

## DRAFT

### GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT SOMERFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT SOMERFORDS WALTER POWELL SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011 THAT COMMENCED AT 7.30PM.

**PRESENT:** Cllr S Jevons – Chairman, Councillors: H Cole, P Worthen, D Butcher, Mrs J Shearer, A Scott, R Hughes, R Gow, Wiltshire Councillor T Sturgis and Mrs. S Webb - Clerk + 1 members of the public

**Public Question Time** – Mr Farmer who has been the Dauntsey Vale Transport Coordinator mentioned that the Group had disbanded and that there was a sum of money that Great Somerford Parish Council had given to the group to boost its funds had become available. He suggested that the fund be donated to the Dauntsey Link. The Parish Council supported this suggestion and this is to be placed on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

Wiltshire Councillor Toby Sturgis spoke on the following:

- a) The memorial stone for the wedding tree needs to be moved and then sited.
- b) At a recent Wiltshire Council meeting Councillor Sturgis's portfolio has been extended to include Development Control. The Core Strategy document will be put into consultation once again.
- c) The bridge works traffic lights will change sides on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. This will mean pedestrians will need to be escorted across the bridge.

### MINUTES

74.11	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Received from Councillor A Smith
75.11	<b>Declaration(s) of Interest in items listed on this agenda - In accordance with the Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 and revised (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.</b> None received
76.11	<b>Minutes</b> Following agreed minor amendments the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2011 were signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true record.  Minute 61.11 - Review of Register of Interests. As members were not aware of these forms, The Clerk has asked members to complete a new Register of Interest Form as the old ones were relating to North Wiltshire District Council and she did not have copies of the forms. Councillor Worthen was not comfortable with this as he had already completed one once before. Therefore did not complete a form.
77.11	<b>Planning Matters</b> <u>Applications for consideration</u> N/11/01577/TCA Tree Surgery to Lime and Hornbeam and fell one Lime at 9 Paddock Close Gt. Somerford - It was resolved to support this application. 11/01776/S73 Renewal of 07/00410/COU at The Black Barn, Winkins Lane, Gt. Somerford - It was resolved to support this application. <u>Wiltshire Council Decisions</u> 11/01581/AGN Replacement fodder store at Goosegreen Farm Startley. - Further details were not required. - Noted

	An invalid application was submitted for land adjacent to 56 Gt. Somerford. - Noted.
78.11	<p><b>Highway Matters</b>  Cllr Scott expressed concern that the Parish Steward was not communicating with him. Parish Steward to be alerted to this - <b>ACTION CLERK</b>  The Clerk briefed members of the work carried out by the Steward during April - Gt Somerford to Seagry Rd 4 potholes, Startley Rd and Startley Heath Lane 11 potholes, Dauntsey Road 9 potholes and Shipton Lane trim back vegetation around 30mph sign.</p> <p>Councillor Scott mentioned that the verges were not being cut down Winkins Lane - this to be reported - <b>ACTION CLERK</b></p>
79.11	<p><b>Community Room</b>  Waiting for the storage facilities for new chairs to be clarified before placing an order for the chairs (50)</p> <p>Cllr Gow mentioned that he would be attending the next School Governors meeting.</p>
80.11	<p><b>Finance</b>  A full report showing the following information was circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Receipts since last meeting amounted to £215, Cheques agreed and signed at this meeting were cheque Nos 859 to 864 amounting to £764.44</li> <li>b) Bank Account balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 Current Account £13,419.60, Deposit Account £9,712.07, (including 0.37p interest) Community Account £1,780.78. Total £24,912.45. Free Gardens account £80,589.11.(including £3.09 interest)</li> </ul> <p>It was resolved to accept the report as a true record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) The Clerk explained that the request to close the Tai Chi account was accepted and will be dealt with by the bank on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The money will be paid into the current account.</li> <li>d) It was resolved to approve a donation of £200 to the Signpost which is for two years.</li> </ul>
81.11	<p><b>Future Objectives for the Parish Council</b>  <u>Youth Club Shed</u> - Cllr Jevons reported that the discussions regarding the contents of the shed were ongoing.  <u>Pic-Nic</u> - this will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July.  <u>Diamond Jubilee</u> - Cllr Shearer agreed to represent the Parish Council to work with a village group to plan an event. An article to be placed in the Signpost looking for people to join the group.</p>
82.11	<p><b>Items for Action</b>  <u>Community School Management</u> – Nothing further to report  <u>Playarea</u> – Nothing further to report  <u>Request to change Parish name to Gt Somerford &amp; Startley</u> - Wiltshire Councillor T Sturgis explained that this issue was raised at the last Full Wiltshire Council meeting and he agreed to pursue the matter. Another article is to be placed in the Signpost.</p>
83.11	<p><b>Correspondence received</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Information from Wiltshire Council on Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge - The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire has requested that W C and SBC (Planning Authorities) assist him in identifying 20 sports fields Throughout Wiltshire and Swindon to be protected under the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge - Not applicable</li> <li>b) Councillor Jevons mentioned that he had received a request from a Startley resident to have a relative's ashes buried in Startley cemetery - He will oversee and update the records.</li> </ul>

84.11	<p><b>Councillors Reports and items for the next agenda</b> Next meeting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011.</p> <p>It was noted that the hedge in the vicinity of the new Guinness development had become overgrown - Cllr Sturgis agreed to look into this.</p>
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**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**FREE GARDENS**

16.11	<p><b>Allotment Agreements</b> All taken</p>
17.11	<p><b>Free Gardens Maintenance</b> Following the annual inspection of the allotments that took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, letters have been sent to all allotment holders where work had lapsed (8). To date two replies have been received. Therefore a further letter is to be sent to those who have not replied giving further time to reply and if no reply received then the Parish Council will assume that they no longer wish to continue. - <b>ACTION CLERK</b></p> <p>A notice in the Signpost and on the local notice board is to be placed asking allotment holders to take care when spraying especially during windy weather. - <b>ACTION CLERK</b></p> <p>A notice is to be put up on the notice board regarding the lighting of fires and the restriction on bringing in garden refuse from outside of the allotments - <b>ACTION CLERK</b></p> <p>The request made from the occupants of the house next to the Free Gardens to purchase or rent part of the Free Gardens as a drive was considered. Following lengthy discussions due to the possible complications and the historic value of the Free Gardens, it was decided to leave the Free Gardens as they are. There was one abstention when this issue was put to the vote.</p> <p>Councillor Jevons mentioned that the Free Gardens and the Allotments would be open to the National Garden Scheme which was on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June. It was decided to cut the wild area on this occasion and generally tidy the area up. Councillor Sturgis agreed to arrange for the grass to be cut.</p>
18.11	<p><b>Free Gardens Management of Accounts</b> Councillor Worthen reported that he had consulted the Charity Commission and the interest of the account can be spent on projects etc that would be of benefit to the community.</p> <p>He suggested that an investment strategy should be considered for the capital.</p>

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**