
GREAT SOMERFORD (INCORPORATING STARTLEY) PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd April 2024 Community Room@ 7.30 pm

Present	Cllr T Barker Cllr H Evans Cllr H Gravell Cllr M Griffiths (Chair)	Cllr T Harrison Cllr T Sturgis Cllr D Todd
In attend'ce	Wiltshire Cllr E Threlfall	1 member of the public
PQT	One member of the public attended to discuss the Pre School-Garden CIL funding request. He was also present to discuss and answer any questions reference a planning application form which was helpful for the committee.	

WCR **Reports from Unitary Councillor and Council Representatives**

Wiltshire Council has allocated funds for the filling of potholes but there isn't a schedule yet and it will take a long time. Please continue using "My Wilts" app to report issues. Funds have also been approved to improve this App for servicing all of the WCC services.

Wiltshire Council has purchased a new gully clearing tanker and plans to attend Great Somerford later in April.

Lyneham Banks road repair has reached the quotation. These quotes must include and deal with the 2 different clay deposits, the piling and the anchors that are needed. It is thought that a decision may be made shortly on who will carry out the work and that this work is planned to be completed by the end of the year.

Lime Down solar panel plans were discussed, but the strategic planning meeting for this development has not taken place yet. It was agreed that the PIE could be used to inform parishioners of the meetings that are being held but must not contain any arguments for or against as the PC has not discussed or made any comments on this development.

An action has been taken by Cllrs Griffiths and Gravell to make sure that the Emergency Plan is lodged with Renatta Moulden at Wiltshire Council. The Flood Plan is still waiting for an A0 size plan from Wiltshire Council and Cllr Threlfall offered to follow this up with the relevant department.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Harper
Clerk H Wallace

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Griffiths excused herself from any discussion about the Solar Farm meetings as she is employed by different energy company.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10 January were **approved** and **signed** by the Chair as a true record. **Proposed:** Cllr Sturgis, **Seconded:** Cllr Todd

Actions:

The action register was reviewed. Regarding parking on the grass outside Somerfords Walter Powell school gate, a meeting has been arranged by Cllr Evans with the Head Teacher at the end of April.

Roles and responsibilities -Cllr Evans has agreed to take on the School Liaison and the Parish Steward and Cllr Harrison as taken on Speed Indicator Device (SID) devices. Cllr Harrison will purchase a replacement battery for the Dauntsey Road SID cost of £55.00. The Startley Road SID also has battery issues and will require another battery to be purchased. Other locations for the SID were discussed but decision was to continue with current sites only for the time being. **Action:** Cllr Harrison to contact electrician to quote for fitting of a solar panels to each SID, so that the cameras do not need continually battery charging.

3. CIL Projects

Extension to Pre-School Garden: Three quotes had been obtained. Maintenance and the provision of goods within the garden will be supplied by the Pre School committee and their fund raising. The lowest quote was chosen appealing as the contractor had worked on the original area and offered some of the work and materials at a reduced rate. This quote was proposed by MG and seconded TS.

Replacement Toddler Climbing Frame, Winkins Lane playground: Cllr Evans is reviewing suggested equipment options and installation costs.

Recreation Area: Cllr Sturgis reported that he had contacted the Diocese of Bristol re. leasing the Glebe Field, but the new head of land management responded that they wish to carry a review about all the Diocese's land before making any decisions about individual plots.

4. Planning Applications received since the last meeting.

PL/2024/02770 - Householder Application. 47 Dauntsey Road, Great Somerford.
Proposal: Side and rear two storey extension; Decision: Support

Applications Determined since the last meeting.

PL/2024/00754 West Street Farm, West Street, Great Somerford
Proposal: T1&T2 – 2 x Poplar trees – 30% reduction to 8m G3 – 2 x Beech trees – reduce to 5m G4 – 4 x Beech trees – cut back overhanging branches to give a 2m vertical clearance. Decision: No Objection

PL/2024/00755

Lady's Walk House, West Street, Great Somerford

Proposal: T1 - Oak tree - crown reduction of up to 30% in height and weight from the western aspect to give the tree a finished height of up to 12m

Decision: No Objection

4b) Housing Developments – nothing to report.

4c) Neighbourhood Plan- GSPC received the grant for a consultant to advise on the Plan, Stage 1 and 2 will be completed by 5th April. Neighbourhood Plan team will comprise 3 parish councillors and 3 volunteers. Cllr Sturgis to contact identified volunteers.

5. Finance

a) Monthly Finance Report

The Finance report was received. The Parish Council ratified & approved The accounts were reconciled to 31 January. This was confirmed and signed by Cllr Barker, a non-signatory of the bank accounts. **Proposed:** Cllr Gravell, **Seconded:** Cllr Griffiths.

6. Managed Facilities Winkins Lane Playground fence completed and looks much better, as the chain link fencing has been replaced by picket fence. Wedding tree fence also completed.

7. Environment A request has been made for a list of duties that the Parish Steward can be asked to complete **Action:** Cllr Threlfall to provide. Cllr Sturgis advised the meeting that a gully tanker has been asked to attend to the following: -Somersbrook to the Rectory, Winkins Lane, Willow House and Hollowbank, Shiptons Lane – to Seagry Heath. Frog Lane has been jetted from the bottom gully to the soakaway. However, it has been noted that the pipes need to be realigned, so that they are level. Cllr Griffiths has also been re-contacted by residents in Winkins Lane where the residents are still concerned about the damage that has been done on the verge and request construction of a kerb. Advised that this is a Wiltshire County Council Highways matter, rather than parish council.

8. Standing Items To discuss any updates regarding:

Cllr Harrison has created a plan of the Startley cemetery and its graves, which will be laminated and displayed in the cemetery notice board. **Action:** Cllr Harrison. Cllr Griffiths to provide contact details of contractor for mowing, etc. All other facilities nothing to report or have done already in the minutes of the meeting.

Notice **Dates for Future Meetings @ 7.30 pm Wed 8th May Annual Parish Meeting and then followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Approved **Chair** **Date**