



Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting of the meeting held at West Kidlington School on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7pm

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Meeting commenced 19.00

Councillors Present – Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Neil Prestidge, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins (Vice Chair), Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Nick Duval, Cllr Fiona Mawson (DC)

Also in Attendance – Clerk to the Council (K East), 4 members of the public

To receive apologies for absence (accepted apologies) – Cllr Carol Matheson

No Declarations of interest.

23/251 Declarations of interest: Cllr C Stayt notes he is a member of the Woodland Trust.

23/252 Public Participation

None

23/253 Greenway

David Young and Sandy from Greenway (Golfers of North Oxford Golf Club) presented to council regarding a replacement golf course (albeit 9 holes) at Frieze Farm (which is in Gosford's parish). It was highlighted that provision of a replacement golf course is not shown in the local plan.

The golf club noted they would not support the OUFC stadium if it impacted on the golf course provision.

Current golf course takes 18 holes into a compact space with biodiversity. A new course would take decades to replace to the same standard. Savills / Christchurch are also meeting Greenway for a discussion. A modern replacement golf course would need approx. 100 acres.

Response to consultation – Council will highlight the provision of the golf course should be included within the local plan.

23/254 Proposed Oxford United Stadium – latest updates

Cllr C Stayt has attended two meetings with KPC and OCC officers and OUFC. Nothing to add to information that is in public domain Oxford United FC end of stage zero report. The clerk has asked if we can have some notes from these meetings to share with other councillors – even if these are short notes written by our councillors for our council to see.

The understanding is that the focus is now on the triangle and not on Stratfield Brake. OUFC need somewhere to play from 2026. No decisions have been made. We do not expect any decisions to be made on whether the stadium proceeds in the draft report, which OCC is publishing at end January 2023. We anticipate seeing any detail until nearer Summer 2023 and a public consultation would be wanted by this council.

The council would like to know where is the commercial offering going to go if it is in the triangle.

It should be noted that the triangle area for consideration is NOT in Gosford and Water Eaton Parish (it is



in Kidlington) – the land is not encroaching into the woodland, which is Gosford land.

23/255 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting held on 6th December 2022.

The minutes of the meeting on 6th December 2022 were approved and no matters arising.

23/256 Update on progress from the minutes held in on 6th December 2022 and Matters Arising

The minutes if the meeting on 6th December 2022 were approved and no matters arising.

23/257 Reports

(23/257.01) To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr Ian Middleton circulated his report to councillors ahead of the meeting. Highlights include: local plan has been published (3rd January 2023). Councillors asked Cllr Middleton to raise that the golf course provision is not included within the plan and it should be. There will be a time for consultation to take place.

Cllr Ian Middleton there is a report on the OUFC website that has been published.

Cllr Ian Middleton CDC motion regarding tenants charter brought forward for rules between tenants and landlords. It has been watered down but has gone through>

Cllr Ian Middleton CDC pursuing affordable flats on Stirling Road, Kidlington – supposed to be affordable. This has not happened to date.

Cllr Ian Middleton Flooding on Oxford Road, Kidlington – mains burst. It has been resolved.

Cllr Fiona Mawson Hills Developers are putting in official planning application in for development behind Beagles Close.

Cllr Fiona Mawson Solar Farm developments – it is causing a lot of discussion. There will be a mechanism to respond although we are not statutory consultees.

Cllr Nigel Simpson OCC have reviewed education / special education needs for the county, report will be out soon

Cllr Clive Stayt Attended roundabout meeting (Kidlington roundabout) to consider making it pedestrian and cycle friendly. This included modifications for Stratfield Brake access. It does sound like the improvements will be made and should commence before end March (before end of financial year).

Cllr Clive Stayt attended four parishes meeting where more houses are planned in Shipton and Thrupp parish (edge Woodstock) and on the Moors (Kidlington).

Cllr Clive Stayt – Money raised from housing in the parish (S106) is not fully spent just in Cllr Stayt. We need to put together a plan of what we require in the parish. Suggestion is Begbroke, Yarnton, Kidlington and GWEPC get together once plan ‘wish list’ for GWEPC has been put together. Suggestion that is is a face to face meeting.

23/258 Financial Matters

(23/258.01) The RFO sent a detailed finance report to councillors ahead of the meeting for review. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the finance reports.

(23/259.02) 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.



	1,226.97		
	£		
Clerk Payroll	1,207.34	102641	
	£		
RFO payroll	185.06	102642	
	£		
HMRC PAYE	454.11	102643	
	£		
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	163.16	102644	
	£		
Cherwell District Council	2,811.12	102645	landscape recharges SB Jul - Sept
	£		landscape recharges - Highways - 50% contribution towards
Cherwell District Council	2,958.70	102464	maintenance OCC highway areas
	£		
Clerks expenses	73.15	102647	clerk expenses, home office allowance, phone etc
	£		
West Kidlington Friends	84.00	102648	meeting room hire January
	£		Burial, allotment and xmas light contribution (annual
Kidlington Parish Council	10,020.00	102649	charge)

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

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

(23/259.03) The RFO has no further update regarding moving to Unity bank. Paperwork has been submitted and this is in progress. Cllr Stayt is required to transfer all savings funds into the current account.

(23/259.04) Councillors considered the precept for 2023/24 and **RESOLVED** that the precept will be 3.8% increase, which equates to a new precept figure of £71,179 (increased from £68,441).

(23/259.05) Councillors considered swapping our email due to on-going issues with the email system. Microsoft 365 can be provided at a cost of £300 one off set up cost and £98 per month for 8 councillors' emails, an RFO mailbox and a Clerk mailbox. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to proceed with this with a plan to move to this after the elections (May 2023) to alleviate the possibility of having to re-set up mailboxes if there is a change in council at election.

23/259 Planning Applications

(23/259.01) Application: 22/03837/R56 – Mr E Smith (Northfield Farm) – Change of use for agricultural barn.

There was no comment or objection for this.

Cllr M Smith abstained from input and decisions and declared an interest for the above application.

23/260 To receive an update from the Playground Committee regarding Bramley Close replacement

(23/260.01) The clerk is to proceed with the order with Wickstead, costs were approved in a previous month (Up to £20k plus VAT).

23/261 Yellow Lines – To consider and approve whether to proceed with the proposal.

(23/261.01) Informal white access protection markings on the west side between the main road and



Beagles Close, provided we have double yellows on the other side so that large vehicles are able to get through (even if they have to put a wheel on the verge). Suggested 20 metres double yellow lines both sides into Beagles Close and both sides between there and the farm entrance.

Proposed: Cllr Stayt, Seconded Cllr Smith

23/262 Parish Matters

Main Oxford Road near golf course (opposite the manor entrance along golf course side) is dropping down (road). Path is also bad along triangle side before the bridge.

23/263 Items for information or next agenda only

None

23/264 Date of the next full council meeting – 7th February 2023

Meeting ends 8:35pm