accommodate members of the public

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| 049.15 | Apologies for Absence – received from Cllrs Mrs C Butler, H Cole, A Cook and Wiltshire Councillor T Sturgis. |
| 050.15 | Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8 th July 2015 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record. |
| 051.15 | Declarations of Interest – Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in item 9 of the agenda – Community Room. |
| 052.15 | Wiltshire Council update - Cllr Sturgis was not present. |
| 053.15 | <p>Request for Financial Assistance from the PCC – Consideration was given to a letter received from the Churchwardens asking if the Parish Council would be prepared to take out a Public Works Loan to help fund church roof repairs.</p> <p>Alison Davies briefed members on the urgency as it is unlikely that the church roof will stand a hard winter.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that she had made enquiries regarding a public works loan for church repairs and circulated a report on her findings. A parish council has no direct power to contribute to church buildings unless the Clerk has undertaken the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) module ‘General Power of Confidence’ (GPC) and that two thirds of members of the Parish Council are elected and not co-opted. The Clerk confirmed the latter to be the case and that all present members have been elected. However although the Clerk has the CiLCA qualification she does not hold the GPC module that only came out in 2012. It was noted that if the Clerk gains this module it is not guaranteed that the loan will be agreed. As a loan needs to be sanctioned by the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk investigate further and report back to the next meeting. – ACTION CLERK</p> |
| 054.15 | <p>Planning Matters Wiltshire Council decisions 15/04578/FUL Proposed erection of workshop & carport at 6 New Cottages, Frog Lane, Gt. Somerford – Approved with conditions</p> <p>15/06016/FUL Removal of flat roof extensions & replace with single storey rear & side extensions, re-submission of 14/09663/FUL Approved with conditions.</p> <p>15/07166/TCA Fell 1 Eucalyptus tree at 7 Paddock Close, Gt. Somerford. – No Objections</p> |

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| | <p>Applications Considered during recess</p> <p>15/05468/FUL New Summer House and change of use from agricultural to garden. Curlews, Rodbourne Bottom Startley, Wiltshire, SN16 0EY. It was resolved to support this application</p> <p>15/06016/FUL Single storey extensions and create first floor on bungalow. Keyham, Heath Road, Startley, Wiltshire, SN15 5HG. It was resolved to support this application.</p> <p>15/07166/TCA Fell 1 Eucalyptus tree at 7 Paddock Close, Gt. Somerford. – It was resolved to support this application.</p> |
| 055.15 | Cemetery Matters – Nothing to report. |
| 056.15 | <p>Highway Matters - As received</p> <p>a) Clearing of ditches – Nothing to report</p> <p>b) Guinness Trust Development - request for a footpath – Commencement date is Feb 2016 with a possibility of bringing this date forward – Ongoing</p> <p>c) Road Safety, Great Somerford – Nothing further to report - CLOSED</p> <p>d) Green Lane, Startley reported to the ROW Officer who is organising the clearance of the lane and materials should be available early December – Ongoing</p> <p>e) Ditch to fishing lakes – Dauntsey Road. – Status to be confirmed -Cllr Sturgis to be notified.</p> <p>f) Highway update – An email received from Matt Perrott Highway Coordinator. Balfour Beatty is no longer contracting for Wiltshire Council for certain tasks which will now be the responsibility of Total Landscape Group. Community Days replaced with Identified Need service delivery to be reported through the MyWiltshire App. A letter to be sent to the Deputy Leader of Wiltshire Council expressing disappointment that nothing has been done over a 3 year period and the only contact now is through an App. – ACTION CLERK</p> |
| 057.15 | Best Kept Village – Great Somerford won the Best Kept Village award for the Medium village category. A presentation from the Lord Lieutenant is to take place on the 11 th October at 3pm followed by tea at The Mount House, adjacent to where the standard is to be sited. It was agreed that the standard would be collected by Cllr Cole. It will be sited ready for the unveiling on the grass verge between the church wall and the road, opposite Winkins Lane. More details will be posted in the October edition of Signpost. |
| 058.15 | Community Room – Insurance – Covered by the school’s insurance. |
| 059.15 | <p>Future Objectives for the Parish Council</p> <p>S106 Agreements outstanding- Main priority - Upgrade of children’s play area.</p> <p><u>S106 Agreements outstanding</u> - Springfields Dauntsey Road. – Still money to come. The Technical Officer of Wiltshire Council is to chase this and start enforcement procedures if necessary.</p> |
| 060.15 | Items for Action Community School Management – Nothing to report. |

