

# Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at West Kidlington School on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm

*Meeting commenced at 7pm*

**Councillors present:** Cllr Carol Matheson, Cllr Clive Stayt, Cllr Suzanne McIvor, Cllr Nigel Simpson, ,  
Cllr Ian Middleton, Cllr Fiona Mawson

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

**Other attendees:** The clerk, one member of the public

**24/377 Declarations of interest:** None

**24/378 Public Participation:** None.

**24/379 To confirm the minutes of the previous council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**24/380 Update on progress and matters arising from the minutes held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024:**

## **24/381 Reports**

*Cllr Ian Middleton* – few complaints about the Kidlington roundabout works. The works are planned, and a few improvements have been suggested to the road warnings etc during the works. It is due to finish in June.

*Cllr Ian Middleton* – There is currently no planning application. We await further detail.

*Cllr Fiona Mawson* – Gosford school plans are being circulated. The school build plans to open Summer 2026.

*Cllr Nigel Simpson* – CDC have agreed to do Infrastructure and growth strategy for the area.

*Cllr Clive Stayt* - Caroline Ford and Tom Darlington need to be invited to a future meeting. At the four parishes meeting documents are being discussed that we have not seen, we would like to discuss to with them where they have earmarked S106 money which seems to be in these documents. Cllr Simpson will take back to CDC what the status is with the golf club, is another one being developed, is this still in plan. The council would like clarification as the current status is unclear. Cllr Simpson will advise at the next meeting.

*Cllr Clive Stayt* – attended the Oxford Airport meeting. Entrance zone of the airport is being redeveloped. Botley West solar farm has been consulting with the airport as they impact flight paths.

## **24/382 Financial Matters**

(24/382.01) 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.

Finance committee receive copies of the invoices to review ahead of the meeting. Statutory payments were already authorised and have been paid via standing order.

Statutory salaries, HMRC, pensions already approved and set up – All to be made via online banking. These are set up by the RFO to be clicked in the approvals list.

Clerk expenses Jan	£51.90	Home office, landline, printing etc.
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West Kidlington Venue hire Feb	£51	January meeting
Cherwell District Council	£7,980.81	Various invoices

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

**24/383 Planning:**

a) There were no planning applications.

b) To discuss the landscaping ay the triangle (not stadium section).

Cllr Wilson-Higgins spoke with Alison Street following a Four Parishes meeting regarding the small space at the top of the triangle site where the proposed stadium is to be (roundabout end).

The council suggests that OUFC should maintain this section as the amount of green space is minimal and we would expect OUFC to cover costs and maintain.

Lighting is in the ecology plan, but lighting should be none to minimal in a garden.

The decision of council is that they do not support the statements in the current form and feel this is premature and not our choice.

c) To discuss road markings at Park & Ride.

Road markings at the park and ride are being re-done. (zebra crossing area)

Cllr Middleton raised the query about the yellow lines at Water Eaton Lane to OCC. We are pushing to get this done. The clerk will push again on this.

**24/384 Chair / Vice Chair**

Succession plan is that Cllr Stayt will revert to Vice Chair and the current Vice Chair (Cllr Suzanne Wilson-Higgins) will become the Chair from the May APM. The council is sharing this plan to allow time for councillors to prepare for this as the parish is very busy with a lot of current issues.

**24/385 Parish Matters**

No further matters.

**24/386 Items for information and next agenda only.**

Plan for APM – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Discussion on Campsfield House re-opening. Cllr Middleton will share information.

**24/387 Date of the next full council meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 7pm West Kidlington School at 7pm.**

It is noted thee is no April meeting.

*Meeting ends 8.30pm*