



Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting held VIRTUALLY (due to Covid 19 restrictions) on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7.00pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present – Cllr Clive Stayt (Chairman), Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Maurice Billington (CC), Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Merlin Smith

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), Clive Walsh (member of public)

To receive apologies for absence – None

No Declarations of interest.

21/106 To confirm the minutes of the Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council (GWEPC) meeting held on 2nd March 2021: - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were agreed as a true record.

21/107 Matters Arising from the minutes of 2nd March 2021

(21/107.01) Sainsbury's recycling glass is still cordoned off. The clerk will follow this up to see when it is being opened up again.

21/108 Public Participation

(21/108.01) Clive Walsh attended the meeting, no questions.

(21/109.02) Tara Prayag emailed regarding parking in Water Eaton Lane. Councillors will discuss in clerk's report.

21/110 Questions arising from the clerk's report

(21/110.01) – Virtual meetings – Virtual meeting not covered by legislation after 7 May (at the moment).

(21/110.02) – Stratfield Brake, no change currently for GWEPC in terms of finance. We are currently in contract. CDC have taken it back from Legacy Leisure.

21/111 Financial Matters

(21/111.01) 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.

Clerk Payroll	£ confidential	
RFO payroll	£ confidential	
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£ 308.06	
HMRC PAYE	£ 35.52	
Moore External Audit (to 31 March 2020)	£ 360.00	last year's external audit cost
Cherwell District Council	£ 120.12	Emptying of Dog Bins 2 bins winter
Clerk expenses (Mar 21)	£ 49.55	Home office allowance, wifi etc.
Zoom renewal - payable to clerk who paid in advance	£ 143.88	zoom renewal - annual



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

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the costs for internal audit and appoint Jane Olds as internal auditor.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the internal auditor terms.

Cllr Stayt proposed £2,500 contribution to the Christmas lights This was **RESOLVED** by all councillors.as a one off cost. All councillors except Cllr S Wilson-Higgins voted in favour of this. (Cllr S Wilson-Higgins not in favour but accepts majority vote). The clerk will ask the RFO to ensure a budget line is added for 22/23 for these.

21/112 Planning

(21/112.01) No comment to the application 21/00970/F.

Application No.:	21/00970/F
Applicant's Name:	Mr Roger Browne
Proposal:	Variation of condition 2 of 18/01530/F – revised plans for single and two storey rear extension, replacement of garage and two storey side extension to include increased depth to two storey rear extension and render to the existing elevations of the house and to the proposed extensions
Location:	23 Hampden Drive, Kidlington, OX5 2LR
Parish(es):	Gosford And Water Eaton
Expected Decision Level:	Delegated

21/113 To receive reports from Councillors, County and Other contributors representing the Council on outside bodies and meeting

(21/113.01) Cllr M Smith – board between Sainsbury's and the cemetery need shrubbery cut back. Also, need the shrubbery cut back at board near flyover end. The clerk will ask Ady Podbery to do this.

(21/113.02) Cllr Nigel Simpson – suggested Junior park run site locations at West Kidlington and Gosford Hill School.

(21.113.03) Cllr Nigel Simpson circulated police report,

(21/113.04) Cllr Nigel Simpson has reminded GHS to comment on application for closure of Sandy Lane.

(21/113.05) Cllr Maurice Billington lots of bags in the hedge for Sainsbury's – this has been reported by Cllr Billington and the clerk will also continue to report. Sainsbury's have agreed to clear this up.

(21/113.06) Cllr Billington domestic violence has increased during lockdown. OCC are funding this area more. Council will put the domestic violence helpline numbers up to support this.

(21.113.07) Cllr Clive Stayt CDWA challenge being heard in High Court 23/24 June. A barrister is considering the representations. We will continue to watch this.

(21/113.08) Cllr Clive Stayt – community speed watch resuming. Could suggest Cromwell Way to be assessed. Cllr S Wilson-Higgins – motorcycles still regularly using Oxford Parkway on a Sunday evening particularly. Cllr M Smith suggested we look at a reduced speed – 20mph on the Cromwell Way stretch near the school. The clerk will see if we can join the campaign and get this considered.



21/114 Annual Parish Meeting

(21/114.01) – This will be held on 4th May at 7.30pm. (7-7.30pm will be normal council meeting). This would be held virtually. An instructional leaflet will be put together for a letter box drop and rules.

Passcode and waiting room to be in place.

(21/114.02) – Basic agenda agreed.

(21/114.03) – Election of Chairman / Vice Chairman – Cllr S Wilson-Higgins is happy to become vice chair, Cllr Nigel Simpson would be happy to be put forward to Chair, Cllr Clive Stayt would be happy to carry on as Chair. Suggestion is that we have a planning lead (Cllr C Matheson alongside Cllr N Simpson). Councillors encouraged Cllr C Stayt to remain as Chairman as he lives in Gosford.

21/115 Any Other Business

Cllr Prestidge – Christmas lights – asked if GWEPC would contribute towards lights. Any money would have to come from reserves. Cllr Matheson is against this. Cllr M Smith is against any lights on the roundabout or road junction due to traffic hazards. We do not have a budget to display lights. Cllr N Simpson not against some contribution. Cllr Stayt not against some contribution. Cllr S Wilson-Higgins is against the lights, it is unnecessary. Cllr Middleton not against this. Discussed that GWEPC will enjoy the lights even if in Kidlington.

Cllr Prestidge – Benches at Oxford Road. Bench outside Gosford Medical Practice – Refurbish bench. Water Eaton Lane bench – wooden replacement.

Cllr Stayt – Notice board outside Gosford Medical Centre needs replacing. – new wooden noticeboard.

Cllr C Stayt – Planning working group meeting – there will be no April meeting. Next meeting to be determined. Cllr Stayt will advise the working group.

Meeting ends 8.45pm

Next meeting is 4th May 2021 at 7pm – Virtual Zoom meeting / 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting (Zoom)