



Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting held VIRTUALLY (due to Covid 19 restrictions) on Tuesday 5th January at 7.00pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present – Cllr C Stayt (Chairman), Cllr C Matheson, Cllr N Simpson, Cllr S Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Maurice Billington (DC)

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East),

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Merlin Smith

No Declarations of interest.

21/080 To confirm the minutes of the Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council (GWEPC) meeting held on 1st December 2020: - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were agreed as a true record.

21/081 Matters Arising from the minutes of 1 December 2020

(21/081.01) The clerk has invited Savills and Barwood to Feb / March meetings.

(21/083.02) The parish liaison minutes are on their website.

21/082 Public Participation

None

21/083 Questions arising from the clerk's report

None

21/084 Financial Matters

(21/084.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (also listed below). These will be made via online bank transfer.

£Confidential relates to payroll figures – these are shared with councillors.

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| Clerk Payroll | £ Confidential | | |
| RFO payroll | £ Confidential | | |
| Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund | £ 308.06 | | pension |
| HMRC PAYE | £ 35.32 | | |
| Zurich Insurance | £ 1,269.65 | 504215736 | Annual insurance renewal 20th Feb to 19th Feb 2022 |
| Clerk expenses (December) | £ 48.35 | | WIFI, home office, landline, printing |

21/085 Planning

(21/085.01) Councillors had **OBJECTED** to the below application.

Application 20/03482/F – 66 Bicester Road. We continue to object to this on the basis of over development.



(21/065.02) – St Frideswide Farm - Residential development at St Frideswide Farm in North Oxford.
(adjacent to our parish)

The site is allocated for residential development in the Oxford Local Plan 2036 and will provide housing, including affordable homes, to meet Oxford's housing needs.

Due to the current situation they are holding a virtual consultation and the proposals can be viewed here at the website below.

Website: stfrideswide.croudacehomes.co.uk

Feedback needs to be sent by: **10 January 2021.**

Email: oxfordplanning@savills.com

Post: Savills Planning, Wytham Court, 11 West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QL

The council will respond with several questions: we do not support this development: How is increased traffic going to be managed? How is waste water going to be dealt with, What is the impact on the water table? How is the already crowded shared bike lane with the bus lane going to be managed etc. Cllr S Wilson-Higgins will prepare a statement.

(21/065.03) Application 20/03398/LB – **NO OBJECTION** Conversion of traditional lift bridge to manual hydraulic control at Wolvercote Tilting Bridge, 300 metres SE of Dukes Cut, Oxford Canal, Gosford.

21/086 To receive reports from Councillors, County and Other contributors representing the Council on outside bodies and meeting

(21.086.01) Cllr Billington: A party was reported in Gosford on New Year's Eve, over 400 people attended despite Covid 19 restrictions. 30 police were called and the road had to be shut as a result. This was unacceptable and questions are raised on why the police did not disperse it sooner.

(21.086.02) Cllr Billington: Bad flooding in the areas over the Christmas period. Mill Street just outside of the parish had problems.

(21.086.03) Cllr M Billington: The budget will be finalised for county soon.

(21.086.04) Cllr N Simpson – schools are closed due to Covid. No further updates regarding the schools.

(21.086.05) Cllr N Simpson - The testing facility is working well. This remains at Oxford Parkway.

(21.086.06) Cllr S Wilson-Higgins carried out a litter pick over Christmas. There were 3 bin bags full in one area. We need to do another litter pick as soon as possible (once Covid allows).

(21.086.07) Cllr C Matheson attended the railway meeting with Yarnton PC. The schools need to tell railway company how they feel about the closure of Sandy Lane. Cllr Simpson is still waiting for a response from Gosford Hill School.

(21.086.08) Cllr C Stayt – we did need to release our Spring Newsletter in February (late Feb) – to be discussed next meeting. The clerk will start putting a base to this together.

(21.086.09) The clerk will ask Yarnton clerk for the national rail presentation to include in our newsletter.

21/087 Any Other Business

None

Meeting ends 8.05pm

Next meeting is 2nd February 2021 at 7pm – Virtual Zoom meeting