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| | <p>Playarea Update on alternative recreation area – Cllrs Hughes and Loader gave an update on areas identified. Research is still ongoing. A further report to be published and circulated for the next meeting – ACTION CLLRS HUGHES/LOADER</p> <p>Play area inspection to take place during September.</p> |
| 061.15 | <p>Neighbourhood plan(NP) – Cllr Jevons reported the following: The six week statutory consultation period began on Monday July 6th. and was completed on Sunday August 16th. Viewing of the NP was possible via the Great Somerford website, hard copy in the Church, at the four sessions held in the Community Room and with any of the NP Steering Group.</p> <p>Summary of Responses</p> <p>Website; the number of "hits" on the NP section totalled 315.</p> <p>Attendance at the Community Room sessions; in total 37 parishioners attended with eleven comments being recorded. (8 in the community room & 3 in the church)</p> <p>Written responses; in total six parishioners forwarded questions/comments to the Steering Group. These were answered or are being addressed by the Steering Group. In addition, two agents for landowners submitted formal representations to the NP. These have been acknowledged and will be answered shortly.</p> <p>One of the agents, Gleeson Strategic Land, stated that Broadfield Farm is available and capable of being developed and that the development for 40 dwellings is outlined in the SHLAA. Advice from Wiltshire Council is that this would not be in conformity with Wiltshire Core Strategy Policy 1 which restricts the size of developments in large villages, such as Great Somerford to less than 10. For this reason, Broadfield Farm will not be included in the NP.</p> <p>The next stage in the NP process is that a consultation document including all the correspondence received during the six week consultation will be prepared and forwarded together with the NP to Wiltshire Council for their six week consultation. Following this, Wiltshire Council will appoint an independent examiner to review the NP. If found acceptable by the examiner, the NP will then be subject to a referendum by the parish.</p> |
| 062.15 | <p>Defibrillator – Consideration was given to purchasing a defibrillator for the village. Following discussion it was resolved to invite a speaker to a future meeting to brief members on the implications of a defibrillator. – ACTION CLERK</p> |
| 063.15 | <p>Finance – A report previously circulated and it was resolved to accept this report as a true recording of finances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Receipts since 8th July totalled - £20. b) Payments approved at this meeting totalled £1,900.63 c) Bank Account balances as at 4th Sep – Current account - £8,520.05, Deposit account £5,711.72 total £14,231.77 d) It was resolved to join the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils. e) An application for funding towards the costs of work relating to the Transparency Code was agreed. |
| 064.15 | <p>Correspondence as received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ollie Phipps the new Community Engagement Manager wishes to attend a parish council meeting to discuss his role, and how it will benefit the Parish Council in working together. – An invitation to be sent. |

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| | <p>b) Notification of the Community First AGM 7th October - Noted</p> <p>c) Email from Ollie Phipps regarding a Community mapping Activity – info circulated – To be deferred to the October meeting.</p> <p>d) Clerks & Councils Direct September 2015. – Noted</p> <p>e) Email from Mrs Lydiate with text she has prepared for the local paper including information on the new play equipment. Thanks were passed to Mrs Lydiate and members were happy for the article to be placed.</p> <p>f) An email from Walter Powell CE Academy open day inviting members of the Parish Council to an open day on 23rd September 9am to 12 noon.</p> |
| 065.15 | <p>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda. Next meeting 14th October 2015</p> <p>Draft minutes are to be put on the website – ACTION CLLR HOURIGAN</p> <p>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. Arkells to be contacted – ACTION CLERK</p> <p>Cllr Hughes requested that a long term policy be drafted and adopted for future projects. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Butcher enquired as to whether it would be possible to hold a £50 float for odd jobs and not need to gain 3 quotes. This was agreed in principle – Enquiries to be made regarding how it is done by other parishes. – ACTION CLERK</p> |

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.08PM