



# Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting of the meeting held at West Kidlington School on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7pm

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

*Meeting commenced 19.05*

**Councillors Present** – Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins (Vice Chair),

**Also in Attendance** – Clerk to the Council (K East), RFO to the Council (Cherie), 1 member of the public

**To receive apologies for absence (accepted apologies)** – Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Nick Duval

No Declarations of interest.

**22/231 Declarations of interest:** Cllr C Stayt notes he is a member of the Woodland Trust.

### **22/232 Public Participation**

None

### **22/233 Update on progress from the minutes held in on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September were approved and no matters arising. There was no October 2022 meeting.

### **22/234 Reports**

(22/234.01) To receive reports from District and County Councillors

*Cllr Ian Middleton* community governance review has gone through. It included that Kidlington and Gosford are not merging.

Fracking – Cherwell is now a frack free zone.

Water Sewage transparency – If there is going to be any building companies need to advise how much sewage there will be to the water companies.

Parking standards policy – where there are conversions, fewer parking spaces are on developments which is causing parking on the roads / verges. It is possible that more controlled parking zones may be required in the future.

A34 noise – motion at county. Suggestion to lobby government to put in sound barriers along it.

Motion to support and install greener energy efficiency.

50 million gap with Oxfordshire County Council at the moment which is being looked at by OCC.

*Cllr C Stayt* – OUFC have sent an update with their survey results. 10% response rate received.

[www.oufcstadium.co.uk](http://www.oufcstadium.co.uk) has further info. Planning information is expected around the New Year.

Friends of Stratfield Brake meeting held with KPC – there might be some reluctance for decision making prior to elections. Discussions around having a parish poll, needs further discussion and will link with KPC if a poll is done so whole area is covered.

*Cllr Prestidge* – Various places offering warm spaces in Kidlington.



## 22/235 Financial Matters

(22/235.01) The RFO sent a detailed finance report to councillors ahead of the meeting for review. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the finance reports. Precept planning starts in December. Reserves should sit around 35-40k.

(22/235.02) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the external audit report.

(22/235.03) 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.

	£	
Rialtas	154.80	102620
	£	
Clerk Payroll	confidential	102621
	£	
RFO payroll	confidential	102622
	£	
HMRC PAYE	confidential	102623
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£	
	436.47	102624
	£	
Cherwell District Council	1,718.68	102625
	£	
Ady Podbery	158.40	102626
	£	
Clerk expenses	63.55	102627
	£	
West Kidlington Friends	85.00	102628

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

The RFO confirmed she is waiting for some identification from councillors and then the move to Unity bank can complete.

## 22/236 Planning Applications

(22/236.01) 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 / intrusion to neighbours.

## 22/237 To receive an update from the Playground Committee.

(22/237.01) New quote coming in for the replacement Bramley Close. The clerk has arranged this.

## 22/238 Parish Matters

No further matters

Information relevant to local residents – Cllr M Smith advised that 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – A boy is born –



Christmas Music at St Marys Magdalene.

21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – KAOS concert – St Marys Kidlington

**22/239 Items for information or next agenda only**

Precept considerations at next meeting (including grant fund, coronation fund – tree giveaway?)

**22/240 Date of the next council meeting** – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 7pm

*Meeting ends 8:30pm*