

Great Somerford (incorporating Startley) Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

held in The Community Room on the 22nd July 2026 at 7.30pm

Minutes

Present; Cllrs Griffiths (Chair), Sturgis (vice Chair), Phillips, Gravel, Harrison & Todd

Also present: Claire Mann (Parish Clerk), Cllr E Threlfall (Wiltshire Council) and one member of the public

86/26 Public Participation (limited to 10 minutes)

A member of the public asked what was being done about the property in the village that has encroached onto the highway. It was noted that the Clerk was asked to write to the property owners requesting that the verge is reinstated.

87/26 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllrs Gravell declared an interest in planning application PL/2026/04046 and will not vote during discussion.

88/26 To receive apologies.

Apologies received from Cllrs Harper, Evans & Barker.

89/26 To consider planning applications received.

WC Ref. [PL/2026/01549](#)

Address HOMESTEAD, 63 WEST STREET, GREAT SOMERFORD, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 5EH

Comment by extension granted.

Proposal 2 x Yew trees - pollard and crown reduce

Resolution No objection

WC Ref. [PL/2026/01550](#)

Address Marsh Farm, Startley, Chippenham, SN15 5HG

Comment by 31st July 2026

Proposal Change of use of land to ancillary residential use

Resolution No objection

WC Ref. [PL/2026/01551](#)

Address FOXFIELD, 2 SHIPTONS LANE, GREAT SOMERFORD, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 5EJ

Comment by 29th July 2026

Proposal G1 Two Beech trees - Reduce in height by up to 6 metres and on lateral branches by up to 3 metres. The canopies are to remain an elliptical form. T2 The centrally located Beech tree to the group is to be removed to ground level. T3 Goat Willow - Reduce to a structural pollard framework.

Resolution No objection



90/26

To consider proposal to engage Aubergine to design WCAG2.2AA compliant website as per AGAR 2025/26 and email provision for all Councillors and the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Phillips provided background information and had circulated a comparison of service provision and costs. It was resolved to appoint Aubergine to build a compliant website and provide email addresses for all Councillors and the Clerk.

Cllr Phillips will work with the Clerk to progress.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'I. Sturges'.

02/09/2026