



Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting held VIRTUALLY (due to Covid 19 restrictions) on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 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 (CC), Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Merlin Smith

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

To receive apologies for absence – None

No Declarations of interest.

21/097 To confirm the minutes of the Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council (GWEPC) meeting held on 2nd February 2021: - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were agreed as a true record.

21/098 Matters Arising from the minutes of 2nd February 2021

None

21/099 Public Participation

None

21/100 Questions arising from the clerk's report

(21/100.01) – Suggested bike racks position along Bicester Road, near shops at Fairfax, end of Water Eaton Lane.

(21/100.02) – Stratfield Brake, no change currently for GWEPC in terms of finance. We are currently in contract. CDC have taken it back from Legacy Leisure.

21/101 Financial Matters

(21/101.01) 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.

Playground Supplies Ltd	£ 60.00	play area inspection Feb 21
Playground Supplies Ltd	£ 60.00	play area inspection Oct 20
Playground Supplies Ltd	£ 60.00	play area inspection Dec 20
Cherwell District Council	£ 1,498.65	Re charge SB management Dec 20 and Jan 21
Ady Podbery	£ 63.00	Litter picking and emptying bins to Dec 20
Clerk and Councils Direct	£ 12.00	annual subscription
Clerk Payroll	£ confidential	



RFO payroll	£ confidential	
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£ 308.06	
HMRC PAYE	£ 35.12	
Clerk expenses (January 21)	£ 62.11	Phone, stationary, wifi, home office allowance
Cherwell District Council	£ 2,711.74	landscape recharges for 20/21 - 50% contribution towards occ highways maintenance

Cherwell Graphics £220 added to the finance list for newsletters.

21/102 Planning

(21/102.01) 21/0045/F – Change of use from C4 HMO to sui generis HMO – 33 Hampden Drive, Kidlington. This would enable 7 or more unrelated people to live in the property.

The council **had no comment** to this application.

(21/102.02) Planning working group met on 9th February. Looked at the plans. Discussed where the main centre would be, schools (we would support Gosford Hill Schools re-development over any new school). Discussed linking cycle routes, plans from developer for PR6. Rob Linnell (Savills) new contact, because of the court case with Kidlington Development Watch the plan is with the council and this cannot be shared with us until legal application is concluded or CDC release it to us. Cllr Middleton explained that CDC had indicated there would not be a delay as there is a statutory responsibility to consider applications. Once planning permission is given it cannot be rescinded. PR9 have put in a pre-application. Cllr Middleton will contact CDC regarding this.

Other items on the key list – cycle lanes, footpaths, wilding of verges.

Modern facilities for the wider community that we ought to have in our mind (what we want in terms of a community facility) – meeting room, office (multi use) for example.

Patchwork of developments, each one of those has different items included (4 different developers), they don't make sense. We need to look at them carefully. We are missing information before we can make decisions.

Next working group planned March 9th subject to seeing if plans become available. 13th April will be the meeting following that.

Cllr Middleton will ask David Peckford at CDC if we can see the current site plans 6a,6b,6c, 7a.

21/103 To receive reports from Councillors, County and Other contributors representing the Council on outside bodies and meeting

(21.103.01) Cllr M Billington (CC) – County elections will go ahead as Covid improving. Bicester Road – grass verge outside the main block of flats. The residents will get letters about their parking on the verge. They will be charged if it happens again. The management company of the flats will also be written too. The kerbs need to be put right on Bicester Road including lowering the dropped kerb near Burma Court – OCC will be looking at this. Several areas of sunken road will be fixed and all lines will be painted. Two peoples drives have holes next to them (large holes), they will be filled for safety.

(21.103.02) Cllr M Smith – issues with parking cars on Yellow Lines. Emergency vehicle unable to access and dust cart.

(21.103.03) Cllr N Simpson hopes to meet with schools when they reopen. PCSO noted how busy play areas have been, lack of social distancing.



(21.103.04) Cllr C Matheson dropping bank forms to Cllr Stayt to enable removing old councillors from the bank.

(21.103.05) Cllr Ian Middleton (DC) Full council meeting last week, motion regarding 20 is plenty which is being supported. The budget has been set, £4.3 million shortfall has to be made up across the District, a third of that is to make up for losses at Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury. There will be charges for brown bin waste brought in (garden waste). There are cuts to housing and adult services amongst others. Motion passed regarding flooding – more information to follow. Volunteers of Yarnton marvellous effort / pulled together when flooding issue.

(21.103.06) Cllr C Stayt – people are being pushed to have vaccinations at Kassam now. Those with medical conditions are being vaccinated at Islip. Kassam has a very efficient system, no large crowds. If people can access by car it is ok. Sainsbury's – glass recycling is currently blocked off. Apparently CDC have changed the system for this. This does seem unacceptable.

21/104 Newsletter distribution

Newsletters ready for distribution. (Cllr Matheson – Hampden Dr, Gosford Cl, Fairfax, Cllr S Wilson-Higgins – Water Eaton, Cllr Stayt – Cromwell Way, Cllr Billington – Kingsway, Lovelace, Bramley, Cllr N Simpson – Bicester and Oxford Rd).

21/105 Any Other Business

Cllr Simpson – Police liaison meeting including trading standards 3rd March – notes will be circulated.

Cllr Middleton / Cllr Stayt – there is food stall on Hebborns still open, licensing has been advised.

Meeting ends 8.10pm

Next meeting is 6th April 2021 at 7pm – Virtual Zoom meeting