

Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at West Kidlington School on Tuesday 3rd October 2023

Meeting commenced at 7pm

Councillors present: Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Suzanne McIvor, Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Merlin Smith, Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins, Cllr Nick Duval, Cllr Fiona Mawson (DC)

To receive apologies of absence from: Cllr Nigel Simpson,

Other attendees: The clerk

23/337 Declarations of interest: None

23/338 Public Participation: None.

23/339 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 5th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting on 5th September 2023 were approved with matters arising:

There will be a meeting with CDC at Stratfield Brake to discuss the site, we hope this will take place in October.

The clerk will speak to the parish clerk at Yarnton meeting to see who they use for maintenance support as we may be able to link up. We need someone to assist with removing our notice board.

23/340 Update on progress from the minutes held on 5th September 2023:

No further updates.

23/341 Reports

Cllr Middleton report shared in advance of the meeting –coalition of County Hall collapse has been reported. Failing of council recognised regarding SEND.

Cabinet gave conditional provision for the proposed OUFC stadium at the triangle. The football Club still needs to demonstrate some conditions have been met. Planning permission is still needed.

Scoping opinion has been determined.

Local plan provisions, not many changes since January. The housing figures seem high still.

Cllr Simpson shared his report ahead of the meeting. No questions.

Cllr Mawson – PR7a Stratfield Farm & Bicester Road developments – cycle connectivity and access to the site is part of this consideration. Shipton quarry proposals are back on the agenda (circa 2000-2500 houses initially).

Cllr Stayt – local estate agent held a meeting with opinion on house values if the stadium comes. Cllr Stayt will ask for an update.

23/342 Financial Matters

(23/342.01) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as detailed in the clerk's report (detailed below). Payments are made via online banking with Unity bank which is now in place.

CLERK	Salary	CONFIDENTIAL £
RFO	Salary	CONFIDENTIAL £
HMRC	PAYE	CONFIDENTIAL £

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PENSION FUND	PAYE	CONFIDENTIAL £
ADY PODBERY	Grass cut, litter pick - 4816	£478.20
PLAYSAFETY LTD	ROSPA inspection 74284	£213.60
CLERK EXPENSES	Wifi, home office allowance, phone line, postage, printing for files	£52.35
WEST KIDLINGTON	Sept and Oct venue hire	£116.00
MOORE AUDIT	External audit fees 320118	£378.00

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

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

(23/342.02) The external audit report has been received.

There were no comments of concern and the report is on the website.

23/343 Planning

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

We now know that the football club has been granted a lease on the triangle in principle, subject to planning. A reminder this stadium is not in our parish, but it is in Kidlington parish. We continue to watch and read documents on this as they are published.

Councillors discussed this and there is contention with councillor viewpoints with differing opinions. Councillors would like to see more detail fundamentally. The council discussed whether to survey the residents in our parish, we still lack information, but consensus is that this may be worth doing. A survey could be circulated but we do have to consider costs. Cllr Wilson-Higgins will assist with writing the survey.

Proposed Cllr Stayt. Seconded Cllr Smith. - value £2,000 expenditure of this survey. We hope to finalise this prior to Christmas.

22/03883/F Hills Residential - Bicester Road developments – cycle connectivity and access to the site is part of this consideration. Would not want access too close to the roundabout. Query regarding proximity of bicycle sheds and refuse areas to dwellings.

23/02333/CLUE Darren Aldworth Land adjacent to 139 Bicester Road – comment: can the planning officers confirm the boundary has remained in its original position. Query that the development has been checked against what original planning was given as some indication of changes (e.g., glass balcony as this would cause a privacy concern).

23/02433/F 5 Waverley Avenue, dropping of existing kerb – no objection or comment.

23/344 Parish Matters

It has been noted that some kerb stones have disappeared along Bicester Road. If anyone notices roadside issues this should be reported via fix my street.

23/345 Items for information and next agenda only

To discuss parish survey progress.

23/346 Date of the next full council meeting – 7th November 2023- 7pm West Kidlington School

Meeting ends 8.30pm