

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Meeting of the meeting held at West Kidlington School on
Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7pm

Meeting commenced at 7.10pm

Councillors present: Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Fiona Mawson, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Nigel Simpson, Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Nick Duval

To receive apologies of absence from: Cllr Neil Prestidge

23/284 Declarations of interest: None

23/285 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 7th March 2023.

The minutes of the meeting on 7th March 2023 were approved with no matters arising.

23/286 Update on progress from the minutes held on 7th March 2023 and matters arising.

Newsletter to be distributed early April. Councillors to distribute the extremity newsletters.

23/287 Reports: To receive reports from Parish, District & County Councillors

Cllr Mawson has asked Hills developers to move distribution box away from Beagles Close.

Cllr Simpson gave an update on OCC school bus services; this is reported information from OCC.

Cllr Stayt attended the Kidlington Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting – it was noted that one of the councillors for KPC noted there will be a parish poll regarding the proposed OUFC stadium, lots of backlash regarding the expenditure of public money was directed to KPC. GWEPC still feel there is not enough information on the proposals to have a meaningful vote at this stage.

Cllr Stayt confirmed that we do think several people have submitted electoral paperwork, so we anticipate being quorate following election.

Cllr Stayt – Kidlington Environment group meeting this week. Following APM we will relocate councillors to each group to be representative for. (Anticipate allocating councillors representatives in June meeting)

23/288 Financial Matters

(23/288.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (detailed below). Payments are made via cheque and include post-dated statutory payments for May 2023.

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

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

Clerk Payroll	£ Confidential
RFO payroll	£ Confidential
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£ Confidential
HMRC PAYE	£ Confidential
Clerk office expenses	£ 67.35
West Kidlington Friends venue hire	£ 58.00

(23/288.02) The RFO has no further update regarding the move to Unity bank. Papers have been submitted; this is in progress. There is concern that this is taking a long time and we risk Barclays closing the account. The clerk will follow up with the RFO. Councillors would like this account opened within the next month or two.

23/289 Planning

23/00767/F 21 Hampden Drive, Kidlington – Demolition of existing conservatory and workshop behind garage. Single / part storey rear extension and side, two street front extension. No comment of objection.

23/590/F 261 Oxford Road, Kidlington - Single storey extension, porch to front, extension to side and rear, loft conversion, shed. – Object on the basis of overdevelopment, intrusive to the bungalow at the rear, parking provision concern. This development sounds like an Airbnb or flats.

23/290 Parish Matters

- Bus shelter at Bramley Close had damage, the clerk has arranged for this to be repaired.
- Bramley Close fence down. – Sanctuary housing have been advised (this is their fence)
- Cllr Stayt has been asked by a resident if youngster with his father can do litter picking in the parish. No objection from council but we need risk assessment signed and youngster to be accompanied by adult). Cllr Stayt is to take this back to the resident.
- Cllr Simpson – CDC looking at what next for Stratfield Brake, it needs improvement and possible S106 will support this. Lots more discussion to be had. It was also noted that this council needs to put an S106 list together. We also need to think about future sports provision. This is to go on June agenda.
- Health walks Mon (Annie's Thrupp), Tues in Woodstock, Wed (Royal Sun, Begbroke), Thurs -Islip (starts at Village Hall) – All start at 1030am. All welcome and all free.
- The 5G mast located by Miller & Carter was installed despite being objected to. This is not operational at the moment.
- Junior Park run commencing at Parkhill, Benmead Road. All welcome. Official launch 30th May.

23/291 Items for information and next agenda only

None

23/292 Date of the next full council meeting – 9th May – this will be the annual meeting of the council where we elect the Chair, it will be immediately followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting ends 20:30