



Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting of the meeting held at West Kidlington School on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.05

Councillors Present – Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Nick Duval, Cllr Fiona Mawson (DC)

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), 9 members of public, 2 members from Savills / Christchurch

To receive apologies for absence (accepted apologies) – Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins (Vice Chair),

No Declarations of interest.

22/219 Declarations of interest: None

22/220 Public Participation

PR6a (Water Eaton) representation from Christchurch & Savills – The District Council has been preparing the development brief. Planning committee meeting is this week and this will be considered for PR6a and PR6b. Christchurch has some concerns and they have asked to speak to the committee. Key concern is that the school is not in the right location. The county are consulting on the central oxford travel plan which will affect the area. The Christchurch / Savills team are looking at the travel plan themselves. Following public consultation there are key points, which are also being taken into account. 750 individuals looked at the web consultation, 50+ submissions responded. A few points were raised which are being considered (play area location, ecology, Oxford Rd frontage queries etc.). Some changes are being made in response to comments. Waiting on response of transport model. Once this comes in the consultation can take place. It was noted that the hedgerow along the frontage of the site is a wildlife corridor. Savills confirmed there is an ecological review.

There are still discussions regarding Kidlington roundabout and safety for cyclists.

Question regarding Stratfield Brake – no further update, lease has not been given up. Waiting for more detail from Oxford United FC.

22/221 Yellow lines at Water Eaton Lane / Beagles Close

(a) To consider whether to move forward with an application and consultation on yellow lines for Water Eaton Lane & Beagles Close (up to the first drive).

Members of the public attended the meeting and generally were in support of the double yellow lines, wanting more than less. They must go all the way along WE Lane as the top end are worried about



parking as people park and walk to the train and the dog walkers parking.

It was noted caravans struggle to pass each other to the camping on the road as well.

2 members of public objected at the meeting, they also emailed.

Suggestion double yellow all the way down plus 2-3 permit bays. The clerk and Councillor Simpson will liaise with OCC for another site visit in September.

22/222 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 5th July 2022. (No August meeting)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from 5th July 2022.

22/223 Update on progress from the minutes held in on 5th July 2022 and Matters Arising

Stakeholder meeting for OUFC in July was postponed.

Unity Bank transfer in progress.

22/224 Reports

(22/224.01) To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Ian Middleton circulated his report in advance of the meeting. *Cllr M Smith* had concerns about Kidlington Roundabout planned works. *Cllr Middleton* is taking this back to cabinet.

Cllr Fiona / Cllr Ian Middleton will be attending a meeting with developers for PR6a and PR6b on Thursday. Concerns the developers plan to take significant number of trees out and are looking to add more houses.

Cllr Nigel Simpson – 250 bus that comes through Gosford (connecting villages) is coming to an end at the end of the year. The new planned service is not looking to fulfil the need.

Consultation in the City on the LTNs and the bus gates.

Motion about Sandy Lane being put forward this month, the decision will be made by Highways.

Divorce of OCC / CDC is currently hovering around £800k and rising despite anticipation that there were not supposed to be any costs. It was noted that the 'fix my street' service has reduced and this divorce may be impacting.

Cllr Simpson – meeting with Gosford Hill this week. Adult Education likely to close in October, this is a forced closure driven from River Learning Trust / Abingdon & Witney College. Some of the users and staff are not happy with this closure. It will likely be used as an intervention centre for troubled teens. The school has passed a phase of potential rebuild. It has been noted there are surveys on the field but the council has no indicators that there will be major building on the existing green space.

Cllr Stayt – Hedgerows around Sainsbury's - request came to cut hedges due to rats. It went back to Sainsbury's for a health and safety inspection, which will take place. The issue is not deemed to be the hedgerow.

Cllr Duval – reviewed Stratfield Brake management figures and there are a lot of questions. It seems to be, being run very inefficiently.

Cllr Stayt – Kidlington Environmental Group – if Clive cannot attend someone else needs to attend.

Cllr Stayt – A40 HIF 2 Smart Corridor paperwork has been received. Most does not involve the parish but there are some areas near Kings Bridge / Dukes Cut that involve the parish.

Cllr M Smith – Surface of Gosford Link Road & Frieze Way is dangerous, been very bad accidents on both stretches.



Traffic lights at WE Lane need rescheduling. A lot of people go through the red lights, potentially need cameras on them.

Name board of Water Eaton Lane falling off – sign to be reported, as needs repair or replacement.

Park & Ride – Suggestion is combined charge of £6 for park & bus – this penalises concessions. There needs to be an option for those with bus passes. A lot of people will not be able to afford to pay this parking but use it for hospital buses etc. We do not want to discourage or penalise concession holders.

22/225 Financial Matters

(22/225.01) The RFO did not send a detailed finance report for this but a report will follow at the next meeting.

(22/225.02) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk’s report (also listed below). Payments are made via cheque on this occasion.

Finance committee councillors receive copies of the invoices to review ahead of the meeting.

Clerk Payroll	£			
	confidential			
RFO payroll	£			
	confidential			
HMRC PAYE	£			
	confidential			
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£			
	confidential			
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£			
	confidential			adjustment payment owed to pensions
	£			
Cherwell District Council	918.04	20007146		SB management July 2022
	£			
Cherwell District Council	2,510.94	20007479		SB landscape recharges april to june 2022
	£			
Vision Ict	78.00	14130		service charge
	£			
cherwell graphics	28.00	10947		printed minutes book
	£			
Cherwell District Council	918.04	20007249		SB management August 2022
	£			
Ady Podbery	272.40	4491		July grass, litter
	£			
West Kidlington Friends	87.00		Sept	Sept meeting hire
	£			July and Aug office expenses - home offi
Clerk expenses	105.75		July and Aug	phone, stamps for posting cheques

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

22/226 Planning Applications

(22/26.01) Application: 60 Bicester Road. It is going to planning committee in October. There is no parking but it is not a valid objection. Objection regarding over development and out of context. Comment it is very close to Gosford Court. Also, very likely to overlook neighbouring gardens.

CDC 2040 review is on Thursday at Bodicote House, Cllr Simpson will attend. (Oxfordshire 2050 plan has



collapsed).

22/227 To receive an update from the Playground Committee.

(22/227.01) Cllr Prestidge is taking a lead on the playing fields committee. We will start getting some quotes. Ongoing.

22/228 Parish Matters

No further matters

22/229 Items for information or next agenda only

None

22/230 Date of the next council meeting – 4th October 2022 – 7pm

Meeting ends 9:25pm