

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Annual meeting of the council held at West Kidlington School on
Tuesday 5th September 2023

Meeting commenced at 7pm

Councillors present: Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Nick Duval, Cllr Nigel Simpson

To receive apologies of absence from: Cllr Suzanne McIvor, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins

Other attendees: The clerk

23/327 Declarations of interest: Cllr Nigel Simpson declared an interest in Oxford United as a personal season ticket holder.

23/328 Public Participation: None.

23/329 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 4th July 2023.

The minutes of the meeting on 4th July 2023 were approved with no matters arising. (Note there was no August meeting).

23/330 Update on progress from the minutes held on 4th July 2023 and Matters Arising.

Low return on initial survey results for OUFC stadium - we will resend via Gosford Hill School. Cllr Simpson to push this through.

23/331 Reports

Cllr Middleton report shared in advance of the meeting – no questions.

We note in Cllr Middleton report the suggestion of the cycle path on Bicester Road has come back under discussion. The council is pleased that the earlier discussion GWEPC suggested are now being taken seriously.

Cllr Simpson confirmed Sandy Lane from Yarnton to Kidlington is still under discussion.

It is confirmed that the Glebe House site on Mill Street, Kidlington is not being used for refugee accommodation. The site is likely to be sold. We have no further information at this time.

Cllr Simpson – local plan is approved to go to local plan. Housing allocation 300 on the back of Moors plus cricket pitches. PR10 site is back in for planning which is Woodstock site (under Kidlington).

Cllr Simpson – Football stadium 5441 replies to consultation – most of the concern is parking / traffic. Goes to scrutiny for the lease in the next two weeks. A press release will be published via OCC.

The Stratfield Brake site is being looked at by CDC.

Tom Darlington at CDC has been liaising with Pegasus Group for one of the sites in GWEPC for development – PR7a site - negotiation is 4 changing room facility, 2 full size pitches for multi-use, space for training pitches or natural space. GWEPC would like to see this facility under parish council control. The parish council would like a separate meeting for this site and would like to put a strategy together. Cllr Simpson to prepare a date option for a site visit with Liam Didcock, Nicola Reilly, Tom Darlington and Nigel Simpson to discuss with this parish the PR7a site and Stratfield Brake.

Cllr Stayt general response about the statement sent from KPC to Gosford. GWEPC are preparing their stance.

23/332 Financial Matters

(23/332.01) 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 October 2023.

(This includes **statutory payments for October** post-dated – salaries, HMRC, pensions)

HMRC PAYE	£CONFIDENTIAL	
Clerk Payroll	£CONFIDENTIAL	
RFO payroll	£CONFIDENTIAL	
Oxfordshire County Council Pension Fund	£CONFIDENTIAL	
Cherwell District Council	£2,938.79	inv 20011854 - landscape recharges apr-june 2023
Cherwell District Council	£936.40	inv 20011805 - SB management fee july2023
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Clerk expenses	£100.70	July and Aug expenses
Ady Podbery grounds	£640.80	invoices 4788 and 4759 - June and July play areas/ litter

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

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

23/333 Planning

Oxford United Football Club – scoping opinion for new stadium development 23/02276/SCOP

The council still stands that we do not have full and complete information still, concerns are traffic and parking,

Cllr Duval will prepare the council scoping report highlighting key issues.

Mr H Moghaddam 23/02322/F – 78 Bicester Road – Variation of condition of plans for entrance – no comment or objection.

23/334 Parish Matters

Noted the site by Hebborns seems to need addressing as messy, storage on site etc. Cllr Simpson will raise to KPC as this is in their parish.

Schools in our area are (maintained by CDC – not trusts) are not affected by the aeriated concrete issues that have been raised nationally. Cllr Simpson will ask for an update on the status of the Trusts schools.

The parish noticeboard is to be removed at Gosford medical practice. The clerk will seek someone to do this.

The clerk will ask our maintenance person if he would be interested to extend maintenance support to 1 day a month to get lots of the jobs done in the parish as well as the grass cutting tasks.

23/335 Items for information and next agenda only

Plan to share feedback from schools on OUFC in the July meeting.

23/336 Date of the next full council meeting – 3rd October 2023- 7pm West Kidlington School

Meeting ends 8.30pm