



Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH Meeting held VIRTUALLY (due to Covid 19 restrictions) on Tuesday 4th May 2021
at 7.30pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.30

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

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), **Members of public** – Mr & Mrs Cox, Mark Curtis, Clive Walsh, David Blowers, Mary Newland

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Ian Middleton

No Declarations of interest.

21/1 Introduction of councillors

The Chairman introduced councillors.

21/2 To confirm the minutes of the Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council (GWEPC) ANNUAL PARISH meeting held on 15th May 2019 (no meeting in 2020): - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were agreed as a true record. (Proposed Cllr N Prestidge, Seconded Cllr S Wilson-Higgins).

21/3 Matters Arising from the ANNUAL PARISH minutes of 15th May 2019.

(21/3) Cambridge expressway has been scrapped for now since the APM.

21/4 Accounts for the year end March 2021

(21/4) Copy of accounts was circulated online and was summarised by the clerk during the meeting – It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts. Proposed: Clive Walsh, Seconded: Cllr Carol Matheson The account of GWEPC to 31 March 2021 were **resolved** to be approved – unanimously.

Stratfield Brake – GWEPC contributes 10% cost contribution towards Stratfield Brake management costs £13,500 annually and also a contribution to the sinking fund annually. (Kidlington pay circa £130k)

21/5 Parish Report

We have been working through Covid and have continued to have meetings virtually.

Planning has been a key issue particularly regarding the unmet housing. We have increased our awareness on the planning – Cllr C Matheson and Cllr N Simpson are leads on planning. We have a planning subcommittee with two community representatives involved. We are continuing to have ongoing dialogue with the developers.

Other planning issues in the parish are house conversions to provide flats and multiple occupancy. We are not always in a position to stop these but we do voice our concerns regarding highways / parking etc. Highways – double yellow lines in Water Eaton Lane are required. Inconsiderate parking is causing an issue.

Reminder to people that Fixmystreet is the best avenue for pot holes etc.



Councillors attend meetings involving the airport liaison committee and we anticipate a future meeting very soon.

Councillors are also represented with a voice on Kidlington Traffic Advisory.

The parish is also involved in the Network Rail discussions regarding Sandy Lane proposed closure. The parish is concerned that this could affect the students at Gosford Hill School in particular.

We hope to resume face to face meetings soon (as oppose to Zoom meetings).

21/6 Police Report

No report provided by the police.

21/7 Planning

There is a court case pending regarding the unmet housing. This is ongoing. Regarding infrastructure / Sainsbury's access we do not know exactly what is planned. This is evolving and until we know exactly what is happening with the houses we do not know how the infrastructure will be implemented. We continue to talk to planners and developers.

21/8 Highways

The parish is pushing for a cycle path down the Bicester Road. OCC have been asked to push for this and discussion is ongoing. This was supported by members of the public.

Verge outside Gosford Court is going to be sorted out, cars parking on it have churned it up.

Kerb stones alongside Bicester Road are going to be replaced as many are broken.

21/9 Resolutions / Questions

Trees were planted on Gosford Link Road. OCC removed these trees because they were diseased. The parish are pushing for these to be reinstated as soon as possible.

21/10 Any Other Business

A parish report has been received from the Progressive District report detailing what's happened at CDC over the past 2 years since the last election. It's intended as a report for all the APMs but as it is close to the election it will be placed on the web after elections.

Mary - Cemetery – queried whether existing double depth graves would be permitted still. Cllr Prestidge is taking this query back to KPC to check.

Clive Walsh - Walking down Water Eaton Lane there used to be a wooden bench. Cllr Smith noted the bench was rotting so it was taken away. The hedge planting was put in as cars were parking on private land.

Clive Walsh - Coming from Kidlington from Bicester the parking on the verge / Hebborns is an eyesore. Cllr Smith confirmed Hebborns own the land (fields there) and for a time were using the verge parking. They have been talking with planning. It is noted that Highways do need to tidy the verges and the clerk will push on this.

Cllr Billington reported that there was a party on New Year's Eve during Covid within the Parish – they were fined £10,000 for this.



Mr & Mrs Cox – Allotments at Gosford (near cemetery) will be closed in due course as they need the area for burial ground. Allotment holders will be relocated to other sites.

Meeting ends 8.20pm