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# GREAT SOMERFORD (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the virtual Annual Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 13 May 2020 using Zoom

**Present** Cllr S Binstead Cllr H Cole Cllr M Hourigan  
Cllr C Blount Cllr A Gravell Cllr F Hyde  
Cllr D Butcher Cllr M Griffiths Cllr S Mansfield

**In attendance** T M Chapman (Clerk) Wilts Cllr Sturgis 0 members of public

20/05/APCM/1

### **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

The meeting **noted** that all Councillors signed these in 2017 or 2018 when they were (re-)appointed as members of the Parish Council.

*Cllr Mansfield then vacated the Chair and the Vice-Chair, Cllr Cole, took the Chair for the next agenda item.*

20/05/APCM/2

### **Election of Chairman & Declaration of Acceptance of Office for 2020/21.**

Cllr Mansfield was unanimously **elected** as the Chairman. Proposed: Cllr Cole; seconded: Cllr Blount. He then duly signed the Declaration of Office and then took the Chair.

20/05/APCM/3

### **Election of Vice-Chairman & Declaration of Acceptance of Office for 2020/21.**

Cllr Cole was unanimously **elected** as the Vice-Chairman. Proposed: Cllr Mansfield; seconded: Cllr Butcher. He then duly signed the Declaration of Office.

20/05/APCM/4

### **Apologies for Absence** – None.

20/05/APCM/5

### **Declarations of Interest**

The members present confirmed that the register of interests as displayed on the Wiltshire Council website remains up to date. There were no new declarations.

20/05/APCM/6

### **Councillor Areas of Special Interest**

It was duly **noted and agreed** that the areas of special interest/delegation to Councillors and Parish volunteers will remain unchanged in 2020/21 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Details can be found on the website at <https://www.greatsomerfordparishcouncil.co.uk/council-members/>

20/05/APCM/7 **Public Participation at Council meetings**

The Parish Council considered that the rights of the public should remain unchanged: i.e. 10 minute Open Forum session at the start of each meeting plus 3 minute for any individual to make representations about planning matters before the Council.

This facility has also been made available for the virtual meetings using video-conferencing software with the meeting login and password obtainable on application to the Chair or the Clerk.

20/05/APCM/8 **Any Other Business** - None

The APCM meeting closed at 7.41 p.m. when the Parish Council then reconvened and commenced a standard Parish Council meeting to deal with business that could not wait until its next meeting.

**Approved**



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**Chair**

**Date**

3/6/20  
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