



Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting held at West Kidlington School on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.00pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present – Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Neil Prestidge

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

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins (Vice Chair), Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Carol Matheson,

No Declarations of interest.

22/156 Declarations of interest: none

22/157 Public Participation

None.

22/158 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 1st March 2022.

The minutes from 1st March 2022 were approved.

22/159 Update on progress from the minutes held in on 1st March 2022 and Matters Arising

Merger – No official update from CDC but it's not anticipated that any merger will happen between Kidlington PC and GWEPC according to District. We await formal confirmation.

Three benches have been replaced. Noticeboard by Miller & Carter removed as it had fallen down / damaged.

Recreational committee to meet to plan what's needed in the play areas.

No update following tree survey but the Council has arranged for a tree surgeon to deal with the fallen tree debris on the Gosford Link Road. The clerk will see if the cost can be recharged to OCC.

It is noted there is no legislation for us to have virtual meetings still at this time and face to face is required.

22/160 To receive reports from District or County Councillors

(21/160.01) Cllr Ian Middleton reported bus gate on the canal bridge A44 as part of the bus lane works.

Residents have not been consulted fully according to DC. The work should be done within the next year.

(21/160.02) Cllr N Simpson – motion for Sandy Lane (keeping it open) is being put forward.

22/161 Financial Matters

(21/161.01) 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.



Edward field venue hire - APM	£ 60.66	venue hire APM
Running IMP - jubilee coins	£ 2,640.60	jubilee coins - all school children in parish
Clerk Payroll	£ confidential	Payroll
RFO payroll	£ confidential	Payroll
HMRC PAYE	£ 262.52	HMRC PAYE
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£ 519.07	Pensions
Cherwell District Council	£ 1,985.38	landscape recharges SB Oct to Dec 21
Cherwell District Council	£ 120.12	emptying dog bins - winter
Clerks expenses Mar 22	£ 52.75	office, home office allowance etc
West Kidlington Friends	£ 66.00	Venue hire - April meeting
Ady Podbery	£ 42.00	Jan / Feb costs
Cherwell District Council	£ 749.29	SB Management fee - March 22

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

The jubilee coins have now been received and will be distributed to schools in early May.

21/162 Planning Applications

OUFC – The clerk is meeting with CDC later this month regarding OUFC. We are expecting to receive detailed plans from OUFC at some point soon for which councils can refer.

Over the last 9 years we have invested circa £120k in to Stratfield Brake and this continues at a running cost circa £12-15k per year.

Parish Poll (Oxford United) – We need to discuss this in a later meeting in more detail.

Suggested that the council has a virtual meeting to discuss in more detail.

Cllr Clive Stayt / Cllr Neil Prestidge - OUFC Stakeholder representation for the council.

21/163 Parish Matters

(21/163/01) Jubilee commemorative coins have been ordered and received. They will be distributed in May to school children at Edward Feild and Gosford Hill School.

(21/163/02) The Council still has a vacancy we are trying to fill.

21/164 Further Reports & Questions arising from the clerks report

(21/164/01) Cllr C Stayt – Cllr Ian Middleton will put forward 20mph for all the residential roads within Gosford and Water Eaton (excluding Gosford Link Road)

(21/164/02) Cllr C Stayt – Trees for Queens Canopy. Woodland Trust have trees available which the clerk will look at applying for trees. The plan is to give 75 trees to parish residents but we have budgeted to purchase them.

(21/164.03) Cllr Simpson met with Sanctuary Housing at Bramley Close. Sanctuary are dealing with the fly tipping.

(21/164.04) The clerk will ask CDC to put bike racks in near the shops at Fairfax. We also need to upgrade the flower boxes and plant this season (The clerk will contact Mike Clay / Tim Green).



(21/164.05) Trading Standards with TVP did weight spot checks on Bicester Road and found several over weight vehicles – they were fined.

21/165 Items for Agenda or Information only

The clerk will distribute a one pager to the residents for agenda and APM date. The clerk will ask someone to deliver them and councillors **RESOLVED** to pay for this delivery service - £60.

21/166 Date of the next council meeting – 17th May – Full council meeting followed by Annual Parish Meeting (Edward Feild School) . – 6.30pm Parish Meeting, 7pm Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting ends 8.30pm