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# GREAT SOMERFORD (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting held Friday 6 December 2019 at 7.00 p.m. The Community Room, Walter Powell School, Great Somerford

<b>Present</b>	Cllr S Mansfield (Chair) Cllr S Binstead Cllr C Blount	Cllr D Butcher Cllr H Cole	Cllr M Griffiths Cllr M Hourigan
<b>In attendance</b>	T M Chapman (Clerk)	Wilts Cllr Sturgis	No members of public

**Public Question Time** - n/a

### Reports from Unitary Councillor and Council Representatives

Wiltshire Councillor Sturgis reported that he had measured the West Street verge (21 metres minimum) and will endeavour to progress matters. Any footpath on the verge must remain higher than the road to prevent vehicles driving on it.

19/12/1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Gravell & Hyde.

19/12/2. **Declaration(s) of Interest**

Cllr Gravell – pecuniary interest declared by virtue of family connection with planning application **19/10168/FUL**; Cllr Mansfield re planning application **19/11240/TCA**.

19/12/3. **Minutes and Matters Arising**

i The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 November 2019 were **approved** and **signed** by the Chair as a true record. Proposed Cllr Blount; seconded Cllr Hourigan.

ii Action Register of Matters Arising

It was agreed that items shaded green had been completed, that those shaded amber were in progress, agenda-ed separately or not yet due. It was noted that

- action 19/11/6.4 "Change to the Free Gardens' Objects" had been suspended in that the Parish Council had decided not to proceed with any change of use at the present time;
- action 19/11/5.3 £7,610 has been transferred from the General to the Play Area Reserve;
- action 19/11/5.4 £3,000 has been transferred from the Deposit to the Current Bank Account.

19/12/4. **Planning Matters (HC)**

<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx>

i **Planning Applications for consideration**

**19/10618/FUL** Lady's Walk House - Change of Use of Existing Ancillary Residential Accommodation to Form Separate Dwelling (Retrospective).

The Parish Council **supported** this application despite previous objections in other cases to annexes becoming separate dwellings because Lady's

Walk House is sited within the red-line settlement boundary and such a change would not represent a new dwelling in open countryside.

**19/11240/TCA** The Tangles – Fell one hawthorn (T1). **No Objection.**

ii **Applications Determined by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting**

**19/09275/FUL** 8 Riverside Park – Hipped roof conservatory to rear.  
**Approved with conditions.**

**19/09300/TCA** 2 Paddock Close – Fell Douglas Fir. **No Objection.**

**19/09303/TCA** 14 Winkins Lane – Re-pollard sycamore. **No Objection.**

**19/09576/TCA** Weatherstone - 30% Crown Reduction to Field Maple Tree (T1) 20% Crown Reduction 20% to Oak Tree T2 and Remove Overhang into Neighbouring Property and School Grounds. **No Objection.**

**19/09918/FUL** Independent access for the L Shaped Barn using the existing road entry provided by the adjacent property (The Black Barn), Winkins Lane.  
**Approved with conditions.**

iii **Planning Applications for consideration received after issue of the agenda**

**19/10753/LBC** Independent access for the L Shaped Barn Winkins Lane using the existing road entry provided by the adjacent property (Black Barn). The Parish Council **supported** this application as it had done with the previous application **19/09918/FUL.**

iv **Applications Determined by Wiltshire Council since agenda issued**

**19/10067/TCA** Endswell - Remove Small Beech Tree from Hedge (T1).  
**No Objection.**

v **Other Planning Matters**

**19/10153/VAR** Broadfield Farm - Variation of Conditions 08, 10 and 19.  
Following representations from the residents of the Old Masons Arms the Parish Council re-considered its response as recorded in minute 19/11/4.3 where its support was caveated by "subject to the access area outside the Old Mason's Arms remaining tarmac or similar".  
It decided to **support** the application without this proposed amendment.  
As the Parish Council response was not due until this week Cllr Cole would be able to reflect this in his reply.

19/12/5. **Finance**

i **Approval of payments made**

The Parish Council **ratified** the between meetings payment of £53.51 to Mr P Stone for paint. Proposed Cllr Mansfield; seconded Cllr Cole.

19/12/6. **Councillor Reports on the Play Park Development (urgent matters only)**

i **Project 1: Zipwire**

**Installation arrangements** – this is scheduled for 11 December and Cllr Butcher will be on site to supervise.

**Action: Cllr Butcher**

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The digger should be able to access site. The next door neighbour has no objection to it crossing the grassed area adjacent to his house or to the cement lorry parking up. It was noted that, as the ground is likely to be very soft, some making good and re-seeding will be needed afterwards.

**Action: Cllr Butcher**

**Second payment:** the invoice is expected and, as agreed per minute 19/11/5.1, the payment for the balance due to Playdale Ltd can be made on receipt.

**Action: Clerk**

ii **Project 2: Slide (now Climbing Frame) & Trampoline**

**Change of equipment:** It was clarified by Cllr Griffiths that the Play Area Working Group has re-focused its efforts to procure a climbing frame to go alongside the sunken trampoline and not a slide as recorded in previous minutes and reports to the Signpost magazine. This change was retrospectively **approved** by all.

**Successful grant applications:** Cllr Blount has been very busy and raised

- £1,000 from the Jack Lane Charitable Trust (cheque received & banked);
- £6,000 from Hills Waste Management; #
- £10,000 from Crappers. #

# The Parish Council was reminded that 10% of these two grants consist of a third party payment due to Community First.

**Grant applications in progress:**

- £2,500 application to Malmesbury Area Board
- An application has been started to the National Lottery's "Awards for All" fund.

Cllr Blount was commended for his work. He further reported that HMRC has registered the Community Fund to enable Gift Aid to be claimed. The Fund will seek donations from individuals in the New Year. This will ultimately represent a further pot of money to which the Parish Council might apply for funding.

iii **Safeguarding**

This issue has been raised on several grant application forms but is, to a large extent, not applicable to a Parish Council providing an **unsupervised** play facility in the village. Notwithstanding it was **agreed** to procure and install some notices in and around the Play Area such that parents and grandparents would be aware.

**Action: Cllr Butcher**

19/12/7. **Councillors' Observations and Items for Next Agenda**

Planning application **18/03524/FUL** Land at Heath Lane, Startley: to appoint and authorise Wiltshire Cllr Sturgis to represent the Parish Council at the appeal hearing against Wiltshire Council's refusal for change of use to private gypsy and traveller caravan site.

19/12/8. **Dates for Future Meetings**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8 Jan, 5 Feb, 4 Mar, 1 Apr and 6 May Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50p.m.

Approved

 8/1/20.  
Chair

8 January 2020